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CONVENE

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 11:05 a.m., Wednesday, November 8, 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. Robert L. Albritton, Vice 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
Ms. Elizabeth “Annie” Valicek, Student Regent

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 11:30 a.m. until 12:10 p.m.)

(Note: The Committee meetings were held November 8, 2023. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met from 8:00 a.m. to 8:58 a.m., the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant met from 8:58 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. and the Committee on Audit met from 10:05 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting at 8:35 a.m., Thursday, November 9, 2023, in Bethancourt Ballroom, Memorial Student Center, 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 A. Hernandez III
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Sam Torn
Ms. Elizabeth “Annie” Valicek, Student Regent

INVOCATION

Mr. Garrett Redditt ’23 presented the invocation. Chairman Mahomes said Mr. Redditt is a Posse Foundation Scholar and a senior Environmental Design-Architectural Studies major at Texas A&M University.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Mahomes welcomed everyone to the board meeting. He said with Veteran’s Day coming up, he wanted to give thanks to all military veterans and everyone. Chairman Mahomes said that The Texas A&M University System has more than 1,200 full-time employees and another 600 part-time faculty, staff and student workers who are military veterans.

Chairman Mahomes said on behalf of the Board, he wanted to express gratitude for the 12 years that Chancellor John Sharp has served the A&M System. He added that since the last regular meeting, Chancellor Sharp has surpassed Marion Thomas Harrington, as the longest serving chancellor in the history of the A&M System.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

Chancellor Sharp provided highlights of the accomplishments of the A&M System (accomplishments filed in the Office of the Board of Regents).

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE FINANCE

Regent Graham said the Committee on Finance did not have a February meeting. He said the members are working on preparations for the next budget cycle, which is scheduled to be brought before the board in May. Regent Graham said they would also be discussing the updated five-year capital plan. He said the committee will have its annual financial report completed by the end of November, and in February they will provide a summary of how they ended the year. Regent Graham said that they are also planning on providing an update on the deferred maintenance initiative and the plans for moving forward.
REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Regent Hernandez, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said that the committee had met the previous day and received several reports including the monthly audit report, audit tracking report, fiscal 2023 annual internal audit report, and reports on diversity, equity, and inclusion. He said the Internal Audit Department has continued to meet its audit tracking measures and customer service measures.

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. He said the System’s office of facilities planning and construction is currently managing 78 projects worth over $4.8 billion. Regent Brooks said projects of note included the Texas Department of Emergency Management Headquarters in Austin, the Quantum & Artificial Intelligence Chip Fabrication and Hypersonic Wind Tunnel project at RELLIS, and the Space Collaboration Facility in Houston. He said other projects of note included the AgriLife Research Meat Science and Technology Center Relocation, TEEX Training Props projects at RELLIS, the AgriLife Amarillo Research & Extension Center at Canyon, the New Event Center at Commerce, and the Arts & Media Building in Corpus Christi. Regent Brooks briefly described Items 3.1 through 3.17, which had received committee approval and recommended these items to the full Board for approval.

On motion of Regent Brooks, seconded by Regent Bellinger, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (203 through 219).

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MINUTE ORDER 203-2023 (ITEM 3.1)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE STEM EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT, TEXAS A&M-RELLIS, BRYAN, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 01-3372), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The project scope along with a project budget of $43,425,406 for the STEM Education Center Project is approved.

The amount of $39,083,406 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (CCAP), for construction services and related project costs.

The STEM Education Center Project, Texas A&M-RELLIS, Bryan, 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 204-2023 (ITEM 3.2)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 04-3360), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of $80,000,000 for the Health Sciences & Human Services Building Project is approved.

The amount of $72,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (CCAP), for construction services and related project costs.

The Health Sciences & Human Services 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).

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.
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The project scope along with a project budget of $30,000,000 for the Amarillo Research & Extension Center at Canyon Project is approved.

The amount of $17,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds (AUF), and the amount of $10,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Indirect Cost Recoveries), for construction services and related project costs.

