**MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE**

 **BOARD OF REGENTS

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

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CONVENE

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened the workshop meeting at 1:07 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025. 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

Mr. Michael J. Plank

Mr. Sam Torn

Mr. Cage Sawyers, Student Regent

 Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Nancy Fahrenwald, Associate Vice President for University Health Services at Texas A&M University, to provide a presentation and update on the enhancement of mental health services for students in the A&M System. This included an update on the Jed Foundation and the TELUS application.

 Next, Chairman Mahomes called on President James Hurley, Tarleton State University, who provided a presentation on the potential expansion of the health sciences program at Tarleton.

 Chairman Mahomes called on Mr. Joseph Duron, Chief Administrative
Officer, The Texas A&M University System; and Ms. Corrin Le Vasseur, Executive Director of Operations, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, who provided a report on deferred maintenance.

 Next, Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Peter O’Neill, Chief Innovation Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor, who provided an update regarding Texas A&M Innovation.

 Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Mark Stone, Chief Information Officer, and
Mr. Danny Miller, Chief Information Security Officer, who provided a presentation on policies and initiatives related to information security. They spoke about current cyber operations, security portfolio services, statistical information, expanded services, and artificial intelligence.

 Next, Chairman Mahomes called on President Ross Alexander, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, who provided a report on the proposed expansion of athletic facilities at Texas A&M University-Texarkana. He discussed the Red River Credit Union (RRCU), Athletic Complex, hospitality suite, location of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Safe Room Project, its fundraising success, and momentum.

 Chairman Mahomes called on Ms Jenny Jones, who provided a report on the
89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, detailing our current status in the Legislature.

 Next, Chairman Mahomes called on Dr. Kevin R. Gamache, Vice Chancellor and Chief Research Security Officer, who provided a report on research compliance and security practices and procedures. He discussed the results, the Research Security Office's (RSO) focus, key SRO objectives, the process for considering research security, collaborations, high-risk global engagement, research security in FY 25, research and innovation security, competitiveness programs, and SECURE (Safeguarding the Entire Community in the
US Research Ecosystem).

 Chairman Mahomes called on President Mark Welsh, Texas A&M University, and
Brig Gen (Retired) Kim Fields, Director of Strategic Initiatives, who provided a presentation on the proposed citizenship initiative at Texas A&M.

 Next, Chairman Mahomes called on President Welsh, who provided a report on the operations and infrastructure needs at Texas A&M, which included key takeaways, ongoing efforts, recommendations, decisions, and next steps.

ADJOURN

 There being no further business, Chairman Mahomes adjourned the meeting at
6:03 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Vickie Burt Spillers

Executive Director, Board of Regents

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