

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**August 17, 2023**

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**CONVENE**

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 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. Robert L. Albritton, Vice Chairman  
Mr. David Baggett  
Mr. John Bellinger  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Sam Torn  
Mr. Demetrius Harrell, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Michael A. Hernandez

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. Joe Elabd, Interim Vice Chancellor for Engineering, Interim Director, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station; Dr. Nancy Currie-Gregg, Director of the Texas A&M Space Institute; and Dr. Rob Ambrose, Texas A&M Aerospace Engineering, who presented a briefing on the creation of the Texas A&M Space Institute.

Next Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Elabd for a discussion of the potential development of an applied research laboratory program at the RELIS campus.

Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Allan Rutter from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, who provided a briefing regarding rail safety issues at System campuses and agency locations.

*(Note: The meeting was recessed from 3:51 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. Regent Baggett departed the meeting at this time.)*

Next, Chairman Mahomes called on Mr. Ross Bjork, Texas A&M Athletic Director, who provided a briefing on contracting processes and issues at Texas A&M University, as they relate to Texas A&M Athletics.

Lastly, Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided a briefing on accreditations processes and requirements for System universities.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Mahomes adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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