The Amarillo Research & Extension Center at Canyon Project, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Canyon, 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 206-2023 (ITEM 3.4)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE AGRILIFE VERNON CAMPUS STORM REPAIRS PROJECT, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH, VERNON, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 06-3407), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The project scope along with a project budget of $15,000,000 for the AgriLife Vernon Campus Storm Repairs Project is approved.
The amount of $15,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 06-114550 Vernon Repair Funds – SB30, for pre-construction and construction services and related project costs.

The amount of $2,916,522.15 in previous appropriations is reverted to Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Indirect Cost Recoveries).

The AgriLife Vernon Campus Storm Repairs Project, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Vernon, Texas, is approved for construction.

**MINUTE ORDER 207-2023 (ITEM 3.5)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RENOVATION OF AN EDUCATION BUILDING & HEALTH/SAFETY UPGRADES PROJECT, WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, CANYON, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 18-3364), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of $44,922,833 for the Renovation of an Education Building & Health/Safety Upgrades Project is approved.

The amount of $40,430,833 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (CCAP), for construction services and related project costs.

The Renovation of an Education Building & Health/Safety Upgrades Project, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, 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 208-2023 (ITEM 3.6)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NURSING EDUCATION & RESEARCH CENTER PROJECT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, MCALLEN, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 23-3374), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The project scope along with a project budget of $49,948,556 for the Nursing Education & Research Center Project is approved.

The amount of $24,953,756 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, (CCAP), the amount of $15,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-806302 McAllen Nursing, and the amount of $5,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 23-291027 AUF-Nursing Ed Research Ctr, for construction services and related project costs.

The Nursing Education & Research Center Project, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, McAllen, 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 209-2023 (ITEM 3.7)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND REVISED BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE AGRICULTURAL MULTIPURPOSE EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER PROJECT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE, COMMERCE, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 21-3384), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The project scope along with a project budget of $47,322,833 for the Agricultural Multipurpose Education & Training Center Project is approved.
The amount of $40,430,833 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (CCAP), and the amount of $2,400,000 is appropriated from Account No. 21-831724 Ag Multi Educ & Trn Ctr – Local, for construction services and related project costs.

The Agricultural Multipurpose Education & Training Center Project, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, 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 210-2023 (ITEM 3.8)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE (REMAINING SCOPE) AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION (REMAINING 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 (Remaining 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 $115,997,243.48 is appropriated from Account No. 30-480200 TDEM HQ/SOC PR30-3317, the amount of $38,300,000 is appropriated from Account No. 30-202104 IDC-TDEM HQ/SOC, and the amount of $32,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 30-450224 TDEM HQ/SOC, for construction services and related project costs (Remaining Scope).

The New Headquarters and State Emergency Operations Center Project, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Austin, Texas, is approved for construction (Remaining Scope).
MINUTE ORDER 211-2023 (ITEM 3.9)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INTERIOR FINISHES RENOVATIONS DUNN HALL PHASE II PROJECT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (SSC PROJECT NO. 2022-07999), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The project scope along with a project budget of $6,947,609 for the Interior Finishes Renovations Dunn Hall Phase II Project is approved.

The amount of $6,252,849 is appropriated from Account No. 02-808818, Capital Renewal/DM Housing, for construction services and related project costs.

The Interior Finishes Renovations Dunn Hall Phase II Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

MINUTE ORDER 212-2023 (ITEM 3.10)

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024 – FY 2028 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR DESIGNATION FOR PROJECT INITIATION, INCREASE THE PROJECT PLANNING AMOUNT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE WEST CAMPUS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER & ELLIS FIELD RENOVATIONS PROJECT FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (PROJECT NO. 02-3404), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The request to amend the FY 2024 – FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to change the fiscal year designation for project initiation from FY 2025 to FY 2024 and increase the project planning amount to $28,200,000 for the West Campus Player Development Center & Ellis Field Renovations Project for Texas A&M University is approved.

The amount of $2,820,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Stadium Revenue), for pre-construction services and related project costs.

