

MINUTES

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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

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CONVENE

Vice Chairman Jay Graham convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the Board Meeting Room, Board of Regents Annex, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present in the Board meeting room:

Mr. Jay Graham, Vice Chairman
Mr. David Baggett
Mr. John Bellinger
Ms. Kelley Sullivan Georgiades
Mr. Sam Torn
Mr. Jaquavous Doucette, Student Regent

The following members of the Board were present via videoconference:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton, Chairman
Mr. Randy Brooks
Mr. Mike Hernandez
Mr. Bill Mahomes

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Graham announced that the agenda for this meeting included two agenda items as posted with the Secretary of State. He said the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections .071 and .074 of the Texas Government Code, including discussion of Items 1 and 2. He announced that, in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote regarding any matter considered in the executive session would be taken and that all final action would occur in open session.

Note: The Board met in executive session from 1:33 p.m. until 3:47 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Vice Chairman Graham reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:48 p.m. He stated that the Board had discussed legal and personnel matters under Items 1 and 2.

Vice Chairman Graham said the first item seeks the appointment of Dr. Diane Hurtado as the Vice Chancellor for Nuclear Security, effective immediately.

Regent Baggett moved to adopt the minute order contained in Item 1. Regent Bellinger seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by a roll-call vote, the following minute order was unanimously approved (001).

(Note: Chairman Albritton was not present for the vote.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 001-2026 (ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. DIANE HURTADO  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY INITIATIVES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Diane Hurtado is hereby appointed Vice Chancellor for Nuclear Security Initiatives to The Texas A&M University System, at an initial annual salary of \$412,000.

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Vice Chairman Graham said the second item seeks the appointment of John Barton as the Interim Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, effective immediately.

Regent Sullivan Georgiades moved to adopt the minute order contained in Item 2. Vice Chairman Graham seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by a roll-call vote, the following minute order was unanimously approved (002).

(Note: Chairman Albritton was not present for the vote.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 002-2026 (ITEM 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BARTON  
AS INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, John Barton is hereby appointed Interim Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs to The Texas A&M University System, at an initial annual salary of \$525,000.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Torn, seconded by Regent Bellinger, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents