



Consent Agenda Items
Meeting
of the
Board of Regents

August 16, 2023



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**August 16, 2023
College Station, Texas**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- 1.1 Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Service Department Accounts, A&M System
- 1.2 Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budgets, A&M System
- 1.3 Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System Permanent University Fund Bonds, A&M System
- 1.4 Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System Revenue Financing System Bonds, A&M System
- 1.5 Tuition and Fee Commitment for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Academic Years, A&M System

2. COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

- 2.1 Approval of System Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2024, BOR A&M System
(Draft Pending Committee Approval)

3. COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

- 3.1 Approval of System Capital Plan for FY 2024 – FY 2028, A&M System
- 3.2 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Central Operational Reliability and Efficiency Facility (CORE) Project, Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Killeen, Texas (Project No. 24-3376), A&M System
- 3.3 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Deferred Maintenance Project, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville, Texas (Project No. 17-3383), A&M System
- 3.4 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Animal Reproductive Biotechnology Center Project, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Bryan, Texas (Project No. 06-3397), A&M System

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- 3.5 Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the CUP Structural Repairs Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 02-3349), Texas A&M

Informational Report

Report of System Construction Projects Authorized by the Board

4. **COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

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- 5.3 (PH) Authorization to Extend Term of the Special Committee of the Board of Regents on the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets, BOR A&M System
- 5.10 Establishment of the Texas A&M Space Institute, A&M System

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- 5.2 *Approval for Revisions to System Policy 08.01, Civil Rights Protections and Compliance, A&M System
- 5.4 Appointment of Interim President of Texas A&M University-Central Texas, A&M System
- 5.5 Appointment of Interim Vice Chancellor for Engineering, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University, and Interim Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, A&M System
- 5.6 *Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute Employment Contracts for the Assistant Coach – Tight Ends, Assistant Coach – Wide Receivers, Defensive Coordinator, Assistant Coach – Defensive Line, and Associate Athletic Director – Football Operations, Texas A&M
- 5.7 *Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Ground Lease of .80 Acres of Land Located at 750 Agronomy Road, College Station, Brazos County, Texas, Texas A&M
- 5.8 *Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Solar Lease in Pecos, Reeves County, Texas, AgriLife Research
- 5.9 *(Number not used)*

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6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMSThe Texas A&M University System/Board of Regents

- 6.1 Approval of Minutes
- 6.2 Granting of the Title of Emeritus, August 2023
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- 6.4 Approval of List of Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund Bank Accounts for System Members
- 6.5 Approval of Non-substantive Revisions to System Policy 02.08, System Expansion
- 6.6 Approval of Revisions to System Policy 24.01, Risk Management, System Policy 34.07, Emergency Management, and Approval of New Policy 34.01, Environment, Safety and Security
- 6.7 Approval for Substantive Revisions to System Policy 41.01, Real Property
- 6.8 Approval for Revisions to System Policies 51.01, Capital Planning and 51.04, General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects
- 6.9 *(Number not used)*

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- 6.10 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023
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- 6.12 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023
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Texas A&M International University

- 6.14 *Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment in the System Endowment Fund Entitled the "Frank & Julieta Staggs Academy Quasi-Endowment"

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- 6.15 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023
- 6.16 Approval of a New Master of Science Degree Program with a Major in Supply Chain and Analytics, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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- 6.17 *Authorization for the Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President to Negotiate and Execute a Certain Specified Contract \$500,000 or More
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Texas A&M University-Central Texas
(No consent agenda items)

Texas A&M University-Commerce

- 6.23 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023
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(No consent agenda items)

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

- 6.29 Approval of a New Doctor of Education Degree Program with a Major in Educational Leadership, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Texas A&M University-Texarkana

- 6.30 Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023

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- 6.31 Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Applied Sciences and Arts, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
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- 6.33 Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the West Texas A&M University Volleyball Team for Winning the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship
- 6.34 Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the West Texas A&M University Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team for Winning the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

(No consent agenda items)

Texas A&M AgriLife Research

(No consent agenda items)

Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station

- 6.35 *Naming of Rooms and Spaces within the Mike and Beverly Rowlett Industrial Distribution Building
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Texas A&M Forest Service

- 6.37 Authorization to Execute FY 2023 Federal Non-research Grant Agreements, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

(No consent agenda items)

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

(No consent agenda items)

Texas A&M Transportation Institute

(No consent agenda items)

Texas Division of Emergency Management

(No consent agenda items)

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A&M System	The Texas A&M University System
A&M-Central Texas	Texas A&M University-Central Texas
A&M-Commerce	Texas A&M University-Commerce
A&M-Corpus Christi	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
A&M-San Antonio	Texas A&M University-San Antonio
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TAMIU	Texas A&M International University
TAMUG.....	Texas A&M University at Galveston
TAMUT	Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Tarleton.....	Tarleton State University
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TEEX.....	Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
Texas A&M at Qatar.....	Texas A&M University at Qatar
Texas A&M	Texas A&M University
Texas A&M-Kingsville.....	Texas A&M University-Kingsville
TDEM.....	Texas Division of Emergency Management
TFS.....	Texas A&M Forest Service
THECB.....	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
TTI.....	Texas A&M Transportation Institute
TVMDL.....	Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
UTIMCO.....	The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company
WTAMU.....	West Texas A&M University

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Agenda Item No.

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Board of Regents
June 9, 2023**

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Minutes

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The following minutes are approved:

**May 3, 2023, Special Telephonic Meeting
May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting,
May 18, 2023, Special Workshop Meeting, and
June 14, 2023, Special Telephonic meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director

Attachments (4)

MINUTES

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

May 3, 2023

(Approved August 17, 2023)

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**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

May 3, 2023

CONVENE

Vice Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2023, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Vice Chairman Mahomes began by welcoming and congratulating new Board members David C. Baggett, Jr., John W. Bellinger and R. Sam Torn.

He thanked former regents Tim Leach, Elaine Mendoza and Cliff Thomas for their distinguished service to the A&M System.

Vice Chairman Mahomes noted that under Board Bylaws the vice chairman has the authority to perform the duties of the chairman in the absence of the chairman. He said as currently there is a vacancy in the chairman position, he would preside over the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

Vice Chairman Mahomes said the purpose of the meeting was for the election of officers and approval of board committee assignments and special appointments. He said each party to the conference call should clearly identify themselves prior to speaking.

The following members of the Board were present via teleconference call:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. David Baggett
Mr. John Bellinger
Mr. Randy Brooks
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Sam Torn
Mr. Demetrius Harrell, Jr. (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was present in the meeting room:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman

(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Regents David C. Baggett, Jr., John W. Bellinger and R. Sam Torn on March 14, 2023, to serve as Members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. The Texas Senate confirmed these appointments on Monday, April 24, 2023. Regent Baggett replaced Regent Tim Leach, Regent Bellinger replaced Regent Elaine Mendoza and Regent Torn replaced Regent Cliff Thomas.)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Mahomes said the board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74 of the Texas Government Code, and in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

(Note: The board met in executive session from 5:34 p.m. until 6:21 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:26 p.m. He said the board conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration, and attorneys on legal and personnel matters.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chairman Mahomes announced that in accordance with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at the first regular or special meeting following the appointment, qualification, and confirmation of the three new board members appointed in odd years, the first order of business is the election of a chairman and vice chairman. He briefly explained the nomination and voting process. Vice Chairman Mahomes said nominations were in order for the position of chairman of the board.

Regent Albritton said that it was his pleasure to nominate a great Aggie, Texan and family man, Bill Mahomes, for the position of chairman of the board of regents. Vice Chairman Mahomes asked if there were any other nominations.

Hearing no additional nominations, Vice Chairman Mahomes declared that nominations were closed. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (056).

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**MINUTE ORDER 056-2023 (ITEM 1)**

**ELECTION OF MR. WILLIAM H. “BILL” MAHOMES, JR.  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Bill Mahomes was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, effective May 3, 2023.

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Chairman Mahomes said that nominations were in order for the position of vice chairman of the board.

Regent Brooks said that it was his honor to nominate Regent Albritton for election to the position of vice chairman.

Chairman Mahomes asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he declared that nominations were closed. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham - yes. Chairman Mahomes announced that a majority of the Board voted “yes,” and congratulated Vice Chairman Albritton.

The following minute order was approved (057).

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**MINUTE ORDER 057 (ITEM 2)**

**ELECTION OF MR. ROBERT L. “BOB” ALBRITTON  
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Robert L. “Bob” Albritton was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, effective May 3, 2023.

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Vice Chairman Albritton said that he appreciated being elected Vice Chairman.

Chairman Mahomes said that each member of the board had received the proposed committee assignments prior to the meeting. He expressed his belief that they would serve this board well and would enable them to advance their important work in providing strategic oversight to the A&M System.

Chairman Mahomes asked if there was any discussion on the proposed committee assignments and special appointments.

There being none he called for a motion. Vice Chairman Albritton moved for adoption of the committee assignments and special appointments. Regent Plank seconded the motion. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (058).

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**MINUTE ORDER 058-2023 (ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF  
BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023-2025,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents committee assignments and special appointments for 2023-2025, made by the Chairman of the Board and shown on the attached list, are hereby approved.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Hernandez, seconded by Regent Bellinger, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

(Minutes transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF REGENTS

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

May 18, 2023

(Approved August 17, 2023)

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

May 18, 2023

CONVENE

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:01 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Chairman
Mr. David Baggett
Mr. John Bellinger
Mr. Randy Brooks
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez III
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Sam Torn
Mr. Demetrius Harrell, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton, Vice Chairman

(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Regents David C. Baggett, Jr., John W. Bellinger and R. Sam Torn on March 14, 2023 to serve as Members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. The Texas Senate confirmed these appointments on Monday, April 24, 2023. Regent Baggett replaced Regent Tim Leach, Regent Bellinger replaced Regent Elaine Mendoza and Regent Torn replaced Regent Cliff Thomas.)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mahomes announced that the board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. He said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regards to any matter considered in executive session would be made or taken.

(Note: The board met in executive session from 8:02 a.m. until 1:55 p.m.)

RECONVENE

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:14 p.m., in Ballroom 301, Reed Arena, College Station, Texas, with a quorum present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Ms. Tori Davis, a 2023 graduate student in the Bush School of Government and Public Service, who double majored in Political Science and Spanish.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Mahomes welcomed everyone to the board meeting. He said he was grateful to Governor Abbott for appointing him to the board, and to his board colleagues for their support. He said he would to his best to be a trustworthy chairman and lead the board with foresight, judgment and unity of purpose.

Chairman Mahomes congratulated newly elected Vice Chairman Bob Albritton, and newly appointed Regents David Baggett, John W. Bellinger and Sam Torn. He gave farewell and thanks to Regents Tim Leach, Elaine Mendoza and Cliff Thomas, as well as Student Regent Demetrius Harrell.

Chairman Mahomes expressed his appreciation to Dr. Emily Cutrer upon her retirement as President of Texas A&M-Texarkana and thanked her for her dedicated and productive leadership.

Chairman Mahomes said since his election as chairman, he had enjoyed an outpouring of support from former classmates, professional colleagues and others. He added that it was especially encouraging, as he is someone who recognizes the historical significance of being elected as chairman. Chairman Mahomes said he looks forward to ensuring that the next generation’s college journey is not filled with obstacles, but filled with the pursuit of learning and the hope of future opportunities, no matter what their background. Chairman Mahomes said one of his favorite expressions is about service to future generations -- the quote reads, “A society grows great when people plant trees under whose shade they know they will never sit.” He said it is his hope that the board will plant sturdy shade trees for future generations.

Chairman Mahomes introduced new regents: David Baggett ’81 of Houston, founder and managing partner of Opportune LLP; John W. Bellinger ’76 of San Antonio, a co-founder of Food Safety Net Services and who oversees livestock and food companies in the U.S., Mexico and Japan; and Mr. Sam Torn of Houston ’70, who devotes most of his professional life to youth development through the operations of summer camps, such as Camp Ozark and Camp OTX.

Chairman Mahomes said this was the last meeting for Student Regent Demetrius Harrell. He added that Demetrius has been an outstanding student regent and that the Board doesn’t know of anyone with any more enthusiasm or genuineness than Demetrius. Chairman Mahomes said the board looked forward to following him and to see all the great things that are to come.

NEWLY APPOINTED REGENTS' REMARKS

Mr. Baggett said he was humbled to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Texas Senate. He said he looks forward to being a good steward of this land-grant university and the A&M System.

Mr. Bellinger said that he was very honored to give back, give time and listen to others. He said the board is here to help guide and welcomes everyone's advice and comments.

Mr. Torn said he was very grateful to the Governor for appointing him and to the Texas Senate for confirming him. He said he was grateful to the board and constituents for accepting him. Mr. Torn added that he is here to learn and thinks you can learn the most from students. He said he is blessed to have four grandchildren attending Texas A&M and a fifth coming next year. Mr. Torn added that he will learn a lot from them and do a lot of listening but will also listen to our universities and contribute back. He said he was blessed by the grace of God that he attended Texas A&M. Mr. Torn concluded by saying that he was excited to learn about all of the System's universities and looks forward to partnering with everyone to make the entire System as good as it can be.

STUDENT REGENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Harrell said he was thankful for having been given the opportunity to serve the System. He said he never would have imagined the incredible journey that awaited him. Mr. Harrell added that the A&M System has not only given him an education but has also transformed him into a leader with a deep appreciation for the diversity and rich traditions that exist right here in the great state of Texas.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor John Sharp provided highlights of the accomplishments of the A&M System (*on file in the Office of the Board of Regents*).

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Regent Plank, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA), said the committee had met the previous day and received a presentation from Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, on the tenure review process required by board policy and followed by system universities. He reported that Dr. Hallmark also gave a brief historical overview of CASA's activities over the past ten years to provide context to the committee that will help them determine their direction going forward.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Regent Brooks, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the committee met the previous day at which time six items were presented for consideration. He

briefly described Items 3.1 through 3.6, which had received committee approval and recommended those items to the full Board for approval.

On motion of Regent Baggett, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (059-064).

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**MINUTE ORDER 059-2023 (ITEM 3.1)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REMAINING PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR REMAINING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND  
APPROVAL FOR REMAINING CONSTRUCTION FOR  
THE CONVOCATION CENTER PROJECT,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS  
(PROJECT NO. 04-3396),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The remaining project scope along with a project budget of \$110,000,000 for the Convocation Center Project is approved.

The amount of \$85,700,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (University Services Fee, Program Revenue and Sponsorships), for construction services and related project costs.

The Convocation Center Project, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, is approved for remaining construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 060-2023 (ITEM 3.2)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM  
REPLACEMENTS PH2 PROJECT, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY,  
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 05-3370),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$11,002,000 for the Fire Alarm System Replacements PH2 Project is approved.

The amount of \$7,217,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Designated Tuition), the amount of \$1,486,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Student Fees), and the amount of \$1,199,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Auxiliary Services), for construction services and related project costs.

The Fire Alarm System Replacements PH2 Project, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas, is approved for construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 061-2023 (ITEM 3.3)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE (EARLY SCOPE) AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION (EARLY SCOPE) FOR  
THE NEW HEADQUARTERS AND STATE EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT,  
TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 30-3317),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope (Early Scope) along with a project budget of \$360,647,047.48 for the New Headquarters and State Emergency Operations Center Project is approved.

The amount of \$145,312,354 is appropriated from Account No. 30-480202 HQ/SOC PR30-3317 ARPA, for construction services and related project costs (Early Scope).

The New Headquarters and State Emergency Operations Center Project, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Austin, Texas, is approved for construction (Early Scope).

**MINUTE ORDER 062-2023 (ITEM 3.4)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE (EARLY SCOPE) AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION (EARLY SCOPE) FOR  
THE TEXAS A&M – FORT WORTH LAW & EDUCATION BUILDING PROJECT,  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 01-3359),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope (Early Scope) along with a project budget of \$150,000,000 for the Texas A&M – Fort Worth Law & Education Building Project is approved.

The amount of \$59,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds (AUF) for construction services and related project costs (Early Scope).

The Texas A&M – Fort Worth Law & Education Building Project (Early Scope), The Texas A&M University System, Fort Worth, Texas, is approved for construction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 063-2023 (ITEM 3.5)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESEARCH  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS  
(PROJECT NO. 07-22-0069),  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$7,000,000 for the Research Administration Building Project is approved.

The amount of \$2,957,802.18 is appropriated from Account No. 04-852360, PUF-FY23 Projects-Prior Year Unallocated, and the amount of \$92,197.82 is appropriated from Account No. 04-852350, PUF-FY23 Projects-Unallocated, for construction services and related project costs.

The Research Administration Building Project, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, is approved for construction. The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

**MINUTE ORDER 064-2023 (ITEM 3.6)**

**APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR  
DESIGNATION FOR PROJECT INITIATION,  
APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,  
AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TAMU OUTDOOR  
COMPETITION THROWS AND WARMUP TRACK PROJECT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
(PROJECT NO. 2022-07909)  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The change in fiscal year designation for project initiation from FY 2024 to FY 2023 is approved.

The revised project scope along with a project budget of \$9,250,000 for the TAMU Outdoor Competition Throws and Warmup Track Project is approved.

The amount of \$9,250,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-030009 Stadium Revenue Fund, for construction services and related project costs.

The TAMU Outdoor Competition Throws and Warmup Track Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

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REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Regent Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the committee had met the previous day and was provided an update regarding the System's investments. He said the Finance Committee did not have any agenda items for consideration by the full Board.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Regent Hernandez, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the committee had met the previous day and received a briefing about internal audit activities since last meeting, from Mr. Charlie Hrnecir, Chief Auditor. Ms. Amanda Dotson, Director of Internal Audit, presented a report on assessing governance. Mr. Hernandez said internal audit has released ten audits and cleared 15 recommendations since the February meeting. He added that it was also reported that internal audit has completed 20 audits this fiscal year and cleared 42 recommendations from audit tracking this year.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

Chairman Mahomes presented Items 5.1 through 5.5 and 5.19.

On motion of Regent Plank, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (065 through 070):

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**MINUTE ORDER 065-2023 (ITEM 5.1)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. KATHLEEN GIBSON '81  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS  
TRUSTEE OF THE TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 066-2023 (ITEM 5.2)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING REGENT TIM LEACH  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF CHAIRMAN EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 067-2023 (ITEM 5.3)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING REGENT ELAINE MENDOZA  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF CHAIRMAN EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 068-2023 (ITEM 5.4)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING REGENT CLIFTON L. THOMAS, JR.  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF CHAIRMAN EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 069-2023 (ITEM 5.5)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
MR. DEMETRIUS L. HARRELL, JR.  
FOR HIS SERVICE AS THE 2022-2023 STUDENT MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF STUDENT REGENT EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 070-2023 (ITEM 5.19)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
HONORING DR. EMILY F. CUTRER  
OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chancellor Sharp discussed the many accomplishments made by Dr. Cutrer during her tenure as president -- from work that led the campus to becoming a regional comprehensive university and creating the “Better East Texas,” to securing more than ten million to support nursing, social work and other programs in high demand. He said he has never met a businessperson or anybody else who didn’t think she was wonderful.

Chairman Mahomes presented Item 5.6.

On motion of Regent Brooks, seconded by Regent Torn, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (071):

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**MINUTE ORDER 071-2023 (ITEM 5.6)**

**APPOINTMENT MR. JAY GRAHAM TO THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS/TEXAS A&M  
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY (UTIMCO),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Regent Jay Graham is hereby appointed by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System to the Board of Directors of The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company, to be effective June 1, 2023 and for a term to expire April 1, 2024, or until a replacement is named and qualified.

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Chairman Mahomes said Items 5.7 through 5.18 were considered in executive session. He added that he wanted to note for the record that he recused himself from any discussion and consideration of Item 5.18 and would recuse himself from the vote.

On motion of Regent Brooks, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (072-083):

MINUTE ORDER 072-2023 (ITEM 5.7)

**NAMING OF DR. SALVADOR HECTOR OCHOA,
AS SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

MINUTE ORDER 073-2023 (ITEM 5.8)

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. MICHAEL L. MCFRAZIER
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT
OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective March 1, 2023, Dr. Michael L. McFrazier is hereby appointed Interim President of Prairie View A&M University. Dr. McFrazier's initial salary is \$56,778.75/monthly.

The interim appointment will terminate June 1, 2023, upon the effective date of the prior appointment of Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande as President.

MINUTE ORDER 074-2023 (ITEM 5.9)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TO JIM SHAW FOR HEAD BASKETBALL COACH,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Authority is hereby granted to the president of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to execute an employment contract, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following person:

Head Basketball Coach – Jim Shaw

MINUTE ORDER 075-2023 (ITEM 5.10)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT
TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR
THE HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH,
ASSISTANT COACH – OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR,
ASSISTANT COACH – RUNNING BACKS,
ASSISTANT COACH – SAFETIES, AND ASSISTANT COACH – OFFENSIVE LINE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute new employment contracts, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following persons:

Head Volleyball Coach – Jamie Morrison
Assistant Coach – Offensive Coordinator – Bobby Petrino
Assistant Coach – Running Backs – Marquel Blackwell
Assistant Coach – Safeties – Terrall Rushing II
Assistant Coach – Offensive Line – Steve Addazio

MINUTE ORDER 076-2023 (ITEM 5.11)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OR DESIGNEE TO
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND
OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
ORAL PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The President of Texas A&M University, or designee, following approval for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute an asset purchase agreement and other related documents to acquire substantially all the assets held in connection with, necessary for, or material to the ownership and operations of Oral Pathology Associates, and to take any and all additional actions deemed necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of these agreements.

MINUTE ORDER 077-2023 (ITEM 5.12)

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE WITHIN
THE DATA CENTER TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY RELLIS CAMPUS DATA
AND RESEARCH CENTER LLC ON THE RELLIS CAMPUS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a lease agreement with RELLIS Campus Data and Research Center LLC for office space at the RELLIS Campus data center, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 078-2023 (ITEM 5.13)

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE
A GROUND LEASE OF LAND NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF
UNIVERSITY DRIVE AND SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE IN
COLLEGE STATION, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute a ground lease with PopStroke Holdings, LLC for the development of a mixed-use recreational site of approximately 2.87 acres located near the intersection of University Drive and South College Avenue in College Station, Brazos County, Texas.

MINUTE ORDER 079-2023 (ITEM 5.14)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
1601 W. WASHINGTON STREET IN
STEPHENVILLE, ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following a review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver all documents, and to take all other actions necessary, to purchase the property located at 1601 W. Washington Street in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, for a purchase price not to exceed \$1,000,000.

MINUTE ORDER 080-2023 (ITEM 5.15)

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE
AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING LEASE IN THE BUILDING
LOCATED AT 1620 L STREET, NW, WASHINGTON D.C.,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver the documents necessary to amend the existing lease in the building located at 1620 L Street, NW, Washington D.C., to increase the square footage by approximately 23,135 square feet and extend the term, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary, to consummate the transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 081-2023 (ITEM 5.16)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
1014 GTI BOULEVARD IN GALVESTON, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following a review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute and deliver all documents, and to take all other actions necessary to purchase the land and improvements located at 1014 GTI Boulevard, Galveston, Galveston County, Texas.

The amount of \$7,500,000, plus applicable closing costs, is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Housing Revenue), for the purchase of the property.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

MINUTE ORDER 082-2023 (ITEM 5.17)

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE
A LEASE OF 60 APARTMENT UNITS AT THE PALOMINO FLATS
APARTMENT COMPLEX LOCATED AT 1459 W. VILLARET BLVD,
SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, authorizes the chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following a review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute and deliver all documents, and to take all other actions necessary to authorize the lease of 60 apartment units at the Palomino Flats apartment complex located at 1459 W. Villaret Blvd., San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

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Note: Chairman Mahomes asked that the record reflect that he recused himself from any discussion, consideration and vote on Item 5.18.

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MINUTE ORDER 083-2023 (ITEM 5.18)

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE
A GRANT AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND AN OPERATING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, following review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to negotiate and execute a grant and development agreement and operating agreement with Bexar County, Texas, covering the funding, development, construction, and operation of the renovated softball, multipurpose field and track facilities on the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Mahomes presented Items 6.1 through 6.7, Items 6.9 through 6.39, and 6.41 through Item 6.54 (Items 6.8 and 6.40 were withdrawn).

On motion of Regent Torn, seconded by Regent Baggett, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (084 through 135)

**MINUTE ORDER 084-2023 (ITEM 6.1)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The following minutes are approved: February 9, 2023, Regular Meeting, and February 9, 2023, Special Workshop Meeting

**MINUTE ORDER 085-2023 (ITEM 6.2)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS, MAY 2023,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 23-03, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 086-2023 (ITEM 6.3)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT  
AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit, attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.

**MINUTE ORDER 087-2023 (ITEM 6.4)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE TEXAS A&M SEMICONDUCTOR INSTITUTE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Texas A&M Semiconductor Institute is hereby established as an organizational unit of The Texas A&M University System.

**MINUTE ORDER 088-2023 (ITEM 6.5)****APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS  
FOR SYSTEM MEMBER UNIVERSITIES FOR  
THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the changes to the admissions standards of the member universities of The Texas A&M University System for the 2024-25 academic year, as shown in the attached exhibits, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 089-2023 (ITEM 6.6)****APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Holidays for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, for the System Offices of The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Texas A&M University College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University School of Law, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (A&M campus employees), Texas A&M AgriLife Research (A&M campus employees), Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, and West Texas A&M University are as follow:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Labor Day                   | 1                     | September 4, 2023         |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023      |
| Winter Break                | 6                     | Dec. 25, 2023-Jan.1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024          |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024              |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024             |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024              |

Exceptions are established as set forth below:

The proposed holiday schedule for Prairie View A&M University is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Labor Day                   | 1                     | September 4, 2023          |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023       |
| Winter Break                | 6                     | Dec. 25, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024           |
| * Spring Break              | 1                     | March 15, 2024             |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024               |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024              |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024               |

\*Prairie View A&M University requests approval to work four 10-hour days the week of March 11, 2024 (Monday through Thursday) in order to close all university offices on Friday, March 15, 2024.

The proposed holiday schedule for Tarleton State University is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023       |
| Winter Break                | 6                     | Dec. 25, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024           |
| Spring Break                | 1                     | March 15, 2024             |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024               |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024              |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024               |

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M International University is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023       |
| Winter Break                | 6                     | Dec. 25, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024           |
| Spring Break                | 1                     | March 15, 2024             |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024               |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024              |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024               |

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Central Texas is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Veterans Day (Day Before)   | 1                     | November 10, 2023          |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023       |
| Winter Break                | 6                     | Dec. 25, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024           |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024               |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024              |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024               |

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Texarkana is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| *Labor Day                  | 1                     | September 4, 2023          |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023       |
| Winter Break                | 6                     | Dec. 25, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024           |
| Spring Break                | 1                     | March 15, 2024             |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024               |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024              |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024               |

\*A&M-Texarkana requests permission to work 10-hour days September 5-8, 2023 in order to observe Labor Day with the addition of the Spring Break day.

The proposed holiday schedule for the Texas Division of Emergency Management is as follows:

| <u>Holiday</u>              | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>                    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Labor Day                   | 1                     | September 4, 2023               |
| Veterans Day (Day Before)   | 1                     | November 10, 2023               |
| Thanksgiving                | 2                     | November 23-24, 2023            |
| Winter Break                | 3                     | Dec. 25-26, 2023 & Jan. 1, 2024 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 1                     | January 15, 2024                |
| Presidents' Day             | 1                     | February 19, 2024               |
| Memorial Day                | 1                     | May 27, 2024                    |
| Emancipation Day            | 1                     | June 19, 2024                   |
| Independence Day            | 1                     | July 4, 2024                    |
| LBJ's Birthday              | 1                     | August 27, 2024                 |



The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University at Qatar\* is as follows:

| <u>Holiday*</u>             | <u>Number of Days</u> | <u>Dates</u>         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Omar National Day           | 1                     | December 18, 2023    |
| Semester Break              | 5                     | December 19-25, 2023 |
| **Qatar National Sports Day | 1                     | February 13, 2024    |
| ***Eid Al-Fitr (projected)  | 3                     | April 11-15, 2024    |
| ***Eid Al-Adha (projected)  | 3                     | June 18-20, 2024     |

\*While Texas A&M at Qatar’s proposed schedule does NOT observe Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Emancipation Day, or Independence Day as required by System Policy 31.04, *Holidays*, the Board may choose to waive this requirement in light of the fact that Texas A&M at Qatar is required to observe seven days of state/cultural holidays (of 13 total days) and also attempts to adopt a schedule similar to that of other academic institutions in Education City.

Texas A&M University is required in its agreement with the Qatar Foundation to “abide by the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Qatar, and shall respect the cultural, religious and social customs of the State of Qatar.”

\*\*The State of Qatar issued an Emiri decree that the 2nd Tuesday of February each year would be a required holiday. This holiday, Qatar National Sports Day, is to promote sports and physical activity.

\*\*\*The Eid holidays will automatically shift if the State of Qatar starts these holidays on a different day than proposed above. The number of days for the holidays will not change.

The proposed holiday schedules for Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and certain units of Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are shown on the attached exhibit.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to modify the holiday schedules when such a change is deemed to be in the public interest.

#### **MINUTE ORDER 090-2023 (ITEM 6.7)**

#### **APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 07.05, NEPOTISM, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The non-substantive revisions to System Policy 07.05, Nepotism, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

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(Note: Items 6.8 and 6.40 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 091-2023 (ITEM 6.9)**

**APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICIES 31.02,  
EMPLOYEE INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The non-substantive revisions to System Policy 31.02, Employee Insurance and Retirement Benefits, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 092-2023 (ITEM 6.10)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Prairie View A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 093-2023 (ITEM 6.11)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, "Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Prairie View A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 094-2023 (ITEM 6.12)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 095-2023 (ITEM 6.13)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Tarleton State University.

**MINUTE ORDER 096-2023 (ITEM 6.14)**

**APPROVAL OF A DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPY, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Tarleton State University leading to a Doctor of Occupational Therapy.

The Board also authorizes submission of Tarleton State University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 097-2023 (ITEM 6.15)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE PROGRAM  
WITH A MAJOR IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS, WITH AN EMBEDDED MASTER IN  
APPLIED MATHEMATICS, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL  
FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Tarleton State University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy Degree with a Major in Applied Mathematics with an embedded Master in Applied Mathematics.

The Board also authorizes submission of Tarleton State University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 098-2023 (ITEM 6.16)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE INSTITUTE FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Institute for Rural Economic Development and Research is hereby established as an organizational unit of Tarleton State University within the Division of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development.

**MINUTE ORDER 099-2023 (ITEM 6.17)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M International University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 100-2023 (ITEM 6.18)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 101-2023 (ITEM 6.19)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 102-2023 (ITEM 6.20)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM WITH  
A MAJOR IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE MANAGEMENT,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Information Technology Service Management.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 103-2023 (ITEM 6.21)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM WITH  
A MAJOR IN DANCE SCIENCE, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL  
FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Dance Science.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 104-2023 (ITEM 6.22)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. VINAYAK KRISHNAMURTHY AND  
DR. ERGUN AKLEMAN, SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS OFFICERS,  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEES OF PARTITIVE  
LLC, A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Vinayak Krishnamurthy and Dr. Ergun Akleman, employees of Texas A&M University, to serve, in their individual capacities, as officers, members of the board of directors, and employees of Partitive LLC, a business entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or

exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by Dr. Krishnamurthy and Dr. Akleman.

**MINUTE ORDER 105-2023 (ITEM 6.23)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. YA WANG,  
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER,  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEE OF  
PIRVISION LENS LLC, A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT  
PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Ya Wang, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in her individual capacity, as an officer, member of the board of directors, and employee of PIRvision Lens LLC, a business entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by Dr. Wang.

**MINUTE ORDER 106-2023 (ITEM 6.24)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. SRIKANTH SARIPALLI,  
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER,  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEE OF L5VEL, INC.,  
A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Srikanth Saripalli, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in his individual capacity, as an officer, member of the board of directors, and employee of L5vel, Inc., a business entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by Dr. Saripalli.

**MINUTE ORDER 107-2023 (ITEM 6.25)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. EMILE SCHWEIKERT AND  
DR. STANISLAV V. VERKHOTUROV, SYSTEM EMPLOYEES,  
TO SERVE AS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND/OR MEMBERS  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIENNE TECHNOLOGY, LLC,  
A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY  
FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Emile Schweikert and Dr. Stanislav V. Verkhoturov, employees of Texas A&M University, to serve, in their individual capacities, as employees, officers, and/or members of the board of directors of Bienne Technology, LLC, a business entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented or developed by Dr. Schweikert and Dr. Verkhoturov.

**MINUTE ORDER 108-2023 (ITEM 6.26)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR  
THE TEXAS UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
TO MAKE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS  
ON BEHALF OF QUALIFYING ENTITIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the vice president and chief operating officer of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, under the administration of Texas A&M University, to make one or more Intergovernmental Transfers to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in support of qualifying entities participating in the 1115 Waiver Program, subject to final review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel and outside counsel with respect to each transaction. The total amount of such IGTs shall not exceed \$5.0 million in the aggregate during fiscal year 2024.

**MINUTE ORDER 109-2023 (ITEM 6.27)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TELEHEALTH INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Texas A&M University Telehealth Institute is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 110-2023 (ITEM 6.28)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTIALLY LIQUIDATE  
AN EXISTING QUASI-ENDOWMENT AND ESTABLISH  
FOUR QUASI-ENDOWMENTS IN THE SYSTEM ENDOWMENT FUND,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M University to partially liquidate a quasi-endowment in the System Endowment Fund entitled as follows:

- “Comparative Gastroenterology Chair Quasi-Endowment.”

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M University to establish four quasi-endowments in the System Endowment Fund entitled as follows:

- “Intestinal Pathology Chair Quasi-Endowment”
- “Dr. Jane Sell Graduate Fellowship Quasi-Endowment”
- “Ray Rothrock ’77 Endowed Dean’s Chair for the School of Performance, Visualization and Fine Arts Quasi-Endowment”
- “Nutramax Laboratories Chair in Canine Hepatology Quasi-Endowment”

**MINUTE ORDER 111-2023 (ITEM 6.29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE EXISTING LEASE OF SPACE IN CLINICAL BUILDING 1 LOCATED AT  
8441 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY, BRYAN, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following a review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver an amendment to the existing lease of space in Clinical Building 1, located at 8441 Riverside Parkway, Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, to add approximately 31,019 square feet of space and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary, to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 112-2023 (ITEM 6.30)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
A LEASE OF SPACE IN GALLERIA VILLAGE 1 LOCATED AT  
1716 BRIARCREST DRIVE, BRYAN, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following a review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute



and deliver a lease of approximately 16,137 square feet of space in Galleria Village 1, located at 1716 Briarcrest Drive, Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary, to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 113-2023 (ITEM 6.31)**

**NAMING OF A BENCH AS  
“BRADLEY SCOTT KNIPPA AND KRISTY FORD KNIPPA ’95”  
AND A PILLAR AS “LYNDA K. AND A. DWAIN MAYFIELD ’59,” IN AGGIE PARK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the following areas and spaces in and around Aggie Park on the campus at Texas A&M University:

- Corps Center Plaza North Bench – “Bradley Scott Knippa and Kristy Ford Knippa ’95”
- Pillar of the Aggie Network in the Williams Ring Lawn – “Lynda K. and A. Dwain Mayfield ’59”

**MINUTE ORDER 114-2023 (ITEM 6.32)**

**NAMING OF THE INDOOR TRACK STADIUM  
AS THE “R.A. ‘MURRAY’ FASKEN ’38 INDOOR TRACK,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Indoor Track Stadium on the campus at Texas A&M University the “R.A. ‘Murray’ Fasken ’38 Indoor Track.”

**MINUTE ORDER 115-2023 (ITEM 6.33)**

**NAMING OF OFFICE SPACES WITHIN THE  
DON AND ELLIE KNAUSS VETERAN RESOURCE AND SUPPORT CENTER  
AS “DR. ERSEN ARSEVEN ’74 ROOM” AND  
“DR. PHYLIS B. AND STEVE H. CANION ’76 OFFICE,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the following office spaces within the Don and Ellie Knauss Veteran Resource and Support Center on the campus of Texas A&M University:

- Small Office Space #1 (Room 1516) – “Dr. Ersen Arseven ’74 Room”
- Small Office Space #9 (Room 1525) – “Dr. Phylis B. and Steve H. Canion ’76 Office.”

**MINUTE ORDER 116-2023 (ITEM 6.34)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Central Texas as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 117-2023 (ITEM 6.35)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Texas A&M University-Central Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 118-2023 (ITEM 6.36)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
FEDERAL NON-RESEARCH GRANTS, AND ANY AMENDMENTS,  
MODIFICATIONS OR EXTENSIONS TO, AND SUBAWARDS UNDER,  
FEDERAL NON-RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THE STRENGTHENING  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES TRAINING GRANTS PROGRAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

The President of Texas A&M University-Central Texas, or designee, is authorized to negotiate and execute, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, federal non-research grants, and any amendments, modifications, or extensions to, and subawards under, federal non-research grants with the Department of Labor for the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants Program.

**MINUTE ORDER 119-2023 (ITEM 6.37)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Commerce as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 120-2023 (ITEM 6.38)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**MINUTE ORDER 121-2023 (ITEM 6.39)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING J.T. SMITH,  
STUDENT ATHLETE AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 122-2023 (ITEM 6.41)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN NUTRITION,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Commerce's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 123-2023 (ITEM 6.42)**

**NAMING OF  
"THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE  
TED AND DONNA LYON CENTER FOR GAMEBIRD RESEARCH,"  
"THE MCCORD FAMILY ALUMNI CENTER" AND "THE ONCOR POWER LAB,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Center for Gamebird Research on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce "The Texas A&M University-Commerce Ted and Donna Lyon Center for Gamebird Research."

The Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “The McCord Family Alumni Center.”

The Power Lab within the Austin AG/ET Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “The Oncor Power Lab.”

**MINUTE ORDER 124-2023 (ITEM 6.43)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 125-2023 (ITEM 6.44)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

**MINUTE ORDER 126-2023 (ITEM 6.45)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM  
WITH A MAJOR IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Master of Science with a major in Higher Education Administration.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 127-2023 (ITEM 6.46)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-Kingsville as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 128-2023 (ITEM 6.47)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University-San Antonio as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 129-2023 (ITEM 6.48)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2024,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

**MINUTE ORDER 130-2023 (ITEM 6.49)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-Texarkana as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 131-2023 (ITEM 6.50)**

**NAMING OF A ROOM WITHIN THE  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING, THE  
“DR. DAVID AND ELLEN ALLARD BIOLOGY PREP LABORATORY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Biology Prep Laboratory (Room 206) within the Science and Technology Building on the campus at Texas A&M University-Texarkana the “Dr. David and Ellen Allard Biology Prep Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 132-2023 (ITEM 6.51)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, MAY 2023,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at West Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 133-2023 (ITEM 6.52)**

**NAMING OF ROOMS AND SPACES WITHIN THE  
MIKE AND BEVERLY ROWLETT INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the following rooms and spaces within the Mike and Beverly Rowlett Industrial Distribution Building under construction at The Texas A&M RELLIS Campus:

- Learning Stair (Level 1, Stair 2) – “Lucash Family Learning Stair”
- Advanced Analytics Area Room (Level 2, Space 211A) – “James “Randy” and Emily Rowland Advanced Analytics Area Room”
- Advanced Analytics Room (Level 2, Space 211E) – “Hisco Advanced Analytics Room”
- Learning Stair (Level 1, Learning Stair 7) – “Daniel Rey ’90 and Trisha Rey ’90”
- Conference Room (Level 2, Space 211D) – “Susan ’76 and Mark Ryan’81”
- Laboratory (Level 1, LAB 1, Space 103) – “Elliott Electric Supply, Inc. Electricity Laboratory”
- Development Space (Level 2, Space 228) – “Joe Nussbaum ’84 Student Idea Development Space”
- Second Floor (Level 2) – “TTI, Inc. Talent Incubator”
- Huddle Room (Level 2, Space 229) – “Meinscher Foundation Huddle Room”
- Conference Room (Level 2, Space 227) – “Lee ’75 and Karen Sandlin Conference Room”

- Huddle Room (Level 2, Space 230) – “Mary Spivey Hovden, ID Class of ’78 Huddle Room”
- Huddle Space (Level 1, Space 121) – “Swagelok, Fred A. Lennon, Founder”
- Learning Stair 6 – “Swagelok, Brian Payne ’92, Kevin Moriarty ’92, James Trolinger ’81 and Chris Jones”
- Development Suite (Level 2, Space 212, 213, 214, 215) – “PAID Collaborative Space”
- Conference Room (Level 2, Space 215) – “Smith Conference Room”
- First Floor Huddle Space – “Jeff Metzler ’83 Lonestar Electric Supply”
- Room 211C – “Neil Clay ’95 Lonestar Electric Supply”
- Room 211B – “Jason Roberson ’91 Lonestar Electric Supply”
- Room 213 – “Jeff Metzler ’83 Lonestar Electric Supply”
- Learning Stair 4 – “House of Forgings Jeff Metzler ’83 and Jeremy Hair ’21”
- Learning Stair 5 – “Iron Wood Connection Jeff Metzler ’83 and Jeremy Hair ’21”
- Laboratory Space (Level 2, Space 216, 218, 219, 220) – “John “Lindsley” Ruth ’92 Global Supply Chain Laboratory”

**MINUTE ORDER 134-2023 (ITEM 6.53)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL ROADWAY  
EASEMENT THROUGH KIRBY STATE FOREST, TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to negotiate, execute and deliver a conditional roadway easement to the Texas Department of Transportation for 6.405 acres adjacent to U.S. Highway 69, Tyler County, Texas, to remain in effect so long as the property is used for roadway purposes.

**MINUTE ORDER 135-2023 (ITEM 6.54)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT EXTERNAL OPERATIONS RULE,  
TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The revisions to the Texas Division of Emergency Management’s External Operations Rule, as detailed in the attached exhibit, are approved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Mahomes thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that the next regular Board meeting was scheduled for August 16-18, 2023.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Mahomes adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

(Minutes transcribed by Dee Rodriguez, Office of the Board of Regents.)

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MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

May 18, 2023

(Approved August 17, 2023)

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

May 18, 2023

CONVENE

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:10 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023, in Board of Regents Meeting Room, Board of Regents Annex, College Station Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Chairman
Mr. David Baggett
Mr. John Bellinger
Mr. Randy Brooks
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Sam Torn
Mr. Demetrius Harrell, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton, Vice Chairman

Chairman Mahomes announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings from System executives and invited guests.

Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Katherine Banks, President of Texas A&M University and Brigadier General (Retired) Patrick R. Michaelis, Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets Commandant, who presented a briefing on the Corps of Cadets March to 3000.

Next Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Susan Ballabina, Texas A&M's Senior Vice President and Chief External Affairs Officer and Vice President for Academic and Strategic Collaborations, who presented a report on student recruitment plans and initiatives.

Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. John August, the Carl B. King Dean of Veterinary Medicine, who gave a presentation on research activities at the Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

Lastly, Chairman Mahomes called on Ms. Jenny Jones, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, who provided a briefing on the 88th session of the Texas Legislature.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Mahomes adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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MINUTES

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

June 14, 2023

(Approved August 17, 2023)

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**MINUTES OF THE
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BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

June 14, 2023

CONVENE

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:01 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Mahomes began by welcoming and congratulating newly appointed Student Regent Annie Valicek -- He said that Annie is a student at West Texas A&M University.

The following members of the Board were present via teleconference call:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. David Baggett
Mr. John Bellinger
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Sam Torn
Ms. Annie Valicek (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was present in the meeting room:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Chairman

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Randy Brooks

(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Ms. Elizabeth "Annie" Valicek as the 2023-2024 Student Regent on June 1, 2023.)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mahomes said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74 of the Texas Government Code, and in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

(Note: The Board met in executive session from 3:04 p.m. until 4:35 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:35 p.m. He said the Board conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration, and attorneys on legal and personnel matters including Items 1 through 5.

Chairman Mahomes presented Items 1 through 3 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for these three items.

Regent Plank moved adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 through 3. Regent Bellinger seconded the motion. Chairman Mahomes called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

Chairman Mahomes acknowledged Mr. Al Davis, newly appointed director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, who was present in the room. Mr. Davis thanked the Board and Chancellor Sharp. He said he looked forward to being the leader of the Forest Service.

The following minute orders were approved (136-138).

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**MINUTE ORDER 136-2023 (ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. SALVADOR HECTOR OCHOA, AS PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective August 2, 2023, Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, at an initial salary of \$400,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 137 (ITEM 2)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. ROSS ALEXANDER AS THE  
SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Dr. Ross Alexander is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

**MINUTE ORDER 138 (ITEM 3)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. ALPHONSE GREGORY DAVIS AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Mr. Alphonse Gregory Davis is hereby appointed Director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, at an initial salary of \$250,000.

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Chairman Mahomes presented Item 4 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for this item.

Vice Chairman Albritton moved adoption of the minute order contained in Item 4. Regent Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Mahomes called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (139).

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**MINUTE ORDER 139-2023 (ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE  
AND EXECUTE AN AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH  
BRENT “BUZZ” WILLIAMS, HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute an amended employment contract, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following person:

Head Men’s Basketball Coach – Brent “Buzz” Williams

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Chairman Mahomes presented Item 5 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for this item.

Regent Torn moved adoption of the minute order contained in Item 5. Regent Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Mahomes called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (140).

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**MINUTE ORDER 140-2023 (ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 17.01, INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION,  
AND APPROVAL FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO ADJUST  
THE ALLOCATION OF THE COMMERCIALIZATION INCOME,  
PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBER(S) UNDER  
SYSTEM REGULATION 17.01.04, DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES,  
LICENSE FEES AND SALE PROCEEDS FROM LICENSING,  
TO TEXAS A&M INNOVATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The substantive revisions to System Policy 17.01, *Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization*, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective March 1, 2023, and the Chancellor's adjustment of the allocation of the commercialization income previously distributed to the Member(s) under System Regulation 17.01.04, *Distribution of Royalties, License Fees and Sale Proceeds from Licensing*, to Texas A&M Innovation, as shown in the attached exhibit, is approved, effective March 1, 2023.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

(Minutes transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
August 1, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of the Title of Emeritus, August 2023, The Texas A&M University System

In accordance with System Policy [31.08, Emeritus](#), the designation of “Emeritus,” to be added to the rank or position upon retirement of a person, may be granted by the board upon the recommendation of the chancellor.

The chief executive officers of The Texas A&M University System recognize individuals from their respective institutions and agencies, as shown on the attached Emeritus list, who have made outstanding contributions through their dedicated and loyal service.

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the chancellor and confers the title of “Emeritus” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 23-04, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.”

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Pablo Arenaz, President
Texas A&M International University

Mark A. Welsh III, Interim President
Texas A&M University

Walter V. Wendler, President
West Texas A&M University

Dr. Peg Gray-Vickrey, Chief Academic Officer
Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Jeffrey W. Savell, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor and Dean
AgriLife and Life Sciences

Dr. James Hurley, President
Tarleton State University

Melinda S. Arnold
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Texas A&M University-Texarkana

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
CONFIRMATION OF EMERITUS TITLES
EMERITUS TITLE LIST NO. 23-04**

System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
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TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Ann Calahan	31	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Thomas R. Mitchell	25	Provost	Provost Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Valerie M. Balester	35	Professor	Professor Emerita of English	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Luc R. Berghman	25	Senior Professor	Professor Emeritus of Poultry Science	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Ms. Cydney C. Donnell	19	Professor of Practice	Professor of Practice Emerita of Finance	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Peter M. McIntyre III	43	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Donald G. Naugle	54	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Gilles Pisier	37	Distinguished Professor	Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mathematics	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Dr. Luis A. San Andrés	33	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
Dr. Wayne M. Saslow	52	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Herman B. Scholthof	29	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology and Microbiology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Karen-Beth Goldberg Scholthof	29	Professor	Professor Emerita of Plant Pathology and Microbiology	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Robert E. Tribble	48	Senior Professor	Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Thomas E. Yancey	42	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Geology and Geophysics	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

Dr. Marc A. Nigliazzo	13	President	President Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Dr. David Blanke	21	Professor	Professor Emeritus of History	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Jo Marie Rios	22	Professor	Professor Emerita of Political Science and Public Administration	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA

Dr. Emily F. Cutrer	10	President	President Emerita	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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System Member Honoree	Years of Service	Current Rank	Title Conferred	Effective Date
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WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Trudy L. Hanson	31	Professor	Professor Emerita of Communication	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. James K. Owens	44	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Finance	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. J. Keith Price	19	Professor	Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Criminal Justice	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
Dr. Jean A. Stuntz	21	Professor	Professor Emerita of History	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Ms. Sheila A. McBride	35	Extension Program Specialist I	Extension Specialist Emeritus	Upon Approval by the Board and the Honoree's Retirement
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Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Janet Gordon, System Ethics and Compliance Officer
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

Proposed Board Action:

In accordance with System Policy [34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers](#), the Board of Regents may confirm the appointment and commissioning of peace officers by the presidents of their respective members of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in the exhibit.

Background Information:

Presidents of member universities are authorized by system policy to appoint and commission campus police as peace officers, subject to confirmation by the Board of Regents.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

5. The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas by providing a safe place to learn, work and visit. Peace officers are an imperative part of providing these services to Texans.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

System Office of General Counsel

August 1, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit, attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.”

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gordon
System Ethics and Compliance Officer

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Mark A. Welsh III, Interim President
Texas A&M University

Col. Michael E. Fossum, USAFR (Ret.)
Chief Operating Officer
Texas A&M University at Galveston

Tomikia P. LeGrande, President
Prairie View A&M University

Pablo Arenaz, President
Texas A&M International University

Dr. Robert Vela, President
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Dr. Linda Schott, Interim President
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

The Texas A&M University System
Appointed and Commissioned Peace Officers

ITEM
EXHIBIT

University Officer's Name	Title	Hire Date
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY		
*Anderson Jr., Craig R.	Peace Officer	06/02/2023
**Davis, Megan A.	Peace Officer	05/18/2023
Thurmond, Todd C.	Peace Officer	05/18/2023
Vera, Steven D.	Peace Officer	04/11/2023
Washington, Ariel	Peace Officer	04/27/2023
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY		
Ortiz Jr., Rogelio S.	Peace Officer	02/06/2023
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY		
DelRincon, Cody	Peace Officer	05/31/2023
Gaar-Humphreys, Kyle F.	Peace Officer	05/31/2023
Geronime, Michael P.	Peace Officer	05/31/2023
Harland, Jared P.	Peace Officer	05/31/2023
Malone, Tyler M.	Peace Officer	05/18/2023
Morris, Brooke D.	Peace Officer	05/31/2023
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON		
Irizarry, Sharon L.	Peace Officer	04/03/2023
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE		
*Hernandez, Ruben R.	Peace Officer	05/08/2023
Reyes, Jesus E.	Peace Officer	06/05/2023
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO		
Garcia, Edward A.	Peace Officer	04/03/2023
Guzman Jr., Efrain	Peace Officer	04/10/2023
Stoddard, Daniel L.	Peace Officer	05/01/2023

*Included in a previous submission at same member with a break in service (180 days or less).

**Included in a previous submission at same member with a break in service (more than 180 days).

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Maria L. Robinson, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of List of Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund Bank Accounts for System Members

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the revised list of authorized signers for revolving fund bank accounts for members of The Texas A&M University System, as required by the General Appropriations Act, Article III, Section 6.3, 87th Legislature, Regular Session.

Background Information:

This agenda item has been compiled from information submitted by the system members which reflects the maximum revolving amounts, the depository bank and the personnel authorized to approve disbursements from these accounts. These accounts are used to facilitate the payment of nominal expenses, debt service and payrolls, as well as to pay bills within cash discount periods. Funds disbursed from the revolving fund bank accounts in the United States are reimbursed from respective appropriations by the State Comptroller, and deposits are covered by appropriate and sufficient surety bonds or securities. Accounts with Commercial Bank in Qatar follow the rules set forth in Chapter 51.003(f) of the Texas Education Code.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System strategic imperative 6, which provides that “The A&M System, in adhering to the high standard of excellence and growth required in this strategic plan, will display prudent financial stewardship and sustainability.” More specifically, this request is in compliance with the requirements of the General Appropriations Act.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer
July 6, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of List of Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund Bank Accounts for System Members

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“Under the authority of the General Appropriations Act, and effective September 1, 2023, the employees of The Texas A&M University System members named below, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to sign checks for the withdrawal of such funds according to law.

Source of Funds: Institutional Funds (or Qatar Foundation as indicated)
Depository Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (or Commercial Bank-Qatar as indicated)

1. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (TAMUS)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$175,000,000 (Operating and Debt Service)
Employees authorized to sign checks:

Maria L. Robinson, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer
David Verghese, Deputy Chief Investment Officer
Vacant, Director, Investments
Julie Perry, Assistant Director, Investments/Banking Operations
All Texas A&M University Signers listed below

2. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (TAMU)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$50,000,000
Employees authorized to sign checks:

John Crawford, Vice President for Finance and CFO
John McCall, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller
Clint Merritt, Executive Director, Financial Management Operations
Solomon Loche, Executive Director, Departmental Accounting Services
Bryan Townsend, Director, Accounting Services
Verna Fritsche, Associate Controller
Linda Kettler, Director, Financial Management Operations

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (HSC)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$15,000,000
Employees authorized to sign checks:

All TAMU Signers listed above

TEXAS A&M SYSTEM – SHARED SERVICES CENTER (SSC)

No Revolving Funds

Employees authorized to sign checks:

All TAMU Signers listed above

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON (TAMUG)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

All TAMU Signers listed above

Susan Hernandez Lee, Associate VP for Finance and Compliance Officer

Vanessa Garza, Assistant Director, Budgets

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR (TAMU at Qatar)

Source of Funds – Qatar Foundation

Depository Bank – Commercial Bank - Qatar

Employees authorized to sign checks:

John Crawford, Vice President for Finance and CFO, TAMU

John McCall, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller, TAMU

Verna Fritsche, Associate Controller, TAMU

Joseph P. Pettibon II, VP for Enrollment & Academic Services, TAMU

Cesar O. Malave, Dean and COO

Rosalie Nickles, Assistant Dean for Finance, Compliance and Administrative Procedure

Hassan S. Bazzi, Associate Dean for Advancement and Industry Engagement

Ioannis G. Economou, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

3. TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY (TSU)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Lori Beaty, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration and CFO

Shante Joseph, Assistant VP for Finance & Administration and Assistant CFO

Melissa Elliott, Director, Student Account Services

Jo Anna Ince, Financial Analyst III

Karen Fincher, Financial Analyst III

Christina Dunagan, Business Manager – ACH/Wire Transfer only

Vacant, Financial Account II/III – ACH/Wire Transfer only

4. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY (PVAMU)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$7,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Cynthia Carter-Horn, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO

Dianne Evans, Assistant Vice President for Financial Management Services

Cozette Turner, Director, Accounting Services

Equilla Jackson, Director, Treasury Services – ACH/Wire Transfer only

Sean Mills, Assistant Director, Treasury Services – ACH/Wire Transfer only

Stephanie Redd, Financial Accountant II – ACH/Wire Transfer only

JosaLynn Pritchard, Financial Accountant I – ACH/Wire Transfer only

Zina Lang, Cashier Supervisor-Desktop only

5. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH (ALRSCH)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

G. Cliff Lamb, Director

Vic S. Seidel, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and COO

Debra Cummings, Assistant Agency Director and CFO

Donna Alexander, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALEXT

Loree Lewis, Executive Director, Contracts and Administration

Shiao-Yen Ko, Director, Accounts Payable

Kim Payne, Assistant Manager, Financial

6. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE (ALEXT)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Rick Avery, Director

Vic S. Seidel, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and COO

Donna Alexander, Assistant Agency Director and CFO

Debra Cummings, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALRSCH

Loree Lewis, Executive Director, Contracts and Administration

Shiao-Yen Ko, Director, Accounts Payable

Kim Payne, Assistant Manager, Financial

7. TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION (TEES)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

John Hurtado, Interim Vice Chancellor

Joseph N. Dunn, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Management and CFO

Jane Zhou, Assistant CFO and Controller

Karen Gregory, Assistant Controller

Griselda Vazquez, Assistant Director

Courtney Cammack, Financial Manager

Vacant, Financial Accountant II

TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION AT QATAR

(TEES at Qatar)

Source of Funds – Qatar Foundation

Depository Bank – Commercial Bank - Qatar

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Joseph N. Dunn, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Management and CFO, TEES

Jane Zhou, Assistant CFO and Controller, TEES

Cesar O. Malave, Dean and COO, TAMU at Qatar

**Hassan S. Bazzi, Associate Dean for Advancement and Industry Engagement,
TAMU at Qatar**

8. TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE (TEEX)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Tracy Foster, Associate Director and CFO

Brian Stipe, Assistant CFO and Controller

Deepak Tyagi, Assistant Controller

Patti Buckhaults, Financial Manager

Ana Guerrero, Financial Manager

Adrienne Person, Financial Manager – ACH/Wire Transfer only

9. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE (TFS)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Robby DeWitt, Associate Director, Finance & Administration

Travis Zamzow, Budgets and Accounting Department Head

Natasha Wolf, Financial Management Supervisor

Chris Powell, Policy and Review Coordinator III

10. TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE (TTI)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Rodney Horrell, Assistant Agency Director and CFO

Tyler K. Theobald, Assistant CFO

Stephanie Barnett, Assistant Director, Accounting

Weining Yang, Controller

Randi Marshall, Accounting Supervisor

Michelle L. Young, Financial Accountant IV

TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE AT QATAR (TTI at Qatar)

Source of Funds – Qatar Foundation

Depository Bank – Commercial Bank - Qatar

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Rodney Horrell, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, TTI

Tyler K. Theobald, Assistant CFO, TTI

Weining Yang, Controller, TTI

11. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI (TAMUCC)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Kelly Miller, President

Jaclyn Mahlmann, Vice President for Finance & Administration

Yolanda Castorena, Associate Vice President for Finance & Controller

Rosanne Gorny, Assistant Vice President and Chief Budget Officer

Will Hobart, Director, Procurement & Disbursements and HUB Coordinator

Cassie Eyring, Assistant Controller

Eliza Garcia, Accounting Manager

Christy Robertson, Financial Accountant III

Kristen Contreras, Accounting Assistant III

Vacant, Financial Accountant III

12. TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (TAMIU)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Pablo Arenaz, President

Juan J. Castillo Jr., Vice President for Finance & Administration

Federico Juarez III, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration

Elena Martinez, Comptroller

Maria Elena Hernandez, Assistant Comptroller/Receivables

Melisa Rangel, Assistant Comptroller

Patricia Ornelas, Assistant Comptroller

Vacant, Assistant Comptroller

13. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE (TAMUK)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Robert H. Vela Jr., President

Jacob Flournoy, Vice President for Finance and CFO

Joanne Castro, Associate Vice President for Financial Services

Samantha Padilla, Director, Accounting & Reporting

Vilma Castillo, Associate Director, Accounting and Fixed Assets

Sylvia Garza, Director, Accounts Payable and Travel

Yvonne Vela, Assistant Director, Travel

Robyn Wallace, Financial Analyst III

14. TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY (TVMDL)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Amy Swinford, Agency Director

Matthew Durham, Assistant Agency Director and CFO

Vic S. Seidel, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor and COO

Debra Cummings, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALRSCH

Donna Alexander, Assistant Agency Director and CFO, ALEXT

Loree Lewis, Executive Director, Contracts and Administration

Shiao-Yen Ko, Director, Accounts Payable

Kim Payne, Assistant Manager, Financial

15. WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (WTAMU)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Randy Rikel, Vice President for Business and Finance

Todd McNeill, Associate Vice President and Controller

Lauren Cazarez, Director, Finance

Mark Hiner, Associate Director

Julie Harvell, Bursar

16. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE (TAMUC)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Mark Rudin, President and Chief Executive Officer

Tina Livingston, Vice President for Finance & Administration

Sarah Baker, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration and Controller

Toni Burton, Assistant Controller

Arlana Martin, Budget Director

Belinda Benson, Budget Manager

Rocio (Rose) Moreno, State Accounting Manager

Denise Calixto, Reconciliation Manager

Kim Jefferies, Gift Processing Manager

Sierra Harris, Accounting Assistant II

Christine Newell, Accounting Assistant II

Kelly Ramey, Financial Analyst II – ACH only

Vacant, Staff Accountant

17. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA (TAMUT)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Ross Alexander, President

Jeff Hinton, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration and CFO

Rhonda Jones, Assistant Vice President and Controller

Russell Ryan, Assistant Controller

Geoffrey Kreighoff, Financial Accountant III

K'Leeh Holt, Financial Accountant II – ACH only

Stephenie Durham, Financial Accountant I – ACH only

18. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS (TAMUCT)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Marc Nigliazzo, President

Todd Lutz, Vice President for Finance & Administration and CFO

Susan Bowden, Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs and Controller

Danielle Clouden, Assistant Controller

19. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO (TAMUSA)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Salvador Hector Ochoa, President

Leonard A. Cullo Jr., Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO

Craig Elmore, Associate Vice President for Finance & Controller

Denis Cano, Associate Controller and Director of Accounting Services

Patricia Hayes, Director, Business Services

Jesus Martinez, Financial Analyst III

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20. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (TDEM)

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$30,000,000

Employees authorized to sign checks:

John Crawford, Vice President for Finance and CFO, TAMU

John McCall, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller, TAMU

Clint Merritt, Executive Director, Financial Management Operations, TAMU

Solomon Loche, Executive Director, Departmental Accounting Services, TAMU

Bryan Townsend, Director, Accounting Services, TAMU

Verna Fritsche, Associate Controller, TAMU

Linda Kettler, Director, Financial Management Operations, TAMU”

Respectfully submitted,

Maria L. Robinson

Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: James R. Hallmark, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Non-substantive Revisions to System Policy *02.08, System Expansion*

Proposed Board Action:

Approve non-substantive revisions to System Policy *02.08, System Expansion*.

Background Information:

The terminology “institution” was revised throughout this policy and replaced with “entity” to convey that it includes agencies as well as universities. In addition, stylistic edits were made to conform to system style guidelines.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The board’s adoption, maintenance and revision of system policies advances all eight Strategic Plan Imperatives by providing policy direction to the member institutions and agencies.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
July 14, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Non-substantive Revisions to System Policy *02.08, System Expansion*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The non-substantive revisions to System Policy *02.08, System Expansion*, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.”

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel



02.08 System Expansion

Revised August 17, 2023 (MO -2023)
Next Scheduled Review: August 17, 2028
Click to view [Revision History](#).

Policy Summary

The rationale and criteria established herein are intended to serve as a guide for the chancellor and other internal or external groups, organizations, or individuals who may seek expansion of The Texas A&M University System (system) and to provide the bases on which the system Board of Regents (board) would consider expansion of the system.

Policy

1. NOTICE

The chairman of the board and the chancellor confer when a serious overture is made on behalf of a candidate entity and prior to the initiation of:

- (a) a comprehensive analysis of the candidate entity; and
- (b) any commitments by the system for or against the potential expansion.

2. RATIONALE FOR EXPANSION

Expansion is one of many strategic means of responding to the mission and vision for the system and the needs of the state of Texas. The specific reasons for considering expansion include the following:

- (a) building a shared vision;
- (b) serving more students;
- (c) providing more programs to meet regional needs;
- (d) pursuing excellence by strengthening existing programs and services;
- (e) responding to an identified state need;
- (f) broadening and strengthening public support; and
- (g) improving efficiency and effectiveness through collaboration.

3. ATTRIBUTES USED FOR EVALUATING CANDIDATE ENTITIES

Once a decision is made to evaluate a particular candidate entity, a comprehensive analysis of the entity is necessary to provide the chancellor and the board with an assessment of the entity's academic, financial, and legal status. It also helps to predict what resources are required to ensure that the candidate can meet or exceed expectations consistent with existing members. The key attributes of concern are:

- (a) compatibility with the system's vision;
- (b) present and projected financial viability;
- (c) academic standing;
- (d) geographic niche and demographics of the service area;
- (e) impacts on existing members;
- (f) cost effectiveness of administration and program delivery;
- (g) adequacy of physical assets;
- (h) impacts from non-system entities;
- (i) legal review;
- (j) demands on system infrastructure;
- (k) student and alumni sentiment; and
- (l) public support base.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

The board authorizes the chancellor to establish a process to implement the system expansion policy and the timelines for a full and careful analysis of all opportunities for merger and acquisition.

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

Academic Affairs
(979) 458-6072

02.08 System Expansion

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Policy Summary

The rationale and criteria established herein are intended to serve as a guide for the chancellor and other internal or external groups, organizations, or individuals who may seek expansion of The Texas A&M University System (system) and to provide the bases on which the system Board of Regents (board) would consider expansion of the system.

Policy

1. NOTICE

The chairman of the board and the chancellor confer when a serious overture is made on behalf of a candidate entity and prior to the initiation of:

- (a) a comprehensive analysis of the candidate entity; and
- (b) any commitments by the system for or against the potential expansion.

2. RATIONALE FOR EXPANSION

Expansion is one of many strategic means of responding to the mission and vision for the system and the needs of the state of Texas. The specific reasons for considering expansion include the following:

- (a) building a shared vision;
- (b) serving more students;
- (c) providing more programs to meet regional needs;
- (d) pursuing excellence by strengthening existing programs and services;
- (e) responding to an identified state need;
- (f) broadening and strengthening public support; and
- (g) improving efficiency and effectiveness through collaboration.

3. ATTRIBUTES USED FOR EVALUATING CANDIDATE ENTITIES

Once a decision is made to evaluate a particular candidate entity, a comprehensive analysis of the entity is necessary to provide the chancellor and the board with an assessment of the entity's academic, financial, and legal status. It also helps to predict what resources are required to ensure that the candidate can meet or exceed expectations consistent with existing members. The key attributes of concern are:

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Member Rule Requirements

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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Janet Gordon, System Ethics and Compliance Officer
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Revisions to System Policy 24.01, *Risk Management*, System Policy 34.07, *Emergency Management*, and Approval of New Policy 34.01, *Environment, Safety and Security*

Proposed Board Action:

Approve substantive revisions to System Policy 24.01, *Risk Management*, and System Policy 34.07, *Emergency Management* and approve new System Policy 34.01, *Environment, Safety, and Security*.

Background Information:

System Policy 24.01, *Risk Management*

Information referring to environment, safety, and security was removed from this policy and placed in the new policy 34.01, *Environment, Safety, and Security*. The policy has been rewritten to outline the responsibilities and business processes of System Risk Management.

System Policy 34.07, *Emergency Management*

Subsequent to this policy's five-year certification review, only minor revisions are necessary. The revisions include the addition of a new section 2.6 to address the care for people with disabilities in all emergency and disaster-related programs, the clarification of a member CEO's responsibility to designate person(s) responsible for emergency planning and coordination, and updates in language related to plan requirements in sections 1.2 and 2.2.

New System Policy 34.01, *Environment, Safety, and Security*

Formerly referenced within System Policy 24.01, *Risk Management*, this policy outlines the roles and responsibilities for assurance that each system member develop and maintain appropriate environment, safety, and security programs that protect students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the surrounding community. This policy also outlines the need of member CEOs to provide resources sufficient to manage the environment, safety, and security risks inherent to member operations as well as the supportive services provided to members by the System Office of Environment, Safety and Security.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The board's adoption, maintenance and revision of system policies advances all eight Strategic Plan Imperatives by providing policy direction to the member institutions and agencies.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

System Office of General Counsel

July 3, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Revisions to System Policy *24.01, Risk Management*, System Policy *34.07, Emergency Management*, and Approval of New Policy *34.01, Environment, Safety and Security*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The revisions to System Policy *24.01, Risk Management* and System Policy *34.07, Emergency Management*, and a new System Policy *34.01, Environment, Safety, and Security*, as shown in the attached exhibits, are approved, effective immediately.”

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gordon
System Ethics and Compliance Officer

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer



24.01 Risk Management

Revised ~~August 8, 2019~~ August 17, 2023 (MO ~~156~~-2019)

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Policy Summary

~~It is the objective of The Texas A&M University System (system) to manage, control and, where appropriate, reduce or eliminate risk to the end that its employees, students and visitors are protected from hazards; its financial condition is not seriously jeopardized; and its material and natural resources conserved to the maximum extent possible and practicable. This policy establishes uniform programs and strategies in addressing the risks faced by the system. These programs will provide effective ways to manage, eliminate, or transfer these risks.~~

~~The Texas A&M University System (system) is exposed to a multitude of risks related to the operations, activities, and endeavors of its mMembers. These risks can come in the form of potential loss of property, financial liability, and reputational risks. System Risk Management supports the strategic mission and goals of the Texas A&M University Ssystem by identifying, analyzing, controlling, and, when appropriate, financing these risks. This is accomplished through insurance procurement, administration of the system's self-insurance programs, developing and maintaining a standard for the protection of minors on campus as well as implementing and overseeing Enterprise Risk Management system-wide.~~

Policy

1. GENERAL

- ~~1.1 The system and its members are exposed to risks of loss resulting from injury or death of employees, students and the public; damage to the environment; and loss, destruction and damage to its own property and the property of others.~~
- ~~1.2 Of primary importance in all risk management programs is the protection of the health and safety of employees, students and visitors to any member.~~
- ~~1.3 Strong risk management and safety programs, coupled with safety consciousness and awareness on the part of all system personnel, students and visitors, are of vital importance to the accomplishment of the objectives of this policy.~~
- ~~1.4 System Risk Management is responsible for the administration of a risk management program within the system. The office oversees programs in environmental management, health and safety, workers' compensation, risk transfer, emergency~~

~~management, business continuity, fire protection and loss prevention. In providing service to the system, System Risk Management:~~

- ~~(a) advises and assists member chief executive officers (CEOs), or their designees, in regard to managing the risk of the member;~~
- ~~(b) facilitates member environmental, health and safety, emergency management, business continuity, fire protection, risk transfer and other risk management programs through such means as, but not limited to, leadership, specialized knowledge, dissemination of current information, or assistance in securing specialized expertise or equipment;~~
- ~~(c)(a) prepares and submits an annual report on the system's risk management programs to the Board of Regents (board), chancellor and member CEOs;~~
- ~~(d) develops and provides professional training opportunities for risk management personnel utilizing system and outside expertise; and~~
- ~~(e) consults with the System Office of General Counsel on all legal issues pertaining to the administration and operation of the risk management programs.~~

1.1 This regulation outlines the responsibilities and business processes of System Risk Management.

1.2 System Risk Management serves as a partner and risk advisor to the Ssystem and its Mmembers to empower them to understand the implications in making decisions to self-retain, mitigate, transfer, or eliminate the impact of risk.

1.3 System Risk Management prepares and submits an annual report on the system's risk management programs to the Board of Regents (board), chancellor and member CEOs;.

2. RISK TRANSFER

~~System Risk Management will work to establish uniform risk transfer strategies in addressing the risks faced by the system. These risk transfer programs will provide effective ways to transfer risks to minimize the financial and reputational impact on members.~~

2. RISK MANAGEMENT

2.1 System Risk Management encourages a review of all member contracts to determine the risks associated with the performance of the contract by outside parties. Insurance recommendations are provided to insert suggested language into the contract to better protect the interests of Tthe Ssystem and its Mmembers.

2.2 System Risk Management reviews contractual insurance requirements placed on Tthe sSystem and/or its Mmembers. Due to sovereign immunity, the Texas Tort Claim Act, and statutory limitations placed on state entities, System Risk Management works closely with General Counsel to be certain contractual insurance requirements placed on Tthe Ssystem and its Mmembers are appropriate.

- 2.3 A system-wide standard and protocol is established and maintained by System Risk Management for all Camps and Programs for minors sponsored and operated by The Texas A&M University System and its members, as well as third-party programs using member facilities.
- 2.4 Each system member can submit a Risk Assessment Matrix to System Risk Management for the evaluation and assessment of risks involved with a specific activity or endeavor. The assessment will uncover possible vulnerabilities, the estimated cost of recovery in the event of damage, and any mitigating risk strategies. Based on the risk tolerance level determined – risk transfer options can be evaluated.
- 2.5 System Risk Management will review and provide risk assessments for all international travel to locations which are considered extreme risk.
- 2.6 System Risk Management provides ethical claims administration of the System's self-insured Workers' Compensation, Auto Liability, and Medical Malpractice plans. It also liaises with third-party administrators, brokers, and carriers of commercially procured insurance policies claims departments to advocate for the best financial outcome for the System and its members.

System Risk Management may also handle the procurement and administration of system-wide RMIS software solutions.

~~3. HEALTH AND SAFETY~~

- ~~3.1 As provided by Executive Order GWB 95-8 (Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees, Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property), the system and its members will develop and maintain a comprehensive health and safety program.~~
- ~~3.2 System Risk Management will provide oversight and guidance for the members' health and safety programs based on federal and state laws and agency regulations.~~
- ~~3.3 As part of the system's health and safety program, System Risk Management will offer assistance as necessary, including training, to foster member compliance.~~
- ~~3.4 Each member CEO will implement and administer a health and safety program and submit an annual report to System Risk Management on the status of the member's health and safety program.~~
- ~~3.5 The chancellor or designee may contract with external providers specializing in health and safety, who will monitor members' compliance with health and safety laws, offer recommendations to the members on how to achieve compliance and report to System Risk Management on the members' progress.~~

~~4. ENVIRONMENT~~

- ~~4.1 It is the objective of the system that its operations and persons associated with its operations will cultivate environmental performance and model good practices wherever its facilities and activities interface with the natural and built environments.~~

~~4.2—The scope of these practices will encompass, but is not limited to, providing clean and safe settings for learning and inquiry; factoring the environment into our planning, acquisitions, designs, construction, operations, maintenance and activities; creating learning opportunities for campus communities; conserving renewable and natural resources; preventing pollution; and fostering compliance with applicable environmental laws.~~

~~5. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/BUSINESS CONTINUITY~~

~~5.1—The system is responsible for ensuring its members have plans in place to properly protect personnel and property in an emergency situation.~~

~~5.2—By requiring that each member has a plan(s) to address various situations and by reviewing this plan(s) on a regular basis, the system can ensure each member is fulfilling its responsibilities to its constituents.~~

~~5.3—The system serves as liaison with The Texas A&M University System Law Enforcement Administrators Council to assist in the development of standardization and uniformity in police department activities within the system.~~

~~6. FIRE PROTECTION~~

~~Fire protection relative to the health and safety of employees, students and visitors is critical. To this end, the system will implement strategies to maintain consistency and compliance with all required state statutes and industry standards to maintain and promote appropriate fire safety requirements and best practices.~~

3. RISK TRANSFER

System Risk Management will work to establish uniform risk transfer strategies in addressing the risks faced by the system. These risk transfer programs will provide effective ways to transfer risks to minimize the financial and reputational impact on members. These programs include, but are not limited to, System Self-Insured Auto Plan, System Self-Insured Workers Compensation Plan and other policies procured through commercial insurance companies.

~~7. ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT~~

~~7.1—Enterprise risk management assesses and defines actions to be taken by the members, System Offices and/or the system to identify, monitor and mitigate risks that threaten the achievement of strategic goals and the continuation of operational programs.~~

~~7.2—Members and System Offices will conduct the enterprise risk management process on an annual basis, providing the report to System Risk Management for review.~~

~~—System Risk Management will evaluate the reports from members and provide an executive summary to the chancellor.~~

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4. ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) is the System's comprehensive program to identify and proactively manage/mitigate real and potential threats, as well as opportunities, that may affect the Ssystem and/or its Mmembers' strategic missions, goals or objectives.
- 4.2 Enterprise Risk ManagementERM cultivates a culture of risk management across the system; where risk tolerance is considered at every level of decision making, from strategic development and implementation of the Ssystem's missions and objectives, to individual member department's everyday operations.
- 4.3 Enterprise Risk ManagementERM will illuminate risks that are interrelated across the system and facilitates effective mitigation strategies of these interrelated risks. Risk Management, at the system and/or member level, is positioned to identify and proactively realize opportunities for growth, improved efficiencies, risk reduction or avoidance and in some cases increased risk tolerance.
- 4.4 To ensure the success of this program, Mmembers and the System Offices will conduct the enterprise risk management process on an annual basis, per sSystem rRegulation 16.01.01, Ethics and Compliance Programs providing the report to System Risk Management for review. System Risk Management will evaluate the reports from members and provide an executive summary to the chancellor.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

~~Executive Order GWB 95-8, Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees, Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property~~

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.966](#)

[Tex. Lab. Code, Ch. 502](#)

[Texas Tort Claims Act, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code, Ch. 101](#)

[~~Tex. Lab. Code, Ch. 502~~](#)

[~~System Regulation 24.01.01, Health and Safety~~](#)

[System Regulation 24.01.02, Risk Transfer](#)

[~~System Regulation 24.01.03, Environment~~](#)

[System Regulation 24.01.06, Programs for Minors](#)

~~System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers~~

~~System Regulation 34.06.01, System University Police Department Collaboration~~

~~System Regulation 34.06.02, Weapons~~

~~System Policy 34.07, Emergency Management~~

~~System Regulation 34.07.01, Emergency Management Plans~~

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

~~System Office of~~ Risk Management
(979) 458-6330



34.07 Emergency Management

Revised ~~August 16, 2018 (MO 149-2018)~~ August 17, 2023 (MO 2023)

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Policy Summary

The Texas A&M University System (system) is responsible for ensuring its members have plans in place to properly protect personnel and property in an emergency ~~situation~~. By requiring that each member has a plan(s) to address various situations and by reviewing this plan(s) on a regular basis, the system can ensure each member is fulfilling its responsibilities to its constituents.

Policy

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The chancellor ~~will~~ establishes for the System Offices (SO) and requires each member to establish, at the direction of the respective chief executive officer (CEO) or designee, a plan(s) to deal with various emergencies which might threaten system resources and the physical safety of employees, students, clientele and the general public.
- 1.2 Such a plan(s) ~~will~~ must take a ~~multi-hazard~~ whole community approach that addresses natural, technological, and human-caused threats and hazards to cover natural disasters, fire, industrial accidents, criminal activities, health epidemics, riots and similar situations which requires the orderly management of resources and processes to protect life and property.

2. ASSUMPTIONS AND UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

In the development of an emergency management plan(s), the following assumptions, and underlying principles ~~must~~ apply:

- 2.1 The protection of human health and safety is of the utmost importance.
- 2.2 Consistent with the primacy of human health and safety, System-system property and other resources must be protected and preserved wherever possible, ~~consistent with the primacy of human health and safety~~.
- 2.3 The system, ~~will~~, when possible, assists federal, state and local governments, emergency management and relief agencies, etc., and may allocate facilities, equipment and personnel to assist in the event of disasters away from system property.
- 2.4 The system ~~will~~ cooperates with federal, state and local disaster management and law enforcement agencies with respect to any emergency occurring on system property

and/or involving system personnel or students.

- 2.5 The plan(s) must provide for the coordination of appropriate community partners, contract partners, and member employees ~~and external partners in the areas of facilities, campus security, student affairs, health services, etc.,~~ and will include a description of their roles and responsibilities during emergency situations.

2.6 The plan(s) must address the care for people with disabilities and individuals with access and functional needs in all emergency and disaster-related programs, services, and activities.

- ~~2.67~~ The member CEO~~Members~~ must designate in the plan(s) a single individual or committee that is responsible for emergency planning and coordination.

~~2.78~~ The plan(s) must comply with all applicable regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Education and other governing authorities concerning procedures for emergency response, evacuation, notification, training, and testing.

- ~~2.89~~ The System Office of General Counsel ~~will be~~is consulted in cases where the legal responsibilities of the system are unclear.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Communications ~~will be~~are from the chancellor or designee with respect to emergencies affecting the SO or the system as a whole and from the respective CEO or designee with respect to emergencies affecting a specific member.

3.2 The CEO must inform the chancellor and the executive director, Board of Regents (board), of any emergency that has occurred or that is threatening life, health or system property and give periodic status reports as information is available. The board's executive director ~~will, in turn,~~ keeps board members properly informed.

3.3 The plan(s) must provide for an effective means of communication with employees, students, clientele, and the general public and include a system of mass notification that meets the requirements set forth in state law.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Tex. Educ. Code §§ [51.217](#), [51.218](#)

[20 U.S.C. § 1092](#)

~~[34 C.F.R. Code of Federal Regulations § 668.46](#)~~

[Texas Governor's Executive Order RP40](#)

[Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#)

[Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-5: Directive on Management of Domestic Incidents](#)

[Homeland Security Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-8: National Preparedness](#)

[National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#)

[Texas Division of Emergency Management – Local Emergency Management Planning Guide \(TDEM-10\), January 2008](#)

[National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) 1660 – Standard for Emergency, Continuity, and Crisis Management: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, 2024](#)

[FEMA \(CPG\) 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans, Version 23](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

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34.01 Environment, Safety and Security

Approved August 17, 2023 (MO -2023)
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Policy Summary

The Texas A&M University System (system) is committed to providing a safe and healthy educational and working environment. This policy outlines the roles and responsibilities for assurance that each system member develop and maintain appropriate environment, safety, and security programs that protect students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the surrounding community.

Policy

1. GENERAL

Integral to the teaching, research, and service mission of each system member is the maintenance of a campus and workplace that is free of recognized hazards and in accordance with applicable institutional, local, state, and federal environment, safety, and security requirements and best practices.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. As provided by Executive Order GWB 95-8 (Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees, Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property), the system and its members will develop and maintain comprehensive health and safety programs.
- 2.2. Each member CEO will provide resources sufficient to manage the environment, safety, and security risks inherent to member operations.
- 2.3. System Environment, Safety and Security (ESS) will provide the following supportive services for system members:
 - a) Develop, implement, monitor, and review system-wide environment, safety, and security programs;
 - b) Assist in the development and implementation of each member's environment, safety and security program;
 - c) Develop or enhance environment, safety and security related education and training opportunities throughout the system;
 - d) Provide consultative environment, safety and security related services to the A&M system and its members;
 - e) Assist member personnel and functionally responsible offices in overcoming barriers to achieve the highest level of environment safety and security program performance;

- f) Collaborate with members to develop innovative and effective ways to mitigate risks;
- g) Conduct and direct environment, safety and security reviews and investigations.

2.4. ESS has unrestricted access to all operations, records, information, property, and personnel to fulfil their responsibilities and will have the independence necessary to be able to carry out duties effectively without fear of retaliation.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Executive Order GWB 95-8 *Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees, Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property*](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

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24.01 Risk Management

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Policy Summary

The Texas A&M University System (system) is exposed to a multitude of risks related to the operations, activities, and endeavors of its members. These risks can come in the form of potential loss of property, financial liability, and reputational risks. System Risk Management supports the strategic mission and goals of the system by identifying, analyzing, controlling and, when appropriate, financing these risks. This is accomplished through insurance procurement, administration of the system's self-insurance programs, developing and maintaining a standard for the protection of minors on campus as well as implementing and overseeing Enterprise Risk Management systemwide.

Policy

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 This regulation outlines the responsibilities and business processes of System Risk Management.
- 1.2 System Risk Management serves as a partner and risk advisor to the system and its members to empower them to understand the implications in making decisions to self-retain, mitigate, transfer, or eliminate the impact of risk.
- 1.3 System Risk Management prepares and submits an annual report on the system's risk management programs to the Board of Regents (board), chancellor and member CEOs.

2. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 System Risk Management encourages a review of all member contracts to determine the risks associated with the performance of the contract by outside parties. Insurance recommendations are provided to insert suggested language into the contract to better protect the interests of the system and its members.
- 2.2 System Risk Management reviews contractual insurance requirements placed on the system and/or its members. Due to sovereign immunity, the Texas Tort Claim Act, and statutory limitations placed on state entities, System Risk Management works closely with General Counsel to be certain contractual insurance requirements placed on the system and its members are appropriate.

- 2.3 A systemwide standard and protocol is established and maintained by System Risk Management for all Camps and Programs for minors sponsored and operated by the system and its members, as well as third-party programs using member facilities.
- 2.4 Each system member can submit a Risk Assessment Matrix to System Risk Management for the evaluation and assessment of risks involved with a specific activity or endeavor. The assessment will uncover possible vulnerabilities, the estimated cost of recovery in the event of damage, and any mitigating risk strategies. Based on the risk tolerance level determined – risk transfer options can be evaluated.
- 2.5 System Risk Management will review and provide risk assessments for all international travel to locations which are considered extreme risk.
- 2.6 System Risk Management provides ethical claims administration of the System's self-insured Workers' Compensation, Auto Liability, and Medical Malpractice plans. It also liaises with third-party administrators, brokers, and carriers of commercially procured insurance policies claims departments to advocate for the best financial outcome for the system and its members.

System Risk Management may also handle the procurement and administration of systemwide RMIS software solutions.

3. RISK TRANSFER

System Risk Management will work to establish uniform risk transfer strategies in addressing the risks faced by the system. These risk transfer programs will provide effective ways to transfer risks to minimize the financial and reputational impact on members. These programs include, but are not limited to, System Self-Insured Auto Plan, System Self-Insured Workers Compensation Plan and other policies procured through commercial insurance companies.

4. ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) is the System's comprehensive program to identify and proactively manage/mitigate real and potential threats, as well as opportunities, that may affect the system and/or its members' strategic missions, goals or objectives.
- 4.2 ERM cultivates a culture of risk management across the system; where risk tolerance is considered at every level of decision making, from strategic development and implementation of the system's missions and objectives, to individual member department's everyday operations.
- 4.3 ERM will illuminate risks that are interrelated across the system and facilitates effective mitigation strategies of these interrelated risks. Risk Management, at the system and/or member level, is positioned to identify and proactively realize opportunities for growth, improved efficiencies, risk reduction or avoidance and in some cases increased risk tolerance.

- 4.4 To ensure the success of this program, members and the System Offices will conduct the enterprise risk management process on an annual basis, per System Regulation *16.01.01, Ethics and Compliance Programs* providing the report to System Risk Management for review. System Risk Management will evaluate the reports from members and provide an executive summary to the chancellor.
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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.966](#)

[Tex. Lab. Code, Ch. 502](#)

[Texas Tort Claims Act, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code, Ch. 101](#)

[System Regulation *24.01.02, Risk Transfer*](#)

[System Regulation *24.01.06, Programs for Minors*](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

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34.07 Emergency Management

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Policy Summary

The Texas A&M University System (system) is responsible for ensuring its members have plans in place to properly protect personnel and property in an emergency. By requiring that each member has a plan(s) to address various situations and by reviewing this plan(s) on a regular basis, the system can ensure each member is fulfilling its responsibilities to its constituents.

Policy

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The chancellor establishes for the System Offices (SO) and requires each member to establish, at the direction of the respective chief executive officer (CEO) or designee, a plan(s) to deal with various emergencies which might threaten system resources and the physical safety of employees, students, clientele and the general public.
- 1.2 Such a plan(s) must take a whole community approach that addresses natural, technological, and human-caused threats and hazards which requires the orderly management of resources and processes to protect life and property.

2. ASSUMPTIONS AND UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

In the development of an emergency management plan(s), the following assumptions, and underlying principles apply:

- 2.1 The protection of human health and safety is of the utmost importance.
- 2.2 Consistent with the primacy of human health and safety, system property and other resources must be protected and preserved wherever possible.
- 2.3 The system, when possible, assists federal, state and local governments, emergency management and relief agencies, etc., and may allocate facilities, equipment and personnel to assist in the event of disasters away from system property.
- 2.4 The system cooperates with federal, state and local disaster management and law enforcement agencies with respect to any emergency occurring on system property and/or involving system personnel or students.

- 2.5 The plan(s) must provide for the coordination of appropriate community partners, contract partners, and member employees and include a description of their roles and responsibilities during emergency situations.
- 2.6 The plan(s) must address the care for people with disabilities and individuals with access and functional needs in all emergency and disaster-related programs, services, and activities.
- 2.7 The member CEO must designate in the plan(s) a single individual or committee that is responsible for emergency planning and coordination.
- 2.8 The plan(s) must comply with all applicable regulations set forth by the U.S. Department of Education and other governing authorities concerning procedures for emergency response, evacuation, notification, training, and testing.
- 2.9 The System Office of General Counsel is consulted in cases where the legal responsibilities of the system are unclear.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Communications are from the chancellor or designee with respect to emergencies affecting the SO or the system as a whole and from the respective CEO or designee with respect to emergencies affecting a specific member.
- 3.2 The CEO must inform the chancellor and the executive director, Board of Regents (board), of any emergency that has occurred or that is threatening life, health or system property and give periodic status reports as information is available. The board's executive director keeps board members properly informed.
- 3.3 The plan(s) must provide for an effective means of communication with employees, students, clientele, and the general public and include a system of mass notification that meets the requirements set forth in state law.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Tex. Educ. Code §§ [51.217](#), [51.218](#)

[20 U.S.C. § 1092](#)

[34 C.F.R. § 668.46](#)

[Texas Governor's Executive Order RP40](#)

[Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#)

[Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-5: *Directive on Management of Domestic Incidents*](#)

[Homeland Security Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-8: *National Preparedness*](#)

[National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#)

[Texas Division of Emergency Management – *Local Emergency Management Planning Guide* \(TDEM-10\), January 2008](#)

[National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) 1660 – *Standard for Emergency, Continuity, and Crisis Management: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery*, 2024](#)

[FEMA \(CPG\) 101: *Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans*, Version 3](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

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34.01 Environment, Safety and Security

Approved August 17, 2023 (MO -2023)
Next Scheduled Review: August 17, 2028

Policy Summary

The Texas A&M University System (system) is committed to providing a safe and healthy educational and working environment. This policy outlines the roles and responsibilities for assurance that each system member develop and maintain appropriate environment, safety, and security programs that protect students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the surrounding community.

Policy

1. GENERAL

Integral to the teaching, research, and service mission of each system member is the maintenance of a campus and workplace that is free of recognized hazards and in accordance with applicable institutional, local, state, and federal environment, safety, and security requirements and best practices.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1. As provided by Executive Order GWB 95-8 (Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees, Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property), the system and its members will develop and maintain comprehensive health and safety programs.
- 2.2. Each member CEO will provide resources sufficient to manage the environment, safety, and security risks inherent to member operations.
- 2.3. System Environment, Safety and Security (ESS) will provide the following supportive services for system members:
 - a) Develop, implement, monitor, and review system-wide environment, safety, and security programs;
 - b) Assist in the development and implementation of each member's environment, safety and security program;
 - c) Develop or enhance environment, safety and security related education and training opportunities throughout the system;
 - d) Provide consultative environment, safety and security related services to the A&M system and its members;
 - e) Assist member personnel and functionally responsible offices in overcoming barriers to achieve the highest level of environment safety and security program performance;

- f) Collaborate with members to develop innovative and effective ways to mitigate risks;
- g) Conduct and direct environment, safety and security reviews and investigations.

2.4. ESS has unrestricted access to all operations, records, information, property, and personnel to fulfil their responsibilities and will have the independence necessary to be able to carry out duties effectively without fear of retaliation.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Ray Bonilla, General Counsel
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval for Substantive Revisions to System Policy *41.01, Real Property*

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the substantive revisions to System Policy *41.01, Real Property*.

Background Information:

This agenda item proposes the following substantive revisions to this policy for Board approval.

Throughout. Current text was reworded in numerous sections throughout to change the System Energy Resource Office (SERO) to System Land Management Office (SLMO).

Section 3(b). The dispositions of real property valued at \$250,000 or less have increased to \$500,000 or less.

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Definitions. Verbiage to include the subsurface pore space was added to the Surface estate definition.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The board’s adoption, maintenance and revision of system policies advances all eight Strategic Plan Imperatives by providing policy direction to the member institutions and agencies.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

System Office of General Counsel

July 18, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval for Substantive Revisions to System Policy *41.01, Real Property*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The substantive revisions to System Policy *41.01, Real Property*, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.”

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer



41.01 Real Property

~~Revised August 26, 2021 (MO 149-2021)~~

~~Revised August 17, 2023 (MO -2023)~~

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Any authority delegated to the chancellor in this policy may be further delegated by the chancellor in writing.

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3. DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY

It is the policy of the system to retain commercial water rights when disposing of real property consisting of 10 or more acres and to retain all mineral rights in all real property dispositions.

Subject to the foregoing, the chancellor has authority to approve:

- (a) dispositions of title to undivided surface estate interests; and
- (b) dispositions of real property valued at ~~\$500,250~~,000 or less.

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The chancellor is delegated authority to approve all other leases of a surface estate from third parties. The term “total consideration” means all rent, tenant improvement costs (but excluding furniture, fixtures and equipment) and other expenses payable by the system or a member, the amounts of which can be reasonably determined at the inception of the lease term, including base rent, security deposits and common area maintenance and other charges, but excluding the costs of insurance, taxes and maintenance under a “triple net” lease and rent escalations, unless the amount of those costs and/or rent escalations can be determined at the inception of the lease.

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5. LEASE OF MINERAL ESTATE

- 5.1 Process. A mineral estate may be leased for oil, gas, sulphur, mineral ore and other mineral development by public auction, sealed bid or negotiated agreement.
- 5.2 Delegation. The board delegates to the chancellor authority to approve mineral leases having:
- (a) a primary term of three years or less; and
 - (b) a royalty of:

- (1) at least 25% in states without statutory or compulsory pooling; or
- (2) less than 25% in states with statutory or compulsory pooling, if no 25% royalty option to lease is offered by the potential lessee.

The board also delegates to the chancellor authority to approve those mineral leases, ratifications, and related agreements in which the board does not own or control the executive rights.

All other mineral leases must be approved by the board.

6. EASEMENTS

- 6.1 Granting of Easements to Third Parties. The board must approve easements on a surface estate granted for highway or roadway purposes having an indefinite term. The chancellor has authority to approve all other easements over, across, under, or through real property, provided that the term of the easement does not exceed 10 years. The chancellor or designee will periodically publish a schedule of fees to be charged for easements over, across, under, or through real property. The chancellor has the right, in the public interest, to waive fees for easements granted to governmental entities or which solely serve the system or a member. Easements on real property may not exceed 10 years, except those granted for highway or roadway purposes which may be indefinite.
- 6.2 Easements from Third Parties. The board must approve easements over, across, under, or through real property owned by third parties and benefiting the system or a member if the consideration payable to the third party exceeds \$300,000.
- 6.3 Conservation Easements. Neither the system nor a member will be the holder of a conservation easement as defined in Section 183.001 of the *Texas Natural Resources Code* without first obtaining approval of the board.

7. PURCHASE/SALES PRICE AND APPRAISALS

In order to ~~ensure~~insure the system receives fair value, acquisitions and dispositions of title to real property must be supported by one or more current independent appraisals, market studies, and/or other reasonable documentation of value as determined by SREO in the case of a surface estate and/or ~~SLMERO~~ in the case of a mineral estate and in accordance with the rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, if applicable.

8. INCOME FROM REAL PROPERTY

- 8.1 Revenues from Real Property Acquired Other Than by Gift or Bequest. Unless otherwise directed by the board, by law or by an intrasystem agreement between or among members, and except as set forth in Sections 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, all sale proceeds, rents, fees and other income from the sale, lease or use of real property, including all surface damages paid by mineral lessees (other than damages to crops or other property of a tenant) must be credited to the account of the member to which the property has been assigned.
- 8.2 Revenues from Real Property Acquired by Gift or Bequest. Unless otherwise directed by the donor, and except as set forth in Section 8.4, all sale proceeds, rents, fees, royalties,

bonuses, damage recoveries and other income from the sale, lease or use of real property or mineral interests acquired by gift or bequest, must be credited to the account of the member designated as the donee of the gift or bequest; provided that, if the board or the system is designated as the donee, the board must determine the disposition of all revenues.

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9. PRIVATIZED HOUSING

Unless waived by the chancellor, prior to submitting a student housing construction project to the board for approval as a system project, a member must undertake a procurement process to identify a potential private partner/developer to design, construct and operate the project under a ground lease. All privatized student housing ground leases must be prepared or reviewed and approved by ~~the~~ OGC for legal sufficiency.

10. REPORTING

The chancellor reports to the board on a quarterly basis: (1) all acquisitions approved by the chancellor or designee under the authority of Section 2.3 in which the purchase price payable by the system or member exceeds \$500,000 and is less than \$1,000,000; and (2) all leases of a surface estate from third parties approved by the chancellor or designee under the authority of Section 4.2 in which the total consideration payable by the system or member exceeds \$500,000 and is less than \$1,000,000.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.009](#)

[Tex. Educ. Code § 85.25](#)

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[Tex. Educ. Code § 85.70](#)

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[19 Tex. Admin. Code Ch. 17](#)

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Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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System Policy *41.01, Real Property*

Definitions

Mineral estate – as used herein, refers to an ownership interest in real property that is less than fee title in the land and which interest grants the owner certain rights to use, control and/or dispose of the mineral interests located on, in and under the land and that excludes rights to the surface interests in the land, except those statutory rights implied for the purpose of exploration and development of the mineral interests and except those rights of the surface estate to the subsurface pore space.

Real property – as used herein, refers to an ownership interest, being fee title or less, in and to land, in and to the improvements and vegetation affixed to that land, and/or in and to those minerals in and under that land, and which interest grants the owner certain rights to use, control and/or dispose of the interest, including rights to both the surface estate and the mineral estate.

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System Policy *41.01, Real Property*

Definitions

Mineral estate – as used herein, refers to an ownership interest in real property that is less than fee title in the land and which interest grants the owner certain rights to use, control and/or dispose of the mineral interests located on, in and under the land and that excludes rights to the surface interests in the land, except those statutory rights implied for the purpose of exploration and development of the mineral interests and except those rights of the surface estate to the subsurface pore space.

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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Billy Hamilton, Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval for Revisions to System Policies *51.01, Capital Planning*, and *51.04, General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects*

Proposed Board Action:

Approve revisions to System Policies *51.01, Capital Planning*, and *51.04, General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects*.

Background Information:

The following revisions are proposed for Board approval.

System Policy 51.01.

- **Summary** – Language was added to include real property leases with significant tenant improvements.
- **Section 2.1(e)** - Additional language was added to include tenant improvement projects on leased property and to clarify scopes of \$4,000,000 or more.

System Policy 51.04.

- **Summary** – Verbiage was added to clarify leased property in certain cases.
- **Section 2.1** – Verbiage was added to include certain tenant improvement projects on leased property.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

None.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The board's adoption, maintenance and revision of system policies advances all eight Strategic Plan Imperatives by providing policy direction to the member institutions and agencies.

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer
July 18, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval for Revisions to System Policies *51.01, Capital Planning, and 51.04, General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects*

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The revisions to System Policies 51.01, Capital Planning, and 51.04, General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects, as shown in the attached exhibits, are approved, effective immediately.”

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel



51.01 Capital Planning

Revised ~~May 19, 2022 (MO-088-2022)~~ August 17, 2023 (MO -2023)

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- (d) Improved real property acquisitions with a value more than \$1,000,000; or:-
- (e) Projects (including certain tenant improvement projects on leased property) or acquisitions funded using Permanent University Fund (PUF) and/or Revenue Financing System (RFS) debt proceeds, with scopes of \$4,000,000 or more.

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3. MASTER PLANS

All members are required to have a master plan, which is consistent with projects in the capital plan. The master plans are periodically reviewed by the member and updated when necessary. Master plans and updates must be consistent with the member's development strategy and submitted to the board for review. Master plans and updates may be administered by FPC at the request of the member CEO.

4. PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS

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The member may appropriate funds for the preparation of the POR or SOW.

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[Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2253](#)

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9335](#)

[System Policy 51.04, General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects](#)

[System Policy 51.05, Furnishing and Equipping New and Renovated Buildings](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

~~System Office of~~ Facilities Planning & Construction
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51.01 Capital Planning

51.04 General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects

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Policy Summary

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Policy

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- 1.4 All facilities designed and constructed within the system must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
- 1.5 A performance bond for the full construction amount underwritten by surety companies authorized to conduct business in the state of Texas is required on all projects over \$100,000. A payment bond for the full construction amount underwritten by surety companies authorized to conduct business in the state of Texas is required on all projects over \$25,000. Both payment and performance bonds must be on forms approved by the

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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[System Policy 51.01, Capital Planning](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

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51.01 Capital Planning

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Member Rule Requirements

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Contact Office

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51.01 Capital Planning

51.04 General Requirements and Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects



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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[System Policy 51.01, Capital Planning](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

Contact Office

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Agenda Item No.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 5, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023,
Prairie View A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Prairie View A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-04.”

Respectfully submitted,

Tomikia P. LeGrande
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 23-04**

ITEM
EXHIBIT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
		<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>			
WHITLOWE R. GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION						
Dr. Lisa A. Wines	Professor Educational Leadership and Counseling	0	12	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2011) Sam Houston State University	Su 2011 – Sp 2014 Assistant Professor Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi Su 2014 – Sp 2018 Assistant Professor Lamar University Su 2018 – Fa 2022 Associate Professor Lamar University Sp 2023 – Present Professor Prairie View A&M University

- * Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Tomikia P. LeGrande, President
Prairie View A&M University

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2024,
Prairie View A&M University

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize faculty development leave for FY 2024 at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU).

Background Information:

System Policy [31.03, Leaves of Absence](#), and System Regulation [12.99.01, Faculty Development Leave](#), require that a recommendation for faculty development leave be submitted by the university president to the chancellor for recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval. At PVAMU, the application is submitted with support of the academic department, college dean, university development leave committee, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and president.

As shown in the exhibit, PVAMU requests approval for faculty development leave for one faculty member for FY 2024.

PVAMU is in compliance with the statutory requirement that no more than six percent of eligible faculty be on development leave at any time.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

No additional funding is required. Departmental faculty members are assuming the recommended faculty members teaching loads by adjusting course offerings the next academic year.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Strategic Plan Imperative 4: The A&M System will increase its prominence by building a robust and targeted research portfolio. Providing faculty development leave opportunities further supports PVAMU Goal Theme 4 (Research and Innovation) by increasing innovative research and scholarly productivity as well as Goal Theme 8 (Institutional Image) which seeks to advance the university's image through innovative, relevant, and meaningful research.

Agenda Item No.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 7, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2024,
Prairie View A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2024, Prairie View A&M University.”

Respectfully submitted,

Tomikia P. LeGrande
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
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**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST
FY 2024
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

Name/ Title/ Department	Years of PVAMU Tenured, Tenure- Track Service	Semester of Leave	Location, Brief Description of Leave and Benefit to University
BRAILS福德 COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES			
Joanna Mann Professor of English Department of Languages and Communication	7	Spring 2024	Leave will be spent in Prairie View, TX and Jackson, MS. During the leave, research and writing activities will be conducted to complete a book of five plays titled Unsung Southern Civil Rights Activists: Plays that Educate, Activate, and Liberate. This social conscious line of drama will contribute to the national dialogue to help students and educators alike to appreciate the plethora of unsung Southern civil rights activists who enabled all people to enjoy present civil rights. Students will become more informed scholars regarding civil rights history. The project is expected to culminate in a publication that will move academic communities toward thinking more about reconciliation instead of the chaos of the past. Dr. Mann's development leave will benefit the teaching mission in her department that houses theatrical performances through heightened student awareness and training, via innovative, creative presentations of historical approaches to new clarifications surrounding the humanities, and by means of enhancing the strategic vision of the university through notable contribution to the national dialogue that highlights the significant contributions of the subject.

Agenda Item No.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 7, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023,
Tarleton State University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-04.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 23-04**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES						
Dr. Edward Webb	Professor Animal Science	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board	PhD. (1994) University of Pretoria	Fa 2002 - Fa 2005 Associate Professor University of Pretoria
						Fa 2005 – Fa 2009 Department Head University of Pretoria
						Fa 2009 – Sp 2023 Professor University of Pretoria
						Sp 2023 – Present Professor Tarleton State University

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dr. Raj Aroskar	Dean	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board	PhD. (2002) University of Texas at Arlington	Fa 2008 – Fa 2014 Associate Professor University of Wisconsin Fa 2014 – 2019 Professor University of Wisconsin Fa 2019 – Sp 2023 Professor The College of Saint Rose Sp 2023 – Present Dean Tarleton State University
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Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Dr. James Hurley, President
Tarleton State University

Subject: Establishment of the Biotechnology Institute

Proposed Board Action:

Establish the Biotechnology Institute (Institute) within Tarleton State University's Division of Research, Innovation and Economic Development (RIED).

Background Information:

The Biotechnology Institute will provide an innovative, multidisciplinary research and workforce training hub in biotechnology at Texas A&M's new Fort Worth campus. The Institute's research will focus on bioinformatics and computational modeling of microbiomes with applications in agriculture, energy, environmental biotechnology, and health. Over time, the Biotechnology Institute will provide for the rapid development of a hands-on learning environment with a solid pipeline of trained data scientists and analysts ready to meet the needs of the regional workforce.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Start-up funding for the Biotechnology Institute will be provided through the Division of Research, Innovation and Economic Development and will cover start-up costs for the first three years. Sustaining support for the Biotechnology Institute will be procured from external grants, primarily from the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Science Foundation.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System Strategic Imperatives #3-5. The establishment of the Biotechnology Institute will provide multidisciplinary, hands-on training for STEM students designed in collaboration with faculty input from the Department of Biological Sciences, the Department of Engineering Technology, and an external advisory board to ensure that the skills learned and developed meet the current demands of the workforce. The Institute will also provide faculty with critical resources and human capital to engage in multidisciplinary research, driving innovation. The Institute will foster external partnerships within the biotechnology industry to provide additional support to our students through unique scholarship and internship opportunities.

Agenda Item No.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

April 11, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Establishment of the Biotechnology Institute

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Biotechnology Institute is hereby established as an organizational unit of Tarleton State University within the Division of Research, Innovation and Economic Development.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Hurley
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

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Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Tarleton State University
Biotechnology Institute

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Rationale for the Creation of the Biotechnology Institute (Institute)

Texas is home to over 5,000 biotechnology manufacturing and R&D firms. The state capital, Austin, is an established biotechnology hub and is already a top city for the biotechnology industry. To the north, Dallas-Fort Worth is also a rapidly growing market desirable to life sciences entrepreneurs. Novartis, Genentech, Alcon, Astra Zeneca, Peloton Therapeutics, Reata Pharmaceuticals, and Taysha Gene Therapies have a significant presence in Dallas-Fort Worth. They are giving rise to what is now one of the largest life sciences clusters in the nation.

At the forefront of this expansion is the growing application of biological data when paired with advances in computational power. The advent of supercomputers, rapid advances in sequencing technology, and predication software and tools and software have allowed the biotechnology community to make considerable progress in what is possible through their data projects. For example, we can rapidly identify new genes, novel enzymes, and protein structures of commercial value. Developments in protein modeling, AI, and machine learning have further empowered the biomedical community to identify genetic risk factors and predict how new drugs will react to their protein targets, rapidly speeding up drug discovery processes. Coupled with wearable technology, biological data allows doctors to monitor their patient's health in real-time, a significant advance in a post-COVID era. Microbial biomarkers can be used to track the distribution and fate of environmental pollutants. Taken together, bioinformatics and other omics-related technologies have enormous potential in many different biotechnology sectors, from agriculture to medicine to the energy community. Therefore, there is great demand for qualified bioinformaticians, data scientists, analysts, and programmers within life science hubs, and that demand is only expected to grow exponentially in the future.

2. General Description of the Biotechnology Institute and Its Mission and Goals

Tarleton State University's Division of Research, Innovation and Economic Development (RIED) seeks to establish a Biotechnology Institute with a mission to support innovative, multidisciplinary research and training in biotechnology at Texas A&M's new Fort Worth campus. The Biotechnology Institute has three primary goals. (1) Serve as a hub for collaboration between The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) faculty and industry partners to support omics-based projects in agriculture, energy, environmental biotechnology, and biomedical health. (2) Drive research innovation in omics-driven technologies. (3) Provide students with the knowledge and experience to meet this booming industry's data science, programming, and analytical needs.

The Institute will maintain an online portal to promote its ongoing research and computational services and disseminate news and information on the local biotechnology industry, professional development programs, and job opportunities. Looking toward the future, the Biotechnology Institute will anchor a broader effort to create a technology and research innovation district in downtown Fort Worth, which will spur growth and meet the diverse needs of the city and Tarrant County economies.

3. Potential Faculty Associated with the Biotechnology Institute and Potential Intersystem and Other Collaborations

The Biotechnology Institute will seek collaborating faculty from several colleges and departments at Tarleton. These include the Departments of Biological Sciences as well as Chemistry, Geosciences, and Physics from the College of Sciences and Mathematics and the Department of Engineering Technology from the College of Engineering. In addition, the Institute will actively seek partnerships with other A&M System institutions and regional universities, professional development organizations, and research centers.

4. Potential Activities

The Biotechnology Institute's primary research focus at start-up will center on studying and analyzing microbiomes, particularly those associated with contaminated or polluted environments.

Special emphasis is given to the following:

- Interpretation of the underlying microbial community structure and function at these sites.
- Elucidating differences in community structure in the presence of specific contaminants or external stimuli.
- Identifying enzymes or other proteins with commercial value to agriculture, environmental biotechnology, energy, and health industries.
- Completing pathway modeling of microbial isolates and building consortia for environmental remediation.

Institute personnel and collaborating faculty will train and mentor students in methodologies involving bioinformatics, biostatistics, data visualization tools, and next-generation sequencing methods.

5. Impact on Education and Training of Students

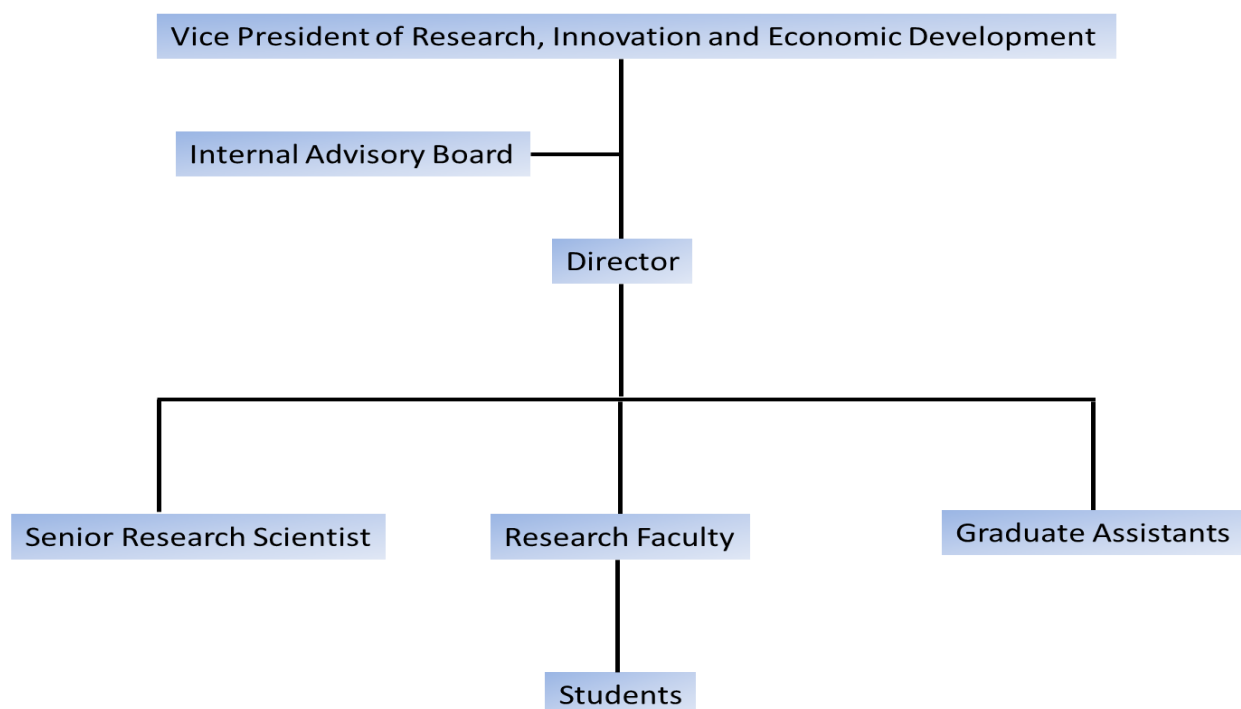
The Biotechnology Institute will impact students in several ways. Students will receive tailored training in programming (Biopython, R), database management, and data analysis skills in high demand in the biotechnology workforce. They will also participate in internships and research projects with industry partners and collaborating faculty to foster ties with the industry. In time, workshops will be given to train high school students in data-driven analytical techniques to increase their understanding of how this information drives significant changes in their world and generate sustained interest. Lastly, the Institute will disseminate career opportunities to students through its web portal.

6. Sources and Future Expectations of Financial Support

Tarleton will provide start-up funds to cover costs for hiring Institute personnel, including a senior research scientist and 3 graduate assistants. Startup funds will also provide summer salary for two Tarleton faculty to begin research work at the Institute. Offices, workspace and administrative support will be provided to personnel by RIED. Our senior research scientist's initial research work will be informatics-driven, and any requisite software and data storage needs will be supported through an NSF grant that is active until the end of August 2023. Research support in the form of new personnel, software, equipment, materials, and consumables will be obtained through a combination of extramural grants and RIED.

7. Governance and Advisory Structure

An organization chart for the Biotechnology Institute at start-up is shown below.



Institute Management

Dr. Rupa Iyer, Vice President of Research, Innovation and Economic Development, will oversee all activities conducted at the Biotechnology Institute. Dr. Iyer will appoint an Institute director and a senior research scientist to initiate start-up activities. Administrative support will be provided through RIED. The director will provide academic leadership, research direction, and mentorship to the Institute's research staff, our collaborating faculty, and external partners. In addition, the director will be responsible for recruiting talented and diverse individuals to the Institute, allocating resources that support the Institute's growth, and providing access to Institute facilities for faculty, students, and external partners. The director will report to Dr. Iyer and the advisory board at the end of each fiscal year. Our senior research scientist will be responsible for developing and implementing new bioinformatic and statistical analysis tools and pipelines for microbiome-related research projects and procuring external funding through grant-based initiatives. Several graduate students will be provided to research personnel to help with maintenance and other tasks related to data management.

Advisory Board

An Internal Advisory Board will be vetted and selected by Dr. Rupa Iyer. Advisory board members will comprise Tarleton faculty and research investigators with a vested research interest in biotechnology with a focus on environmental science, informatics technology, manufacturing, and entrepreneurship. Board members will meet with Dr. Iyer and the Institute's director annually to ensure the Institute's goals and current stakeholders' needs are met.

8. Mechanisms for Periodic Review

The Biotechnology Institute will be externally reviewed at least every five years per guidelines set forth in System Policy 11.02, *Creation of Centers and Institutes*. Reviewers will submit recommendations to the Vice President of Research, Innovation and Economic Development, Dr. Rupa Iyer.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

August 1, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023,
Texas A&M University

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members at Texas A&M University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-04.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Welsh III
Interim President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

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Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 23-04**

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & LIFE SCIENCES						
Dr. Mary Katherine Gonder	Professor Ecology and Conservation Biology	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2000) The City University of New York	Su 2007 – Su 2013 Assistant Professor University at Albany – State University of New York Fa 2013 – Fa 2013 Associate Professor (Tenured 2013) University at Albany – State University of New York Fa 2013 – Su 2019 Associate Professor (Tenured 2013) Drexel University Fa 2019 – Su 2023 Professor Drexel University Su 2023 Professor Texas A&M University

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Dr. Yuchao Jiang	Associate Professor Statistics	0	6	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2017) University of Pennsylvania	Fa 2017 – Su 2023 Assistant Professor University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Su 2023 Associate Professor Texas A&M University
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dr. Kenneth Hoyt	Professor Biomedical Engineering	0	15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2005) Drexel University	Fa 2008 – Su 2013 Assistant Professor University of Alabama at Birmingham Fa 2013 – Su 2015 Associate Professor University of Alabama at Birmingham Fa 2015 – Su 2023 Associate Professor (Tenured 2019) University of Texas at Dallas Su 2023 Professor Texas A&M University
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Enrique J. Lavernia	Professor Materials Science and Engineering	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1986) Massachusetts Institute of Technology	<p>Su 1987 – Su 1991 Assistant Professor University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Su 1991 – Su 1995 Associate Professor (Tenured 1991) University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Su 1995 – Su 2002 Professor University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Su 2002 – Fa 2002 Chancellor's Professor University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Fa 2002 – Sp 2011 Professor University of California, Davis</p> <p>Sp 2011 – Su 2015 Distinguished Professor University of California, Davis</p> <p>Su 2015 – Present Distinguished Professor University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Fa 2023 Professor Texas A&M University</p>
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Don M. Lipkin	Professor Materials Science and Engineering	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1996) University of California	<p>1996 – 2000 Materials Scientist, Physical Metallurgy Laboratory General Electric Research</p> <p>2000 – 2006 Manager, Structural Materials Laboratory General Electric Research</p> <p>2006 – 2010 Senior Materials Scientist, Coating and Surface Technologies Laboratory General Electric Research</p> <p>2010 – 2014 Senior Materials Scientist, Engineered Ceramics Laboratory General Electric Research</p> <p>2014 – 2018 Principal Scientist, Structural Materials General Electric Research</p> <p>2018 – 2023 Senior Principal Scientist, Materials and Mechanical Systems General Electric Research</p> <p>Su 2023 Professor Texas A&M University</p>
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (Continued)

Dr. Julie M. Schoenung	Professor Materials Science and Engineering	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1987) Massachusetts Institute of Technology	<p>Fa 1989 – Su 1991 Assistant Professor California State Polytechnic University</p> <p>Fa 1991 – Su 1994 Associate Professor (Tenured 1991) California State Polytechnic University</p> <p>Fa 1994 – Su 2001 Professor California State Polytechnic University</p> <p>Fa 2001 – Su 2002 Associate Professor (Tenured 2001) University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Fa 2002 – Su 2006 Associate Professor University of California, Davis</p> <p>Fa 2006 – Su 2015 Professor University of California, Davis</p> <p>Fa 2015 – Present Professor University of California, Irvine</p> <p>Fa 2023 Professor Texas A&M University</p>
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MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL

Dr. Stephen Anderson	Professor Marketing	0	8	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2015) London Business School	<p>Fa 2015 – Sp 2019 Assistant Professor Stanford University</p> <p>Fa 2019 – Sp 2020 Associate Professor Stanford University</p> <p>Fa 2020 – Sp 2023 Assistant Professor University of Texas at Austin</p> <p>Su 2023 – Present Professor Texas A&M University</p>
Dr. Yonghoon G. Lee	Associate Professor Management	0	8	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2015) Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD)	<p>Fa 2015 – Present Assistant Professor The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</p> <p>Su 2023 Associate Professor Texas A&M University</p>
Dr. Brian Williams	Professor Accounting	0	7	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2015) University of Oregon	<p>Fa 2016 – Su 2022 Assistant Professor Indiana University</p> <p>Fa 2022 – Sp 2023 Associate Professor (Tenured 2022) Indiana University</p> <p>Su 2023 Professor Texas A&M University</p>

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Dr. Ivis García	Associate Professor Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning	1	8	Upon Approval by the Board	Ph.D. (2015) University of Illinois at Chicago	Fa 2015 – Sp 2022 Assistant Professor University of Utah Su 2022 – Present Associate Professor Texas A&M University
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SCHOOL OF LAW

Ms. Rachel F. Moran	Professor Law	0	>15	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	J.D. (1981) Yale University	Fa 1982 – Su 2010 Professor (Tenured 1988) University of California, Berkeley Su 2010 – Fa 2019 Distinguished Professor (Tenured 2010) University of California, Los Angeles Sp 2020 – Su 2022 Distinguished Professor University of California, Irvine Su 2022 – Su 2023 Distinguished and Chancellor's Professor University of California, Irvine Su 2023 Professor Texas A&M University
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SCHOOL OF LAW (Continued)

Dr. Murat C. Mungan	Professor Law	0	9	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	J.D. (2011) George Mason University	Fa 2013 – Sp 2015 Assistant Professor Florida State University
					Ph.D. (2010) Boston College	Fa 2015 – Sp 2016 Professor Florida State University
						Fa 2016 – Su 2018 Associate Professor (Tenured 2016) George Mason University
						Fa 2018 – Sp 2023 Professor George Mason University
						Sp 2023 – Present Professor Texas A&M University

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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Mark A. Welsh III, Interim President
Texas A&M University

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Science Degree Program with a Major in Supply Chain and Analytics, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University (Texas A&M) leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) in Supply Chain and Analytics (SCAN), authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The proposed M.S. SCAN integrates tools from supply chain, analytics, optimization, machine learning and information technology. The purpose of the proposed program is to develop supply chain leaders with significant skills in analytics and data-driven decisions to improve operations, inventory management, logistics and distribution, and customer service. The proposed program leverages the existing faculty strengths in the Department of Information and Operations Management in the Mays Business School in the areas of supply chain, analytics, optimization, and information technology to create a graduate degree designed to position students to lead supply chain organizations in a data-driven environment. Students will complete 32-semester credit hours of coursework in 11 months.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Estimated new costs over the first five years are \$1,808,000 and will be funded from estimated five-year revenues of \$3,883,512 from tuition and program fees. New costs include the addition of one faculty member to serve as program director. The program director will teach in the program, serve as mentor for the proposed M.S. SCAN students, and supervise all aspects of the program, including admissions. Other faculty in the program will be from the existing Department of Operations and Information Management faculty and will be paid overload compensation.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Approval of this agenda item will advance The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) strategic imperatives 1, 3, and 5. Specifically, all qualified students will have an array of pathways to pursue their ambitions and interests. Students will leave the A&M System as responsible and engaged citizens prepared for successful careers in a global economy.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

August 1, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Science Degree Program with a Major in Supply Chain and Analytics, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Science in Supply Chain and Analytics.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Welsh III
Interim President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University

Master of Science
with a major in Supply Chain and Analytics
(CIP 30.7102)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Information and Operations Management, Mays Business School

The proposed 32-semester credit hour (SCH) Master of Science (M.S.) in Supply Chain and Analytics (SCAN) integrates tools from supply chain, analytics, optimization, machine learning, and information technology. The purpose of the program is to develop supply chain leaders with significant skills in analytics and data-driven decisions to improve operations, inventory management, logistics and distribution, and customer service. The proposed M.S. SCAN leverages the existing faculty strengths in the Department of Information and Operations Management in the areas of supply chain, analytics, optimization, and information technology to create a graduate degree designed to position students to lead supply chain organizations in a data-driven environment.

Specifically, the proposed M.S. SCAN will prepare students to:

- collect, interpret, and analyze data relevant to managing a global supply chain;
- apply analytical models to make data-driven supply chain decisions;
- use effective sourcing strategies for procurement around the world; and
- communicate effectively both written and orally with multiple stakeholders throughout the organization.

The proposed M.S. SCAN includes 26 SCHs of required courses and six SCHs of prescribed electives.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2024.

Texas A&M University (Texas A&M) certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The proposed M.S. SCAN integrates tools from analytics, statistical learning, optimization, logistics, and information technology to address significant challenges in managing the modern supply chains. As global supply chains become increasingly complex, employers will be seeking graduates who are able to combine the strengths of conventional supply chain education with the recent advances in analytics, particularly in the areas of machine

learning and artificial intelligence for solving some of the grand challenges in supply chain management.

The graduates of M.S. SCAN will be suitable for employment as logisticians and supply chain managers, or for a more analytics-focused role as operations research analyst or data scientists in the technology, retailing, manufacturing, and consulting sectors. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects the annual job outlook for logisticians to grow 30% from 2020-2030, much faster than the average for all occupations.¹ Supply chain managers and operations research analysts use advanced mathematical, statistical, and computer algorithms to solve complex supply chain and operations problems. The BLS projects the annual job outlook for operations research analysts to grow 25% from 2020-2030, also much faster than the average for all occupations.²

Graduates of supply chain programs, especially with an emphasis on analytics and technology, are experiencing the most increased demand across all industries. A review of recent job postings for supply chain/analytics/technology at wwwIndeed.com, shows 1,241 openings in the state of Texas, 197 of them in the \$100K plus salary range. A similar review at www.glassdoor.com shows 851 jobs with a master's degree in supply chain as desirable, many in the salary range of \$75K-100K. Enrollment in most master's degrees in supply chain in the state of Texas is limited to 40-50 students, which does not keep up with the demand for the jobs available in this field.

A broad array of companies hired graduates of supply chain programs in 2020-2021. Several peer and aspirant schools listed the following companies as employers of supply chain program graduates: Accenture, Amazon, Apple, Applied Materials, Boeing, Deloitte Consulting, Dell, Ernst and Young, ExxonMobil, Honeywell, JD Logistics, Intel, Microsoft, Nike, PepsiCo, Tesla, Walmart, Wayfair, and US Navy. These employers will find the proposed degree that blends the tools from supply chain, analytics, and technology appealing.

B. Projected Enrollment

The table below shows the estimated cumulative headcount for the first five years of the program. The attrition rate is estimated to be around 4%, which is consistent with attrition in the Mays Business School Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and M.S. programs. All students will be full-time students. The proposed M.S. SCAN will allow students to graduate within 11 months of entering the program.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total New Students	40	50	50	50	50
Attrition	2	2	2	2	2
Cumulative Headcount	40	50	50	50	50
FTSE	40	50	50	50	50
Graduates	38	48	48	48	48

¹ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Logisticians, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/logisticians.htm> (visited February 12, 2022).

² Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Operations Research Analysts, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/math/operations-research-analysts.htm> (visited February 25, 2022).

C. Existing State Programs

There are currently five master's degree programs in analytics with the 30.7102 CIP Code offered at Texas universities: Angelo State University, Baylor University, Midwestern State University, the University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley, and the University of Texas at Dallas. With the exception of the Midwestern State University program, which is an analytics specialization within its M.B.A., these are all business analytics programs not focused specifically on supply chain and analytics.

The curricula for two other programs within Texas are also noteworthy – Master's in Supply Chain Management degrees offered by the University of Texas at Dallas (CIP 52.1301) and the University of Houston (CIP 52.1301). While some similarity in the curricula between these programs and the proposed M.S. SCAN program is inevitable, unlike the M.S. SCAN, these programs do not emphasize a significant technology and analytics component in their supply chain education. The proposed M.S. SCAN is an 11-month program targeted to those with undergraduate degrees in engineering, computer science, sciences, agriculture, statistics, and liberal arts seeking a graduate degree in business.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

During the first five years, the program will require one additional faculty member to support the proposed program. This new tenure-track faculty member will join two tenured/tenure-track and 13 academic professional track faculty already in the Department of Information and Operations Management. The proposed M.S. SCAN will be taught by the same faculty who possess a wealth of expertise in supply chain management and information technology.

B. Program Administration

The Department of Information and Operations Management in Mays Business School will administer the program. A faculty member will be hired as program director to oversee all aspects of the program.

C. Other Personnel

No additional new personnel are expected.

D. Supplies, Materials

The program has budgeted \$5,000 per year for the first five years toward purchasing supplies that will be used to support the program's needs with an anticipated cost of \$25,000 over the first five years.

E. Library

The proposed program will be adequately supported by the Texas A&M University Libraries. This program will not require additional library resources as current library holdings include all the required materials needed to support the program.

F. Equipment, Facilities

All classes will be held in the E. L. Wehner Building (Wehner). Because the courses are taught by faculty who are already housed in the Department of Information and Operations Management, no additional faculty office space will be required. The newly hired program director will occupy one of the available faculty offices in the Department of Information and Operations Management, and the existing administrative staff will use the workspace in the Student Services suite. The equipment in classrooms and in the West Campus Library will support the needs of the program. The Master's Student Lounge and the Team Rooms on the second floor of Wehner will be a place for student teams to meet.

G. Accreditation

No program-specific accreditation exists.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$1,000,000	Formula Income	\$404,530
Program Administration	\$625,000	Statutory Tuition	\$305,700
Graduate Assistants	\$108,000	Designated Tuition	\$1,105,267
Supplies and Materials	\$25,000	Other Funding:	
Library and IT Resources	\$0	Board Authorized Tuition	\$305,700
Equipment, Facilities	\$0	Student Program Fees	\$1,762,315
Other (Scholarships)	\$50,000		
Estimated New 5-Year Costs	\$1,808,000	Estimated New 5-Year Revenues	\$3,883,512

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Office of the President

June 7, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023,
Texas A&M University-Commerce

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-Commerce as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-04.”

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Rudin
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
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Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

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General Counsel

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
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EXHIBIT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
		<u>Univ.</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>			
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ARTS						
Dr. Laurel Jay Carpenter	Professor Department of Art	0	11	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2021) Northumbria University, UK	Fa 2005 – Sp 2011 Assistant Professor Alfred University Fa 2011 – Sp 2016 Associate Professor (Tenured 2011) Alfred University Su 2023 – Present Professor Texas A&M University- Commerce

- * Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

June 1, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023,
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-04.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 23-04**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards</u> <u>Tenure*</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
		<u>Univ./</u>	<u>Other Inst.</u>			
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE						
Dr. Florencio Eloy Hernández	Professor College of Science	0	20	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (1996) Universidad Central de Venezuela in collaboration with L'Université Franche-Comté	Fa 2002 – Sp 2008 Assistant Professor University of Central Florida Fa 2008 – Sp 2016 Associate Professor University of Central Florida Sp 2016 – Fa 2022 Professor University of Central Florida Su 2019 – Su 2020 Interim Associate Dean University of Central Florida Su 2020 – Fa 2022 Associate Dean University of Central Florida Sp 2023 – Present Dean Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

*Each university determines, through a review process, the number of years each faculty member will be awarded tenure based on his/her dossier.

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science Degree Program with a Major in Public Health, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program with a major in Public Health, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

A&M-Corpus Christi is proposing a face-to-face B.S. in Public Health (BSPH) to build and strengthen the public health workforce by preparing students in new approaches to emerging global and public health issues, including the prevention of communicable disease, environmental health, public health surveillance, and health management. The proposed BSPH curriculum aligns with the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) standards. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data indicate a significantly greater than average employment growth of 11%-32% for health-focused occupations, including community health workers, health educators, and medical and health service managers. The Texas Workforce Commission's Report on Texas Growth Occupations-2022 indicates that the Health Care and Social Assistance sector has become a dominant industry for employment in Texas. No public health programs exist within a 150-mile radius of the university. Student demand for the proposed BSPH is high; between 2015 and 2019, the number of bachelor's degree completions in public health grew at an annualized rate of 45.8% in Texas. The proposed BSPH program will require the completion of 120-semester credit hours, including a 300-hour internship.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The proposed program will be funded through tuition and fees generated from projected enrollment and formula funding. There are no broader financial implications for The Texas A&M University System. Costs include hiring four new faculty members, administrative stipends, re-assignment of staff time, materials, and other expenses.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The proposed program addresses several of the A&M System's strategic plan imperatives, particularly imperative 1. It will provide sustainable career paths for individuals in the South Texas region and responds to the needs of the people of Texas by strengthening the state's public health workforce.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

May 25, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Bachelor of Science Degree Program with a Major in Public Health,
and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves
the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus
Christi leading to a Bachelor of Science with a major in Public Health.**

**The Board also authorizes submission of A&M-Corpus Christi’s new
degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the
Coordinating Board have been met.”**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Bachelor of Science
with a major in Public Health
(CIP 51.2201.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Health Sciences within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The proposed face-to-face Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Public Health (BSPH) will build and strengthen the public health workforce by preparing students in new approaches to emerging global and public health issues, including the prevention of communicable disease, environmental health, public health surveillance, and health management. The proposed BSPH curriculum was developed in accordance with the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The proposed BSPH program emphasizes application-based learning, a broad-based curriculum, and content-based specificity. Students will experience the industry through extensive internship hours and learn more about public health, disease prevention, program management, and public health policy by completing a variety of courses.

Upon completion of the proposed BSPH degree, graduates of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) will demonstrate an understanding of the principles, practices, and applications common to public health promotion and disease prevention. They will be able to understand and apply basic public health sciences, including epidemiology, health and policy administration, behavioral and social sciences, biostatistics, and environmental and occupational public health, to the prevention of illness and injury.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2024.

A&M-Corpus Christi certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 regarding need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

Market analyses provide a compelling and growing need for public health professionals, with a particularly positive employment outlook. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data indicate a significantly greater than average employment growth ranging from 11%-32% for health-focused occupations for which a BSPH graduate qualifies, including community health workers, health educators, and medical and health service managers. The Texas Workforce Commission's Report on Texas Growth Occupations-2022 indicates that the Health Care and Social Assistance sector has become a dominant industry for employment in Texas. The occupations within this category are projected to add the most jobs and grow at the fastest rates from 2018 through 2028 and, in many cases, the

percentage of growth is higher than the outlook from the BLS. Texas faces a dynamic number of public health challenges that create a sustained labor demand for relevant professionals, including public health workers. The Health Care and Social Assistance sector is fraught with training challenges as employers are demanding more highly educated workers due to market demands and industry expectations.

B. Projected Enrollment

A&M-Corpus Christi predicts enrollment of 30 new students for the first year, adding five new students annually thereafter, so the year five incoming cohort would be 50 new students. The proposed degree program will initially use an annual retention rate of 80% as a benchmark with 20% attrition. With a high level of flexibility, the program will recruit a diverse student population, including out-of-state students, underrepresented students, working professionals, and military personnel. A&M-Corpus Christi is a Hispanic-serving institution. Direct contact with targeted state and regional industries, for which relationships have been fostered, will further enhance recruitment, enrollment, and retention.

C. Existing State Programs

There are 17 public Texas institutions offering bachelor's degree programs in Public Health. Of these, two are online and one is offered in a blended format, with both online and in-person components. However, no comparable program exists within 150 miles of the A&M-Corpus Christi campus.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The proposed BSPH program will require four new tenure track faculty members (two Assistant and two Associate Professors). Two faculty members will be hired in the first year and, if enrollment projections are met, one additional faculty member will be hired in year two and one in year three. The total first-year cost for faculty salaries will be \$180,000. These faculty will support both the proposed BSPH and the proposed Master of Science in Public Health programs.

B. Program Administration

The new cost for program administration will be \$22,500 annually for a five-year total of \$112,500.

C. Other Personnel

To support the new program, reallocated time of an administrative assistant at 33% effort and an academic advisor at 15% effort are included in the cost analysis. These positions will have a reassigned cost of \$15,395 annually for a five-year reallocated total of \$76,975.

D. Supplies, Materials

Supplies and materials are budgeted at \$20,000 per year, for a total five-year cost of \$100,000.

E. Library & IT Resources

The library staff will reallocate \$3,500 per year for the first five years of the proposed BSPH program for a total cost of \$17,500. They also suggest the addition of four journal subscriptions as a result of a collection analysis; the new journals will have a five-year new cost of \$19,892. IT Resources for new faculty are a total five-year cost of \$12,000.

F. Equipment, Facilities

There are no new equipment or facilities costs associated with this proposal.

G. Accreditation

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is the international accrediting body for academic programs in public health and assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research and service, through collaboration with organizational and community partners. The proposed BSPH program and courses were developed using CEPH standards and criteria, such that when the program employs four full-time equivalencies (4.0 FTE) and has collected three years of outcome data (the minimum number of years of outcome data required by CEPH), it is positioned to immediately submit a CEPH application and begin the accreditation review process. Based upon CEPH's fee schedule, estimated five-year fees for accreditation are \$34,000.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$1,473,062	Formula Income	\$200,592
Program Administration	\$112,500	Statutory Tuition	\$547,200
Graduate Assistants	\$0	Reallocation	\$107,539
Supplies & Materials	\$100,000	Designated Tuition	\$1,451,174
Library & IT Resources	\$49,392	Other Funding: *Includes Graduate Tuition and Student Fees	\$1,261,690
Equipment, Facilities	\$0		
Other (Accreditation)	\$34,000		
Other (Clerical/Staff)	\$76,975		
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$1,845,930	Estimated 5-Year Revenues	\$3,568,195

Agenda Item No.

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Kelly M. Miller, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Public Health Degree Program with a Major in Public Health, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) leading to a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree program with a major in Public Health, authorize the submission of this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

A&M-Corpus Christi is proposing a 100% online M.P.H. to provide opportunities beyond the proposed BSPH. The proposed M.P.H. will prepare mental health and rehabilitation counselors and provide advancement and leadership opportunities for health care and social assistance workers. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data indicate average employment growth of 10% to 23% for these fields in the next ten years. The Texas Workforce Commission's Report on Texas Growth Occupations-2020 indicates that the Health Care and Social Assistance occupations are projected to grow at the fastest rates from 2018 through 2028. No public health programs exist within a 150-mile radius of the university. Student demand for the proposed M.P.H is high. Nationally, conferral of M.P.H. degrees grew 455% from 1991 through 2019. Students from undergraduate degree programs in health science, health care administration, environmental science, and biomedical sciences can feed into the proposed M.P.H. program. The proposed M.P.H. program will require completion of 45-semester credit hours, per the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accreditation guidelines. The 100% online delivery modality will provide flexibility for degree completion.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

The program will be funded through tuition and fees generated from projected enrollment and formula funding. There are no broader financial implications for The Texas A&M University System.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The proposed program addresses several of the A&M System's strategic plan imperatives, particularly imperative 1. It will provide sustainable career paths for individuals in the South Texas region and responds to the needs of the people of Texas by strengthening the state's public health workforce.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Office of the President

May 25, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Master of Public Health Degree Program with a Major in Public Health, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Master of Public Health with a major in Public Health.

The Board also authorizes submission of A&M-Corpus Christi’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly M. Miller
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Master of Public Health
with a major in Public Health
(CIP 51.2201.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Health Sciences within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The proposed 100% online Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree program will provide the flexibility to address the growing need for public health professionals across the community, region, state, and nation. The proposed M.P.H. program will offer specializations in population health research and analytics. Students will complete 45-semester credit hours of courses, which includes advanced foundations in public health research, planning and program development, administration, evaluation, and policy.

Upon completion of the proposed M.P.H. degree, graduates of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (A&M-Corpus Christi) will be competent public health professionals who are well versed in the application of the principles and practices common to public health promotion and disease prevention. They will be able to develop data-informed public health policies, programs, and services to help their communities. Graduates will be organizational leaders well prepared for budgeting and strategic planning.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2024.

A&M-Corpus Christi certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regard to need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

There is a strong employment outlook in M.P.H.-related occupations in South Texas, where there are many disparities in health care support, a lack of qualified workers, and a growing and underserved population. The projected strong employment is supported by data from multiple sources.

Market analyses provide a compelling and growing need for public health professionals. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data indicate a faster than average employment growth for Mental Health and Rehabilitation Counselors, positions which require an M.P.H. degree. In addition, the proposed M.P.H. program has an emphasis in informatics and technology, which will add to the job skills the graduates will have. The innovative curriculum will improve public health professionals' preparation for modern reporting standards in their field. Students pursuing this degree will learn how to manage public health information systems, including vital statistics systems, online analytical processing

tools, immunization registries, population health surveillance, community health information networks, and more.

The Texas Workforce Commission's Report on Texas Growth Occupations-2022 indicates that the Health Care and Social Assistance industry has become the dominant industry in the last decade for employment in Texas and the United States. The Health Care and Social Assistance industry is expected to grow more than 23% by the year 2030. This would put total employment in this industry up by over 1.9 million, an increase of more than 360,000 jobs when compared to 2020.

Strong employment prospects will attract students to this program, and it will be designed to address local and regional health care disparities and needs. In addition, as underserved, young, and old populations grow nationally, this program will be a model for response to health care disparities across the country.

Demand for health care workers in Texas is expected to continue to increase as the state has growing populations of both old and young people, who are the primary customers of the Health Care and Social Assistance industry. This sector is faced with training challenges as employers are demanding higher educated workers due to market demands and industry expectations.

B. Projected Enrollment

A&M-Corpus Christi predicts an enrollment of eight students in the first academic year, with 12 enrolling in year two, 15 in year three, 18 in year four, and 20 in year five, for a cumulative headcount of 35 by the fifth year. Enrollment projections allow for attrition and graduation rates. With a high level of flexibility, the program will recruit a diverse student population, including out-of-state students, underrepresented students, working professionals, and military personnel. A&M-Corpus Christi is a Hispanic-serving institution. Direct contact with targeted state and regional industries will further enhance recruitment, enrollment, and retention.

C. Existing State Programs

There are nine public Texas institutions offering master's degree programs in Public Health. Of these, five are offered online and two are offered in a hybrid delivery format. However, no comparable program exists within 150 miles of the A&M-Corpus Christi campus.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The proposed M.P.H. will require four new faculty members that will be shared with the proposed Bachelor of Science with a major in Public Health program. Two faculty members will be hired in the first year and, if enrollment projections are met, one additional faculty member will be hired in year two and one in year three. The total first-year reallocated cost for M.P.H. faculty is \$77,132, for a five-year reallocated total of \$364,408.

B. Program Administration

The new cost for program administration is estimated to be \$22,500 annually for a five-year total of \$112,500.

C. Other Personnel

To support the new program, an administrative assistant at 15% effort and an academic advisor at 10% effort are included in the cost analysis. These positions will have a reassigned cost of \$8,164 annually for a five-year reallocated total of \$40,818.

D. Supplies, Materials

No additional supplies or materials are required.

E. Library

The library staff will have a new cost of \$1,500 and re-allocated cost of \$3,500 for the proposed M.P.H., for a five-year total of \$25,000.

F. Equipment, Facilities

There are no new equipment or facilities costs associated with this proposal.

G. Accreditation

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is the international accrediting body for academic programs in public health and assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research, and service, through collaboration with organizational and community partners. The proposed M.P.H. program and courses were developed using CEPH standards and criteria, such that when the program employs four full time equivalencies (4.0 FTE) and has collected three years of outcome data (the minimum number of years of outcome data required by CEPH), it is positioned to immediately submit a CEPH application and begin the accreditation review process.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$364,408	Formula Income	\$105,857
Program Administration	\$112,500	Statutory Tuition	\$105,300
Graduate Assistants	\$0	Reallocation	\$422,725
Supplies & Materials	\$0	Designated Tuition	\$258,048
Library & IT Resources	\$25,000	Other Funding: *Includes Graduate Tuition Above Statutory (\$50) Tuition "Board Authorized Tuition" and Student Fees	\$273,506
Equipment, Facilities	\$0		
Other (Clerical/Staff)	\$40,818		
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$542,726	Estimated 5-Year Revenues	\$1,165,436

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Dr. Linda Schott, Interim President
Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Education Degree Program with a Major in Educational Leadership, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-San Antonio) leading to the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership, authorize the submission of the degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The proposed Ed.D. with a major in Educational Leadership will be an online program that focuses on preparing transformative system-level leaders by providing graduates with a unique set of multidisciplinary knowledge and skills that considers educational environments as complex systems. Graduates will be prepared to collaboratively cultivate, sustain, and renew educational environments through social and cultural contexts. Students in this degree program will complete 18 credits in a focus strand, 18 credits in educational leadership, and 18 credits in research. The doctoral degree is designed for students who have already completed both the bachelor's and master's degrees. The curriculum for the degree is informed by national standards, state standards, and needs identified by local community partners. The curriculum and learning experiences in the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at A&M-San Antonio are designed to prepare graduates to become leaders in their communities.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Estimated costs in the first five years are \$1,973,800, with an estimated five-year revenue of \$4,316,439. Costs to the institution include a new faculty line, reallocated faculty salaries, funding for graduate assistants and staff, and instructional resources.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The proposed Ed.D. in Educational Leadership aligns with The Texas A&M University System strategic plan imperative 5 (The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state's economy) by ensuring students will leave prepared for successful careers in an increasingly global economy. Additionally, the program supports goal 1, Academic Excellence, of the A&M-San Antonio strategic plan by delivering distinctive academic programs, especially those at the graduate level.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

Office of the President

May 24, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Education Degree Program with a Major in Educational Leadership, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend the adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio leading to a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership.

The Board also authorizes the submission of Texas A&M University-San Antonio’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Linda Schott
Interim President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
with a major in Educational Leadership
(CIP 13.0401.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Department of Educator and Leadership Preparation, College of Education and Human Development

Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-San Antonio) seeks approval for a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership to be delivered 100% online. The proposed doctoral degree will contribute to the preparation of *Transformative System-Level Leaders* by providing graduates with a unique set of multidisciplinary knowledge and skills that considers educational environments as complex systems and prepares graduates to collaboratively cultivate, sustain, and renew its social and cultural contexts. The proposed program will prepare leaders ready to serve the needs of school districts in the area, region, and state with specialization in superintendency, special education, bilingual education, and early childhood education. Each course incorporates problems of practice based on the real challenges faced by school systems today. Informed by theoretical and research studies, students will become scholarly practitioners and research-based entrepreneurs. They will actively develop creative solutions through community collaborations and with the support of A&M-San Antonio content experts and researchers.

The proposed Ed.D. program will prepare students to become educational leaders who will:

- Be innovative systems-thinkers to impact change and promote the next generation of students.
- Be able to conduct, evaluate, and apply research that will expand domain-specific content knowledge resulting in system-level improvement.
- Become scholar-practitioners who implement effective solutions to their community's most pressing educational challenges.
- Drive research and development to accelerate the impact of the region and promote the success of Texas' workforce – essential for economic competitiveness.

Students in the program will complete 54 semester credit hours (SCH), including 18 SCH in required leadership core courses and 18 SCH in research, followed by five strands with specialized systems-level knowledge (district leadership, multidisciplinary approaches, special education, bilingual education, or early childhood education), with one strand leading to Texas superintendent certification. Students who have already completed the Superintendency Certification Program can apply 15 post-graduate credits completed toward their doctoral degree plan, as long as the credits are not yet utilized towards an existing degree. The curriculum is guided by academic standards from the (1) National Policy Board of Educational Administration (NPBEA), (2) Texas superintendency certification learner-centered standards, and (3) the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) design. The proposed implementation date is fall 2024.

A&M-San Antonio certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.450, regarding need, quality, financial and faculty resources, standards, and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

The proposed degree directly supports the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Building a Talent Strong Texas 2022-2030 Strategic Plan, and local and state need to prepare more educators to enter leadership positions. Specifically, the Building a Talent Strong Texas plan focuses on developing a workforce that meets employers' current and future needs through research, development, and innovation. The articulated goal of 7,500 research doctorates to be awarded annually by Texas institutions of higher education will be directly supported by the creation of this innovative doctoral degree at A&M-San Antonio.