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 213-2023 (ITEM 3.11)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024 – FY 2028 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR DESIGNATION FOR PROJECT INITIATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE ALKEK BUILDING ROOF & EXHAUST FAN REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (SSC PROJECT NO. 22-0209), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The request to amend the FY 2024 – FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to change the fiscal year designation for project initiation for the Alkek Building Roof & Exhaust Fan Replacement Project for the Texas A&M University Health Science Center from FY 2025 to FY 2024 is approved.

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

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 214-2023 (ITEM 3.12)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024-FY 2028 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR DESIGNATION FOR PROJECT INITIATION AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT FOR WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (PROJECT NO. 18-3369), WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The request to amend the FY 2024-FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to change the fiscal year designation for project initiation for the Public Safety Facility Project for West Texas A&M University from FY 2025 to FY 2024 is approved.
The amount of $997,500 is appropriated from Account No. 18-871424, Public Safety Building, for pre-construction services and related project costs.

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 215-2023 (ITEM 3.13)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024-FY 2028 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR DESIGNATION FOR PROJECT INITIATION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE STUDENT DINING FACILITY PROJECT AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE (PROJECT NO. 21-FC-0011), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The request to amend the FY 2024-FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to change the fiscal year designation for project initiation for the Student Dining Facility Project at Texas A&M University-Commerce from FY 2025 to FY 2024 is approved.

The amount of $740,000 is appropriated from Account No. 21-832008-20300, Student Dining Facility Construction, for pre-construction services and related project costs.
MINUTE ORDER 216-2023 (ITEM 3.14)

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024-FY 2028
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN
TO REVISE THE BUDGET AND THE FUNDING SOURCES AND
APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
FOR THE MULTIPURPOSE FIELD, COMPETITION TRACK & SOFTBALL FIELD
UPGRADES PROJECT FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO
(PROJECT NO. 25-3421),
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

The request to amend the FY 2024-FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to revise the budget to $10,000,000 and revise the funding sources for the Multipurpose Field, Competition Track & Softball Field Upgrades Project for Texas A&M University-San Antonio is approved.

Contingent upon execution of the Bexar County grant agreement, the amount of $1,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083540 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Grant), for pre-construction services and related project costs.

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 217-2023 (ITEM 3.15)

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024-FY 2028
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN
TO REVISE THE FUNDING SOURCE AMOUNTS, INCREASE THE
PROJECT PLANNING AMOUNT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR
PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE EDUCARE BUILDING PROJECT
FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO
(PROJECT NO. 25-3402),
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO

The request to amend the FY 2024-FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to revise the funding source amounts and increase the project planning amount to $19,790,000 for the Educare Building Project for Texas A&M University-San Antonio is approved.
Contingent upon execution of the City of San Antonio grant agreement, the amount of $1,979,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds (AUF), for preconstruction services and related project costs.

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 218-2023 (ITEM 3.16)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CHAPARRAL RENOVATIONS – PH I PROJECT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS (PROJECT NO. 157191FY21), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The project scope along with a project budget of $9,300,000 for the Chaparral Renovations – PH I Project is approved.

The amount of $4,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Indirect Cost Recoveries), the amount of $1,870,000 is appropriated from Account No. 15-520038 Type B Funds, and the amount of $2,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 15-225999_IDC_ Reserve, for construction services and related project costs.

The Chaparral Renovations – PH I Project, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, 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 219-2023 (ITEM 3.17)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2024-FY 2028 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO ADD THE MSC ANNEX RENOVATION PROJECT, APPROVAL OF PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM WITH AN FY 2024 START DATE (PROJECT NO. 01-0257), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request to amend the FY 2024-FY 2028 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the MSC Annex Renovation Project for The Texas A&M University System with an FY 2024 start date and a total planning amount of $8,870,000 is approved.

The project scope along with a project budget of $8,870,000 for the MSC Annex Renovation Project is approved.

