

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**July 30, 2023**

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

**July 30, 2023**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Mahomes convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 6:01 p.m., Sunday, July 30, 2023, in the 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  
Ms. Annie Valicek

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Michael A. Hernandez

**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. He said 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 6:02 p.m. until 9:25 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:34 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 6:02 p.m. until 9:25 p.m. and conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on legal and personnel matters, including Items 1 and 2.

Chairman Mahomes presented Item 1, Appointment of Gen. (Ret.) Mark A. Welsh as Interim President of Texas A&M University.

On motion of Regent Graham, seconded by Regent Plank, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (142).

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**MINUTE ORDER 142-2023 (ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF GEN. (RET.) MARK A. WELSH  
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Gen. (Ret.) Mark A. Welsh is hereby appointed Interim President of Texas A&M University at an initial salary of \$950,000.

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Chairman Mahomes presented Item 2, Authorization to Negotiate a Potential Settlement of Claims of Dr. Kathleen McElroy.

Regent Albritton asked that the motion include that the Office of General Counsel be directed to complete a thorough investigation as soon as possible and he emphasized that the Board supports the release of its findings to the public.

On motion of Regent Albritton (as shown above), seconded by Regent Torn, and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was approved (143).

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**MINUTE ORDER 143-2023 (ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A POTENTIAL  
SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF KATHLEEN MCELROY, PH.D.,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, is authorized to negotiate a potential settlement of an anticipated lawsuit from Kathleen McElroy, or to proceed with defending against the litigation, in coordination with the Attorney General's Office, if an acceptable settlement cannot be reached.

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**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION,  
AND ADJOURN**

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the executive session at 9:45 p.m. and announced that the Board would continue its executive session agenda.

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

Vickie Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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