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CONVENE

Chairman Robert L. Albritton convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 10:04 a.m., Friday, March 27, 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:

Chairman Robert L. Albritton
Regent Bill Mahomes
Regent Sam Torn

The following members of the Board were present via videoconference:

Vice Chairman Jay Graham
Regent John Bellinger
Regent Randy Brooks
Regent Mike Hernandez
Regent Kelley Sullivan Georgiades

The following members of the Board were not present:

Regent David Baggett
Student Regent Jaquavous Doucette

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Albritton announced that the agenda for this meeting included five agenda items posted with the Secretary of State, as follows:

Item 1 – Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Addendum to the Ground Lease and Other Related Agreements for the Construction of Improvements on Approximately 1.75 Acres of Land at The Texas A&M University System-RELLIS Campus, in Bryan, Texas

Item 2 – Consideration and Possible Action on Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Ground Lease and Other Related Agreements for Approximately 44.4 Acres of Land at The Texas A&M University System-RELLIS Campus, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, A&M System

Item 3 – Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Athletics Complex Project, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, Texarkana, Texas (Project No. 22-3439), A&M System

Item 4 – Consideration and Possible Action to Amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 A&M System Capital Plan to Increase the Project Budget and Appropriate Additional Funding for Construction Services and Relocation for the Meat Sciences & Technology Center Project for Texas A&M AgriLife Research (Project No. 06-3339), A&M System

Item 5 - Consideration and Possible Action on Appointment of Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs of Texas A&M University-Victoria

Chairman Albritton recessed the meeting to executive session as permitted by Texas Government Code 551, Sections .071, .072, and .074, including discussion of Items 1, 2, and 5. 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 10:09 a.m. until 11:46 a.m. Regent Sullivan Georgiades left the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and was not present for the vote.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Albritton reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:47 a.m. He stated that the Board had discussed real estate, legal, and personnel matters under Items 1, 2, and 5.

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

Chairman Robert L. Bob Albritton
Vice Chairman Jay Graham
Regent John Bellinger
Regent Randy Brooks
Regent Mike Hernandez
Regent Bill Mahomes
Regent Sam Torn

Chairman Albritton said that Item 1 had been tabled and would be addressed in the very near future.

Chairman Albritton asked Mr. John Barton, Interim Vice Chancellor for Business Operations, to present Item 2. Mr. Barton said this item seeks authorization under System Policy 41.01 for the Chancellor or his designee to negotiate and execute a short-term, non-nuclear ground lease covering approximately 44.4 acres at The Texas A&M University System-RELLIS Campus.

He said this request is not for approval of nuclear operations, construction, or long-term development. Rather, it is to allow limited site assessments in preparation for federal regulatory reviews to determine if this is a feasible site for a future commercial project.

Regent Torn moved to adopt the minute order contained in Item 2. Regent Mahomes seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by a roll-call vote, the following minute order was unanimously approved (090).

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MINUTE ORDER 090-2026 (ITEM 2)

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE AND OTHER RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 44.4 ACRES OF LAND AT THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM-RELLIS CAMPUS, BRYAN, TEXAS, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Per System Policy 41.01, Real Property, Section 4.1, the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute the documents necessary for a ground lease of approximately 44.4 acres of land at The Texas A&M University System-RELLIS Campus, not inconsistent with the terms in the agenda item.

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Chairman Albritton asked Mr. Barton to present Item 3. Mr. Barton said Board approval is requested for construction of the athletics complex project for Texas A&M University-Texarkana at a budget of $23 million. He said the project was included as a proposed project on the FY 2025 - FY 2029 annual system capital plan, approved by the Board at the May 2024 meeting, with an FY 2027 start date and a total planning amount of $15 million. Mr. Barton said the request to change the fiscal year designation for project initiation from FY 2027 to FY 2025 and to increase the total planning amount from $15 million to $23 million was approved by the Board at the May 2025 meeting. Mr. Barton added that funding for this project would be provided through Revenue Financing System (RFS) debt proceeds, designated tuition, gifts, and cash for gifts. He said this project has no impact on deferred maintenance at this campus.

Mr. Barton continued by stating that the project is located on approximately seven acres of university-owned land along University Avenue. Project site work consists of roads, parking, utilities, landscaping, and hardscaping. The project will include a baseball field, softball field, restrooms, and additional parking. Both fields will meet NCAA Division II standards and will include synthetic turf, competition lighting, dugouts, and required ancillary spaces. Each stadium has approximately 250 fixed seats, as well as grassy berm seating along the baselines and the outfield. A total of 83 parking spaces will be added to the site. The athletics complex project is scheduled to begin in April 2026, with substantial completion in January 2027.

Chairman Albritton called on Regent Brooks, Chairman of the Committee on Facilities Planning and Construction, who said that if there were ever a way to create an athletic project, this is it. He added that Dr. Ross Alexander, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, has conducted his research and engaged key stakeholders in Texarkana.

President Alexander thanked the Board for their support. He added that fundraising for this phase of their three-phase RCU athletic complex has gone exceedingly well. If approved, they would begin construction on April 6 with games beginning in January 2027. In response to a question, President Alexander said they have raised about $10.5 million across all three phases and, with a significant gift, have raised over $50 million in two and a half years.

Regent Torn moved to adopt the minute order contained in Item 3. Regent Brooks seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by a roll-call vote, the following minute order was unanimously approved (091).

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MINUTE ORDER 091-2026 (ITEM 3)

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND
APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ATHLETICS COMPLEX PROJECT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA, TEXARKANA, TEXAS
(PROJECT NO. 22-3439),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of $23,000,000 for the Athletics Complex Project is approved.

The amount of $11,224,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01083538 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Athletic Fee Revenue), and the amount of $2,090,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Gifts), and the amount of $1,100,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083538 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Designated Tuition), and the amount of $6,286,000 from Account No. 22-460850, Athletic Complex, for construction services and related project costs.

The Athletics Complex Project, Texas A&M University-Texarkana, Texarkana, 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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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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Note: Vice Chairman Graham was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Albritton asked Mr. Barton to present Item 4.

Mr. Barton said this item seeks action to amend the FY 2026 - FY 2030 A&M System Capital Plan to increase the project budget and appropriate additional funding for construction services and relocation for the Meat Sciences and Technology Center project for Texas A&M AgriLife Research, at an increased budget of $133,359,996.

Mr. Barton added that the project was approved to be added to the FY 2025 – FY 2029 capital plan at the May 2024 meeting, with an FY 2025 start date and a planning amount of $114,664,996. He said funding will be provided through RFS debt proceeds, Permanent University Fund (PUF) debt proceeds, and cash. The project has no impact on deferred maintenance.

Mr. Barton reported that following Board approval in November, further consideration was given to the best site, including proximity to students, faculty, and staff, travel time, and opportunities for future use. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has developed a long-range plan for an agriculture district, and relocating the facility will serve as an anchor. The new location will be 3844 Fin Feather Road in College Station. Site work will include utility extensions, driveways, parking, a secure service yard, and landscaping. The building will remain at approximately 85,600 gross square feet. He added that relocating the facility results in additional costs for redesign, drainage, transportation access, and utilities, but these are minimal. Enhancements include addressing heat exposure through a canopy, expanding the auditorium from 200 to 300 seats, and integrating the facility into the campus thermal utility system via a utility corridor. He added that substantial completion is scheduled for May 2028.

Chairman Albritton thanked Dr. Jeff Savell, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Dr. Cliff Lamb, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, for how this request was presented.

Regent Torn moved to adopt the minute order contained in Item 3. Regent Brooks seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by a roll-call vote, the following minute order was unanimously approved (092).

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MINUTE ORDER 092-2026 (ITEM 4)

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2026 – FY 2030
A&M SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO INCREASE THE PROJECT BUDGET
AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
AND RELOCATION FOR THE MEAT SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
PROJECT FOR TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH (PROJECT NO. 06-3339),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request to amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 A&M System Capital Plan to increase the project budget and relocate the Meat Sciences & Technology Center Project for Texas A&M AgriLife Research is approved.

The amount of $18,755,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-020600, Sid Kyle Income, for 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.

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Chairman Albritton called on Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who presented Item 5. President Christian Hardigree was available for questions. Ms. Nichole Bunker, Board General Counsel, said the required certification had been completed for the employee recommended for this position.

Regent Torn moved to adopt the minute order contained in Item 5. Regent Mahomes seconded the motion. There being no discussion, by a roll-call vote, the following minute order was unanimously approved (093).

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MINUTE ORDER 093-2026 (ITEM 5)

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. ALYSSA M. KIESOW
AS PROVOST & VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-VICTORIA**

Dr. Alyssa M. Kiesow is hereby named the Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs of Texas A&M University-Victoria, effective July 1, 2026, at an initial salary of $250,000.00.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Torn, seconded by Regent Mahomes, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents
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