The amount of $8,870,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-084243 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds (Available University Fund), for pre-construction services, construction services and related project costs.

The MSC Annex Renovation Project, The Texas A&M University System, College Station, 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).

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**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 at which time they received presentations from Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, focused on System policy associated with tenure and the processes universities use in implementing those policies. He said, in addition, Dr. Hallmark highlighted the substantive changes in Policies 12.01 and 12.06, associated with
Academic Freedom and Tenure, and Post Tenure Review. Regent Plank said that Dr. Hallmark updated the committee on the current status of the Affordability Initiative associated with reducing students’ cost of attendance, assistance for students facing emergencies, mental health and advising. He said that Item 4.1 was approved by the committee and recommended approval to the full board.

On motion of Regent Graham, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (220).

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MINUTE ORDER 220-2023 (ITEM 4.1)

APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 12.01, ACADEMIC FREEDOM, RESPONSIBILITY AND TENURE AND SYSTEM POLICY 12.06, POST-TENURE REVIEW OF FACULTY AND TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The substantive revisions to System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure and System Policy 12.06, Post-Tenure Review of Faculty and Teaching Effectiveness, as shown in the attached exhibits, is approved, effective immediately.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

Chairman Mahomes presented Items 5.1, 5.3 and 5.4 (considered in executive session). The Board took action as set forth below:

(Note: Item 5.2 was withdrawn.)

On motion of Regent Torn, seconded by Regent Brooks, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (221 through 223):

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MINUTE ORDER 221-2023 (ITEM 5.1)

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LEASE OF SPACE IN TWO RESEARCH PARK located at 1700 RESEARCH PARKWAY, COLLEGE STATION, 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 13,133 square feet of space in Two Research Park, located at 1700 Research Parkway, College Station, 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 222-2023 (ITEM 5.3)

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6500 AMARILLO BLVD. WEST, IN AMARILLO, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

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 the documents, and to take all other action necessary, to sell approximately 8.63 acres located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West, in Amarillo, Potter 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 223-2023 (ITEM 5.4)

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERIM PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH - MR. NOLAN CAIN, AND ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH - MR. MAX WEINER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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

Assistant Baseball Coach – Nolan Cain
Assistant Baseball Coach – Max Weiner

Chairman Mahomes presented Item 5.5.
On motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (224)

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MINUTE ORDER 224-2023 (ITEM 5.5)

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO FORM A SPECIAL EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE REGARDING COMMEMORATING THE UNIVERSITY’S RENEWED RIVALRY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Interim President of Texas A&M University is authorized and directed to form a Special Exploratory Committee to study and recommend ways to appropriately commemorate the university’s renewed rivalry with The University of Texas at Austin, with functions and membership as described in the agenda item. This Special Exploratory Committee shall expire January 1, 2025, unless the board authorizes the committee to act for a longer period.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Mahomes presented Items 6.1 through 6.14 and 6.17 through 6.46.

(Note: Item 6.12 was not amended during the meeting, and therefore, no Board action was required.)

(Note: Items 6.15 and 6.16 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

On motion of Regent Torn, seconded by Regent Hernandez, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (225 through 268)

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MINUTE ORDER 225-2023 (ITEM 6.1)

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

The following minutes are approved: July 6, 2023, Special Telephonic Meeting, July 30, 2023, Special Meeting, August 1, 2023, Special Meeting, August 16, 2023, Regular Meeting, August 17, 2023, Special Workshop Meeting, September 12, 2023, Special Telephonic Meeting, and October 6, 2023, Special Meeting.
MINUTE ORDER 226-2023 (ITEM 6.2)
GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS, NOVEMBER 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. 24-01, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 227-2023 (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 228-2023 (ITEM 6.4)
APPROVAL OF FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET GUIDELINES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Texas A&M University System guidelines for the FY 2025 operating budget, as shown in the attached exhibit, are hereby approved.