Texas holds the ninth-largest economy globally, but there are high turnover rates, attrition, and retirements among current school and district leaders. When looking at recent job postings on Indeed.com, there are 215 job postings for Assistant Principal, 405 for Principals, and 30 for Superintendents. Nearly 25% of the Superintendent postings are in the San Antonio districts and the surrounding area. Graduates of this program will be strong competitive candidates for school and district leadership positions. According to the 2022 Texas Academic Performance Report, the average salary for a teacher in Texas is \$58,887. The average salary for campus administrators in Texas is \$84,990, and the average wage for central office administrators in Texas is \$112,797. While salary levels vary greatly based on district size, location, and financial status, evidence of economic benefits exists for professionals with advanced degrees.

B. Projected Enrollment

Total Degree Enrollment	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total New Students	12	32	32	32	32
Attrition	2	6	6	6	6
Cumulative Headcount	10	36	62	78	78
FTSE	10	36	62	78	78
Graduates	0	0	10	26	26

C. Existing State Programs

Around the state, 24 major universities offer doctoral degrees in educational leadership. However, very few universities provide degrees in the specialization areas (four in Special Education, one in Early Childhood, and one in Bilingual Education). Moreover, there is a gap in the local degree offerings. No public university within 50 square miles of A&M-San Antonio is currently offering an Ed.D. degree:

UNIVERSITY	DEGREE
University of Texas at San Antonio	No Ed.D. - Only Ph.D. offered In Education, the only offering is Educational Leadership with two concentrations – Higher Ed and K-12.
University of the Incarnate Word (private)	No Ed.D. - Only Ph.D. offered In Education, four concentrations: 1: Student Services and Higher Education Administration; 2. Adult Education, Social Innovation, and Entrepreneurship; 3. Organizational Leadership and Evaluation; 4. School Leadership
Our Lady of the Lake University (private)	No Ed.D. - Only Ph.D. offered The only offering is “Leadership Studies,” which is a broad leadership program not specific to education.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The proposed program is based on a strong foundation of existing productive faculty. The existing Department of Educator and Leadership Preparation faculty will serve in core and supporting roles for the proposed degree. Three faculty members in the Educational Leadership program will serve in core faculty roles, and 15 faculty will be in supporting roles. Core faculty in the Education Leadership Program are full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty who would teach 20% or more in the proposed program. The program requests the addition of one qualified faculty in year three.

B. Program Administration

A doctoral degree program coordinator and a half-time enrollment coordinator to specifically support recruiting efforts, admissions, and enrollment is anticipated (\$35,000).

C. Other Personnel

The program proposes hiring a half-time advisor at a \$35,000 annual salary and fringe benefits to support the advising needs of the students. The program requests graduate assistants to support the scholarly expectations.

D. Supplies, Materials

Existing supply resources and materials available will be sufficient. No additional supplies or material costs are anticipated.

E. Library

No additional library resources are needed to support the proposed program. Existing e-library resources and materials available will be sufficient.

F. Equipment, Facilities

No additional facilities or equipment are needed to support the newly proposed program.

G. Accreditation

A&M-San Antonio is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate and master's degrees. A&M-San Antonio also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$ 1,330,000	Formula Income	\$1,184,932
Program Administration	220,000	Statutory Tuition	278,400
Graduate Assistants	160,000	Reallocation	1,140,000
Supplies & Materials	0	Designated Tuition	673,728
Library & IT Resources	23,800	Other Funding:	
Equipment, Facilities	0	Graduate Tuition Above Statutory Tuition	278,400
Student Support (Scholarships)	240,000	Fees	760,979
Other			
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$1,973,800	Estimated 5-year Revenues	\$4,316,439

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
June 29, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Academic Tenure, August 2023,
Texas A&M University-Texarkana

I recommend adoption of the following minute order.

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, *Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty member at Texas A&M University-Texarkana as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 23-04.”

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURE
TENURE LIST NO. 23-04**

ITEM
EXHIBIT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Rank</u> <u>Department</u>	<u>Yrs. Towards Tenure*</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Univ.</u> <u>Other Inst.</u>	<u>Date/Tenure</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Employment</u> <u>Towards Tenure</u>
COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION						
Dr. Ross C. Alexander	Professor Political Science	0	24	Upon Approval by the Board and Faculty Arrival	Ph.D. (2002) Northern Illinois University	Fa 1999 – Fa 2002 Instructor Dominican University Fa 2002 – Fa 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor Dominican University Fa 2003 – Fa 2008 Assistant Professor University of North Georgia Fa 2008 – Sp 2012 Associate Professor University of North Georgia Sp 2012 – Fa 2017 Professor Indiana University East Sp 2012 – Sp 2014 Dean Indiana University East Su 2014 – Su 2017 Dean Indiana University East Su 2017 – Present Professor University of North Alabama Su 2017 – Present Provost University of North Alabama

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Walter V. Wendler, President
West Texas A&M University

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Applied Sciences and Arts, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approve the establishment of a new degree program at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with a major in Applied Sciences and Arts, authorize the submission of the degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for approval, and certify that all applicable THECB criteria have been met.

Background Information:

The United States is not producing sufficient highly skilled graduates with advanced degrees to meet the country's workforce needs. While the problem is clearly a national challenge, we believe strength comes from regional responses to regional needs. Regional supply and demand for a skilled labor market can be addressed by an individual region's higher educational institutions. Examples of regional needs in the Texas Panhandle include rural school districts, rural healthcare, beef production, regional industry, entrepreneurship, business, and promotion of the distinctive cultures of the Texas Panhandle. At this time, WTAMU is home to two doctoral programs on campus, the Ph.D. in Agriculture and the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership. Both doctoral programs were developed in response to regional needs best met by WTAMU, the region's higher educational partner. As an innovative approach for addressing regional issues, we are proposing a campus-wide doctorate sufficiently diverse to meet distinct regional needs as they arise. The proposed program would engage a faculty group working with students, local industry, and/or government with knowledge of and service to regional areas. We believe such a mission-driven goal would create a distinctive approach to post-masters' graduate study in a comprehensive regional university, not to be an imitation of a national university model, but a locally inspired approach to regional challenges related to economic development and personal intellectual and vocational fulfillment.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Due to the faculty and resources already being in place, no large expenditures in regard to personnel, administrative, clerical, and supplies will be required. In addition, further resources for equipment, facilities, IT, and library services will not be needed. Anticipated funding (formula funding and tuition and fees) will far outweigh program costs.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

The proposed Ph.D. in Applied Sciences and Arts degree will prepare graduates to work in various industries to solve regional and state issues. The continued and fast-paced economic growth in this region of Texas and the need for this innovative approach, addresses the fifth imperative of The Texas A&M University Board of Regents Strategic plan to provide "services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas."

Agenda Item No.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

May 31, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of a New Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program with a Major in Applied Sciences and Arts, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at West Texas A&M University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree with a major in Applied Sciences and Arts.

The Board also authorizes submission of West Texas A&M University’s new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler, President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

James R. Hallmark, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

West Texas A&M University

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
with a major in Applied Sciences and Arts
(CIP 30.0000.00)

Program Review Outline

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative Unit: Graduate School and Research

The intention of establishing a multiple disciplinary doctoral program is to focus all post-master's programs on regional issues that impact the Texas Panhandle and similar regions throughout the world. The objectives of multiple disciplinary approaches (inclusive of multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary) are to resolve real world or complex problems, to provide different perspectives on problems, to create comprehensive research questions, to develop consensus clinical definitions and guidelines, and to provide comprehensive health services. The proposal is an outgrowth of *WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World* and represents a strong commitment to the region. As a regional university, we believe that the doctoral program should be directed toward regional challenges and needs without duplicating existing regional programs. The proposed program's focus is the study of applications and problem-solving in various disciplines and is not directed toward basic research. In addition, unlike most other programs, it is focused expressly on rural workforce needs and educational demands. The proposed program will allow students to negotiate, interpret, document, and apply procedures rooted in applied scholarship. It will allow for the flexibility of individualized applications to address industry challenges with multi-level innovation and directed research of complex regional problems. Such methodology will promote innovation and potentially create a national model for focused study responsive to rural, regional needs.

The purpose of the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Applied Sciences and Arts is to prepare graduates to have advanced skills in:

- Communication – Employ proper communication to present applied research results.
- Analytical Thinking – Apply regional research and data analytics tools to complex problems and recommend feasible solutions.
- Policy Application – Recognize and evaluate policy dimensions of applied research decisions and effects on stakeholders.
- Theoretical Integration – Interpret knowledge for an understanding of advanced theoretical concepts through application solving regional research problems.

The program will be 60 hours with 24 hours of required courses, 18 hours of prescribed electives, six hours of electives, and 12 hours of dissertation or scholarly deliverables. Students must enter with a master's in the primary or closely related discipline.

The proposed implementation date is fall 2024.

West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) certifies that the proposed new degree program meets the criteria under the 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.45 in regard to need, quality,

financial and faculty resources, standards and costs. New costs during the first five years will not exceed \$2 million.

I. NEED

A. Employment Opportunities

Candidates in the proposed Ph.D. in Applied Sciences and Arts at WTAMU must engage in a regional research topic with explicit applications to the West Texas region (or similar regions). The job market outcomes are inextricably linked to creating an expertise that solves applied regional problems.

Consistent with our successful online graduate business programs at the masters level (i.e., online programs annually ranked within the top three in the state via quality metrics, including graduate employment outcomes), the regional doctoral degree offered by WTAMU will focus more on research and analytical skill enhancement for promotion with a current employer, over direct job placement, in addition to limited academic placements at regionally serving universities and community colleges, especially those committed to rural populations. Because research varies from program to program, flexibility in the methodology for the research will exist. Students will have the option to conduct laboratory and field research locally in a face-to-face format or to conduct a closely related project through their current employers. All projects will be approved at the program level before seeking final approval by a Graduate School Committee coordinating and monitoring student progress.

B. Projected Enrollment

Approximately six students will gain admission to the program each year. The growth in the program over a five-year cycle with a 16% attrition rate and assuming the same sized cohort, will have a projected number of 25 students enrolled at year four. The minority rate is assumed to be consistent with institutional growth patterns and regional demographic changes.

Table 1: Enrollment Projections (20% Attrition Rate)					
Variable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
African American	1	1	1	0	1
Hispanic	2	2	1	2	3
International	0	0	1	1	1
Other	0	1	1	0	0
White	3	2	3	3	2
Total New Students	6	6	7	6	7
Attrition	0	1	2	1	1
Cumulative Headcount	6	11	16	19	21
FTSE	5	8	12	15	16
Graduates	0	0	2	4	5

C. Existing State Programs

The proposed doctoral program at WTAMU is conceived as a multiple disciplinary initiative that would package coursework from a variety of university programs with post master's degree options with a critical mass of discipline-specific faculty members creating an individually tailored experience. The concept of a university-wide multiple disciplinary doctoral program to address the needs of scholars and students from multiple disciplines is not new.

The University of Texas offers an [ad hoc interdisciplinary doctorate](#) supporting students who believe their research needs will best be served by an ad hoc interdisciplinary program. Although not as broad-based, Texas A&M University offers a [Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Engineering](#). Additionally, Texas Tech University offers an [interdisciplinary option](#) that integrates distinct fields and enables students to conduct research providing new insights into complex issues with a general focus on land use or wind science.

The existence of multiple interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary doctoral options across the state establishes efficacy, yet all are large Research I institutions with a robust stable of discipline-specific doctoral options. In contrast, WTAMU seeks an opportunity to establish a unique and innovate approach via a regional research doctorate. WTAMU's current inventory of doctoral programs includes discipline-specific programs in agricultural systems and educational leadership. The addition of the proposed third doctoral program will focus on regional research across a variety of disciplines with faculty sufficiency.

II. QUALITY & RESOURCES

A. Faculty

The proposed doctoral program has established faculty availability for both full-time core faculty and doctoral supporting faculty serving in a part-time role. The core faculty include 10 current faculty members from various disciplines across campus. Supporting faculty include lead faculty members from the following primary or secondary content disciplines: Accounting, Biology, Business Management, Business Marketing, Communication, Communication Disorders, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Economics, Engineering, English, Environmental Science, Finance, History, Instructional Design & Technology, Mathematics, Music, Nursing, Plant & Soil Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Social Work, and Sports & Exercise Science.

The Graduate School, in collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs, will conduct a job search and hire a faculty member to teach one or more of the doctoral research curricular core courses: qualitative research methods, quantitative research methods, data analysis and research statistics, and mixed research methods in 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026. Under the supervision of the Graduate School and discipline-specific academic departments, three additional new tenured faculty positions will add depth to support the publication and dissertation requirements of the proposed doctoral degree program.

B. Program Administration

The Graduate School will be the host unit for the doctorate, coordinating multiple disciplinary opportunities across the six academic colleges. The Graduate School has current experience in coordinating an interdisciplinary master's degree across all graduate programs. While there is a core group of faculty members in place to support the program, the institution will add three new faculty lines and a doctoral staff coordinator position which will reside in the Graduate School.

C. Other Personnel

All other functions needed by the program from the Graduate School are adequately staffed; however, a senior graduate advisor will be added when doctoral enrollment necessitates such support. For record keeping, the Office of the Graduate School serves as the repository of all graduate applications, candidate records, theses, dissertations, and scholarly deliverables portfolios. The Graduate School will also be responsible for coordinating staff efforts across the various disciplines serving doctoral students.

Support will be provided by WTAMU Information Technology staff for technology needs. In addition, Academic and Research Environmental Health and Safety staff will support all academic and research areas in accordance with federal, state, and local environmental regulations and laws.

D. Supplies, Materials

There will be no additional costs for supplies and materials.

E. Library

There are no additional costs for the library.

F. Equipment, Facilities

WTAMU is in the process of remodeling and renovating an existing building to be a \$45 million state-of-the-art learning center to support graduate education and distance learning innovation. The Geneva Schaeffer Education Building will be home to the Graduate School and distance education technology. Fall 2023 is the target date for occupancy of the new facility. The building will include office space for doctoral program faculty and graduate students as well as seminar space, conference rooms, dedicated classroom spaces, and an emerging technology lab.

G. Accreditation

There is no accreditor for the proposed program.

III. NEW 5-YEAR COSTS & FUNDING SOURCES

NEW FIVE-YEAR COSTS		SOURCES OF FUNDING	
Faculty	\$600,000	Formula Income	\$ 1,102,625
Program Administration	\$120,000	Statutory Tuition	\$47,900
Graduate Assistants	\$345,000	Reallocation	\$1,825,000
Supplies & Materials		Designated Tuition	\$495,378
Library & IT Resources		Fees	\$221,244
Equipment, Facilities		Other Funding	\$275,000
Other: Clerical / Staff	\$180,000		
Estimated 5-Year Costs	\$1,245,000	Estimated 5-year Revenues	\$3,967,147

Agenda Item No.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 23, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the West Texas A&M University Softball Team for Winning the 2021 NCAA Division II National Championship

I respectfully request the Board of Regents' approval of the following resolution honoring the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Softball Team for winning the 2021 NCAA Division II National Championship.

“WHEREAS, the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Softball Team won its second National Championship on June 1, 2021, defeating Biola by a score of 4-1 in Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Buffs finished the season with an overall record of 43 wins and 12 losses, winning 21 of their last 23 games on the season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Buffs won the 2021 NCAA South Central Region Championship and the Lone Star Conference Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, Senior Shanna McBroom was named the 2021 Division II National Player of the Year, Lone Star Conference Female Athlete of the Year (all sports), Second-Team All-America, South Central Region Player of the Year, and the Lone Star Conference Softball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Salzman earned First-Team Academic All-America honors and Second-Team All-America honors; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Michael Mook, Assistant Coach Jenelle Trautmann, and Graduate Assistant Kara MacDougall were named the National Fastpitch Coaches Association NCAA Division II National Coaching Staff of the Year; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, wish to publicly honor the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Softball Team on its outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Softball Team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for a job well done.

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ADOPTED, this 16th day of August 2023.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler
President

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 23, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the West Texas A&M University Volleyball Team
for Winning the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship

I respectfully request the Board of Regents' approval of the following resolution honoring the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Volleyball Team for winning the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship.

“WHEREAS, the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Volleyball Team won its fourth National Championship on December 3, 2022, defeating Concordia-St. Paul in four sets; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Buffs finished the season with an overall record of 33 wins and 4 losses; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Buffs won the Lone Star Conference regular-season title with a perfect record of 16 wins and 0 losses, and also claimed the Lone Star Conference Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Kendra Potts was named American Volleyball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year and South Central Region Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Associate Head Coach Casey Shingler was named American Volleyball Coaches Association National Assistant Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Junior Torrey Miller was named First-Team All-American, National Tournament Most Valuable Player, South Central All-Region Team, and Lone Star Conference Offensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Freshman Taytum Stow was named Honorable Mention All-American, South Central Region Freshman of the Year and Lone Star Conference Defensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Junior Bryli Contreras, Senior Abi Nash, and Senior Kayla Elliott were named to the National All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Buff Volleyball Team was embraced by West Texas A&M University and the community as a source of pride and inspiration and led the nation in total attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Buff Volleyball Team was invited to the White House by President Joe Biden to celebrate its National Championship; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, wish to publicly honor the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Volleyball Team on its outstanding season; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to the West Texas A&M University Lady Buff Volleyball Team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for a job well done.

ADOPTED, this 16th day of August 2023.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Agenda Item No.

WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 23, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the West Texas A&M University Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team for Winning the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship

I respectfully request the Board of Regents' approval of the following resolution honoring the West Texas A&M University Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team for winning the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship.

“WHEREAS, the West Texas A&M University Women's Outdoor Track and Field team won its second National Championship on May 28, 2022, tallying a program record 77 points; and

WHEREAS, four individual National Championships were earned by student-athletes Leah Belfield (200 meter), Zada Swoopes (discus and shot put), and Eleonora Curtabbi (steeplechase); and

WHEREAS, student-athletes Leah Belfield, Eleonora Curtabbi, DeOndra Green, Taylor Nelloms, Jordanae' Scott, Zada Swoopes, and Alana Wilson earned All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, seven-time individual National Champion Zada Swoopes was named the 2022 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association National Field Athlete of the Year and 2022 Lone Star Conference Women's Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Leah Belfield and Zada Swoopes were named 2022 Lone Star Conference Women's Outdoor Track and Field Athletes of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the team was named the 2022 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association National Scholar Team with a GPA of 3.307; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Matt Stewart was named the 2022 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Outdoor Coach of the Year and the Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, wish to publicly honor the West Texas A&M University Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team on its outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to the West Texas A&M University Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for a job well done.

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ADOPTED, this 16th day of August 2023.”

Respectfully submitted,

Walter V. Wendler
President

Approval Recommended:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Al Davis, Director
Texas A&M Forest Service

Subject: Authorization to Execute FY 2023 Federal Non-research Grant Agreements, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Texas A&M Forest Service director or designee to execute federal, non-research grant agreements, with a value in excess of \$500,000. These grants are funded by the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service.

Program Name	Estimated FY 2023 Award Amount
IRA Urban and Community Forestry Grant	21,750,000
Community Project Grant	1,000,000

Background Information:

Both the Inflation Reduction Act Urban and Community Forestry Grant and the Community Project Grant are new grants being specifically funded by Congress and are expected to be one-time awards.

IRA Urban and Community Forestry Grant

This grant is part of the Inflation Reduction Act funding for Urban and Community Forestry Programs to provide support for tree planting and related activities. The funding will be used to provide competitive grants that invest in treescapes in disadvantaged communities with goals of increasing equitable treescape access and better water quality.

Community Project Grant

This grant is part of the Community Project Funding contained in the 2023 Congressional Directed Spending (Forest Information & Analysis Funds). The funding is for Stand Ready Texas: Assisting Communities in Protecting Lives and Property. It will be used to work with communities at highest risk from wildfires to mitigate hazards and increase resiliency of natural resources in Texas Districts 10 and 11.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

Texas A&M Forest Service would receive an estimated \$22,750,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service to fund the programs described above.

Strategic Plan Imperative(s) this Item Advances:

Imperative 5: “The A&M System will provide services that respond to the needs of the people of Texas and contribute to the strength of the state’s economy.” Grant funding supports the Texas A&M Forest Service’s mission to provide statewide leadership and technical assistance to ensure trees, forests and related natural resources are sustained for the benefit of all and to protect against wildland fires.

Agenda Item No.

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Office of the Director

June 27, 2023

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Authorization to Execute FY 2023 Federal Non-research Grant Agreements, and any Amendments, Modifications or Extensions

I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

“The director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, or designee, is authorized to execute, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, grant agreements, amendments, modifications or extensions with the United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service for the fiscal year 2023 IRA Urban and Community Forestry Grant and Community Project Grant.”

Respectfully submitted,

Al Davis
Director
Texas A&M Forest Service

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

John Sharp
Chancellor

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Jeffrey W. Savell, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor and Dean
Agriculture and Life Sciences

***Certified by the general counsel or other appropriate attorney as confidential or information that may be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with Section 551.1281 and Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.**