MINUTE ORDER 229-2023 (ITEM 6.5)
APPOINTMENT OF REGENT DAVID BAGGETT TO
THE BOARD FOR LEASE OF UNIVERSITY LANDS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Effective immediately, Regent David Baggett is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Board for Lease of University Lands for a two-year term expiring February 1, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.
MINUTE ORDER 230-2023 (ITEM 6.6)

APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS
TO SYSTEM POLICY 24.01, RISK MANAGEMENT,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The revisions to System Policy 24.01, Risk Management, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 231-2023 (ITEM 6.7)

APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS
TO VARIOUS ACADEMIC-RELATED SYSTEM POLICIES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The revisions to System Policies 07.02, Texas Higher Education Fair Lending Practices, 11.01, Collaboration Among System Academic Institutions, and 11.03, Shortened Courses, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 232-2023 (ITEM 6.8)

APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO
SYSTEM POLICY 01.01, SYSTEM POLICIES AND REGULATIONS,
AND MEMBER RULES AND PROCEDURES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The revisions to System Policy 01.01, System Policies and Regulations, and Member Rules and Procedures, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 233-2023 (ITEM 6.9)

APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO
POLICIES 13.04, STUDENT TRAVEL, 28.03, VENDING MACHINES
AND 32.01, EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The non-substantive revisions to System Policies 13.04, Student Travel, 28.03, Vending Machines and 32.01, Employee Complaint and Appeal Procedures, as shown in the attached exhibits, are approved, effective immediately.
MINUTE ORDER 234-2023 (ITEM 6.10)

APPROVAL OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS
TO SYSTEM POLICY 23.02, DEBT MANAGEMENT,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The revisions to System Policy 23.02, Debt Management, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 235-2023 (ITEM 6.11)

DESIGNATION OF THE REGENTS PROFESSOR AWARDS AND
THE REGENTS FELLOW SERVICE AWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE
AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022-23,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of ‘Regents Professor’ for exemplary performance during FY 2022-23 to the following 14 faculty members, effective immediately:

Dr. Ananda S. Amarasekara, Prairie View A&M University
Dr. Gary Bigham, West Texas A&M University
Dr. Ann O. Bowman, Texas A&M University
Dr. Satish T.S. Bukkapatnam, Texas A&M University
Dr. Noah D. Cohen, Texas A&M University
Dr. Dilma Da Silva, Texas A&M University
Dr. Kim E. Dooley, Texas A&M University
Dr. Maribel González-García, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Derald A. Harp, Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Stephen Maren, Texas A&M University
Dr. Jon T. Skare, Texas A&M University
Dr. Michael R. Waters, Texas A&M University
Dr. Joshua C. Watson, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Thomas H. Welsh, Jr., Texas A&M University
The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of ‘Regents Fellow’ for exemplary professional service during FY 2022-23 to the following 13 agency service, extension and research professionals, effective immediately:

- Dr. Juan Reymundo Anciso, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Dr. Kevin N. Balke, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- Dr. Rukeia Draw-Hood, Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program
- Mr. Joseph N. Dunn, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
- Dr. William L. Eisele, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- Ms. Kathy Farrow, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Dr. Martin Ficken, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
- Ms. Jackquenett Goetz, Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Dr. Jaehak Jeong, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- Dr. Cindy Lawley, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
- Ms. Vicki Newlin, Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Mr. Ronald K. Taylor, Jr., Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service
- Mr. Bruce V. Woods, Texas A&M Forest Service

(Note: Minute Order No. 236-2023 was not used)

MINUTE ORDER 237-2023 (ITEM 6.13)

APPROVAL FOR DR. ZACHARY GRASLEY, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICER AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CIRCLE CONCRETE TECH, INC., A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Zachary Grasley, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in his individual capacity, as an employee, officer and member of the board of directors of Circle Concrete Tech, 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. Grasley.
MINUTE ORDER 238-2023 (ITEM 6.14)

APPROVAL FOR DR. MARK BENDEN,
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICER
AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HUMANATE DIGITAL, LLC,
A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY
FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. Mark Benden, an employee of Texas A&M University, to serve, in his individual capacity, as an employee, officer and member of the board of directors of Humanate Digital, 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. Benden.

MINUTE ORDER 239-2023 (ITEM 6.17)

APPROVAL FOR MR. JOHN HANKS AND DR. AMIR ZAVAREH,
SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF SAGESPECTRA, INC.,
A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Mr. John Hanks and Dr. Amir Zavareh, employees of Texas A&M University, to serve, in their individual capacities, as officers, members of the board of directors and employees of SageSpectra, 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 Mr. Hanks and Dr. Zavareh.

MINUTE ORDER 240-2023 (ITEM 6.18)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
SECURITY AND COMPETITIVENESS INSTITUTE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Research and Innovation Security and Competitiveness Institute is hereby established as an organizational unit of The Texas A&M University System.
MINUTE ORDER 241-2023 (ITEM 6.19)

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, NOVEMBER 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 member at Tarleton State University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 24-01.

MINUTE ORDER 242-2023 (ITEM 6.20)

APPROVAL OF A BACHELOR OF ARTS,
BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN LEADERSHIP AND
STRATEGIC STUDIES, 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 Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Leadership and Strategic Studies.

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 243-2023 (ITEM 6.21)

APPROVAL OF A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A
MAJOR IN ZOO ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT, 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 Bachelor of Science in Zoo Animal Care and Management.

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 244-2023 (ITEM 6.22)

APPROVAL OF A MASTER OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN MARKETING, 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 Master of Science in Marketing.

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 245-2023 (ITEM 6.23)

APPROVAL OF A NEW DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY WITH AN EMBEDDED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY, 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 Program with a Major in Experimental Psychology with an embedded Master in Experimental Psychology.

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 246-2023 (ITEM 6.24)

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, NOVEMBER 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 member at Texas A&M International University as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 24-01.
MINUTE ORDER 247-2023 (ITEM 6.25)

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, NOVEMBER 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. 24-01.

MINUTE ORDER 248-2023 (ITEM 6.26)

APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM
WITH A MAJOR IN DANCE 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 Master of Fine Arts in Dance.

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 249-2023 (ITEM 6.27)

APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM
WITH A MAJOR IN THEATRE
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 Fine Arts in Theatre.

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 250-2023 (ITEM 6.28)

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERIM PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONTRACTS $500,000 OR MORE, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Interim President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute the contracts, and other related documents, listed in the exhibit, Contract List No. 24-01, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

MINUTE ORDER 251-2023 (ITEM 6.29)


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

- “Owen Professorship #2 Quasi-Endowment”
- “COADC Debbie and Bill Scott ’71 Scholarship in Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Quasi-Endowment”

MINUTE ORDER 252-2023 (ITEM 6.30)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHCARE ACCESS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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

MINUTE ORDER 253-2023 (ITEM 6.31)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AND RESEARCH, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Insurance Institute for Construction Safety and Research is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University.
MINUTE ORDER 254-2023 (ITEM 6.32)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEXAS A&M DRUG DISCOVERY CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Texas A&M University Drug Discovery Center is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University within the College of Arts & Sciences.

MINUTE ORDER 255-2023 (ITEM 6.33)

NAMING OF THE PERFORMANCE LAWN IN AGGIE PARK,
THE “ORTEGA FAMILY LAWN – ELVIRA AND RAFAEL ORTEGA,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Performance Lawn in Aggie Park on the campus of Texas A&M University, the “Ortega Family Lawn – Elvira and Rafael Ortega.”

MINUTE ORDER 256-2023 (ITEM 6.34)

NAMING OF THE BUSINESS EDUCATION COMPLEX,
AS THE “MAYS BUSINESS EDUCATION COMPLEX,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Business Education Complex on campus of Texas A&M University, the “Mays Business Education Complex.”

MINUTE ORDER 257-2023 (ITEM 6.35)

NAMING OF THE “ABE AND ANNIE SEIBEL FOUNDATION STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ROOM,” WITHIN THE SOUTHSIDE RECREATION CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names Room 104 within the Southside Recreation Center on campus at Texas A&M University the “Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Strength and Conditioning Room.”
MINUTE ORDER 258-2023 (ITEM 6.36)

NAMING OF A ROOM IN THE J. WAYNE STARK GALLERIES, AS “THE REAVES ART RESEARCH COLLECTION,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Research Library, Room 1122 in the J. Wayne Stark Galleries in the Memorial Student Center on the campus of Texas A&M University, “The Reaves Art Research Collection.”

MINUTE ORDER 259-2023 (ITEM 6.37)

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR SPONSORED INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING AND OTHER SPONSORED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT RESEARCH FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025 AND 2026, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

The President of Texas A&M University-Central Texas is authorized to execute, following a review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, and following approval by the deputy chancellor and chief financial officer, agreements for sponsored instruction and training and other sponsored activities that are not research, including any amendments and related documents, for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Each agreement must be structured so that the revenue generated by the agreement will cover, at a minimum, all costs incurred by Texas A&M University-Central Texas in performing under the agreement, subject to any agreed cost share by Texas A&M University-Central Texas in accordance with System Regulation 15.01.05, Cost Sharing on Sponsored Agreements. Total consideration under any agreement will not exceed $5,000,000 and the term for any agreement will not exceed five years. For each fiscal year covered by this delegation of authority, Texas A&M University-Central Texas shall submit a report to the Board of Regents that identifies any agreements executed pursuant to this minute order and describes key terms of such agreements.

MINUTE ORDER 260-2023 (ITEM 6.38)

APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS 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 Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications.
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 261-2023 (ITEM 6.39)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 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 Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence.

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 262-2023 (ITEM 6.40)**

**NAMING OF THE VARIOUS AREAS IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES SPACE IN THE DOWNTOWN BUILDING, AND A PRACTICE ROOM IN THE NEW ARTS BUILDING ON THE CAMPUS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the following areas in the Special Collections & Archives space in the downtown building and a practice room in the New Arts building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi:

- Downtown building - Cold Storage Room the “Holly and Tim Stephens Cold Storage Room”
- Downtown building - Digitization Room the “Holly and Tim Stephens Digitization Room”
- Arts building - Practice Room the “Holly and Tim Stephens Practice Room”

**MINUTE ORDER 263-2023 (ITEM 6.41)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, NOVEMBER 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 members at Texas A&M University-Kingsville as set forth in the exhibit, Tenure List No. 24-01.

**MINUTE ORDER 264-2023 (ITEM 6.42)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, NOVEMBER 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. 24-01.

**MINUTE ORDER 265-2023 (ITEM 6.43)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, NOVEMBER 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. 24-01.

**MINUTE ORDER 266-2023 (ITEM 6.44)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF A PEACE OFFICER, TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents confirms the Director of Texas A&M Forest Service’s appointment and commissioning of Mr. Thomas Connor Murnane as a peace officer for the System, subject to taking the oath required of peace officers.

**MINUTE ORDER 267-2023 (ITEM 6.45)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FEDERAL NON-RESEARCH GRANT AGREEMENTS, AND ANY AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS OR EXTENSIONS, TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

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 2024 Consolidated Programs Grant and the Fiscal Year 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Grants.
MINUTE ORDER 268-2023 (ITEM 6.46)

AUTHORIZATION FOR TIME SENSITIVE AWARDS
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR FY2024 AND FY2025,
TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

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, and following approval by the Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, Time Sensitive Awards from Federal agencies to deliver public service programs to the citizens of Texas for the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Mahomes thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that the next regular Board meeting was scheduled for February 7-9, 2024.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mahomes recessed the meeting at 9:06 a.m., Thursday, November 9, 2023, and announced that the Board would reconvene in executive session to continue the executive session agenda.

(Note: The Board met in executive session from 9:30 a.m. to 2:51 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:04 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURN

Vice Chairman Albritton reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:05 p.m. and immediately adjourned the meeting.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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