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

**February 9, 2017**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Clifton L. Thomas, Jr., convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 9, 2017, 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. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr., Chairman  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Morris E. Foster  
Mr. Bill Mahomes  
Ms. Judy Morgan  
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz  
Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Thomas announced that the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72, 73, 74 and 76 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 executive session would be made or taken.

*(Note: The Board met in executive session from 9:02 a.m. until 11:12 a.m.)*

**RECONVENE**

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting in open session in the Bethancourt Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center and said that a quorum was present. He announced that the Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. and considered executive session agenda items and conferred with Chancellor John Sharp, several system and university administrators and system attorneys on personnel, real property and legal matters.

### **INVOCATION**

Chairman Thomas called on Mr. Hansen Harris from Austin, Texas, who presented the invocation. He said Mr. Harris graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2016, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance from Texas A&M. Chairman Thomas added that Mr. Harris was currently enrolled in the Masters of Real Estate degree program and was scheduled to graduate in December 2017.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Thomas said he wanted to recognize individuals attending their first Board meeting, or attending in a new capacity. He announced that Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, Interim President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, effective January 1, 2017, was guiding the university during this crucial legislative session, and as they began a national search for a permanent president. He said Dr. Carrie Byington, Vice Chancellor of Health Services, Dean of the College of Medicine and Senior Vice President for the Texas A&M Health Science Center, was attending her first Board meeting. Chairman Thomas reported that Dr. Byington came from the University of Utah Health Science Center but her new position was a homecoming for the A&M graduate, class of 1985. He added that Mr. Greg Winfree, Director of Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), came from the U.S. Department of Transportation. He said he was excited to have them join the A&M System and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Sharp highlighted accomplishments of the A&M System (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

### **TUITION AND FEE BRIEFING FOR INCREASES REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Chairman Thomas announced that the Board of Regents was required by the Texas Education Code to hold a public hearing on certain proposed increases in tuition and fees. He said the purpose of this public hearing was to comply with this requirement and to provide an opportunity to receive input from students and the public regarding the proposed undergraduate non-resident tuition increase by Texas A&M to be effective with the fall 2017 semester. He called on Mr. Michael Young, President of Texas A&M, to provide an overview of the proposal.

President Young said Texas A&M had a relatively small number of out-of-state undergraduates and explained that this increase applied only to out-of-state undergraduates for the upcoming fall 2017, and not current students. He said that as they reviewed the cost of education and the amount of state support, it became increasingly clear that as a matter of equity to the taxpayers of Texas, out-of-state students should bear a larger proportion of the actual cost of their education. President Young advised that out-of-state tuition was not supplemented in the same way by the state and since those students had not been in a position to pay taxes in Texas prior to that, the equities suggested that a larger portion of

the tuition should be borne by them. He said the proposal was that the designated tuition be increased by \$200 per semester credit hour, which would keep out-of-state tuition comparable or below their peer institutions. He noted that it would not affect the opportunity for those students to receive waivers of out-of-state tuition; those statutorily designated and those that were a matter of policy at Texas A&M.

Chairman Thomas reported that the Board received one letter of public testimony regarding Item 1.1, which was distributed to each member of the Board. He said the Board had received no requests for public oral testimony. He announced that the Board hearing was closed. Chairman Thomas said the Committee on Finance would consider this proposed increase during its discussion and vote on Item 1.1. He added that the full Board would take action on this item later in the day.

### **RECESS AND RECONVENE**

Chairman Thomas recessed the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

*(Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 1:45 p.m. and adjourned at 2:14 p.m. The Committee on Audit convened at 2:14 p.m. and adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 2:21 p.m. and adjourned at 2:36 p.m.)*

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Regent Schwartz, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the committee met earlier and considered Item 1.1. He added that the committee recommended Board approval of the item.

On motion of Regent Schwartz, seconded by Regent Adams, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (001):

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### **MINUTE ORDER 001-2017 (ITEM 1.1)**

#### **APPROVAL OF INCREASED UNDERGRADUATE NON-RESIDENT DESIGNATED TUITION AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

A public hearing required by law for an increase in designated tuition has been properly conducted in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

The request for increased undergraduate non-resident designated tuition recommended by Texas A&M University, as shown on the attached exhibit, is approved to be effective with the fall 2017 semester.

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Regent Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the committee met earlier in the day and received several reports and updates, including the Monthly Audit Report, the Audit Tracking Report and Management's Responses to the Audit Tracking Report.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Vice Chairman Mendoza, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said the committee met the previous day and discussed several items. She advised that they had a detailed discussion on the proposed increase in undergraduate, non-resident designated tuition from Dr. Jerry Strawser, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration and Chief Financial Officer at Texas A&M. She said the committee also had a great discussion on course redesign from Dr. Meigan Aronson, Dean of the College of Science at Texas A&M. Vice Chairman Mendoza added that the discussion was focused on the gateway courses the College of Science did for the entire campus. She said they discussed a little further about the partnership with the College of Engineering. She noted that they looked forward to further briefings on that progress -- critical to student success in the College of Engineering, and others.

Vice Chairman Mendoza announced that the committee received a presentation on Student Learning Outcomes and the results of the communications and critical thinking areas from Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. She advised that related to critical thinking, they had a ways to go and Dr. Hallmark talked about what campuses were doing to intervene and ensure that they upped their game for students in critical thinking. Vice Chairman Mendoza said they also had a briefing and discussion on faculty salaries systemwide by Dr. Hallmark, ensuring that they were attempting to be as competitive as they could to recruit and retain the best faculty possible. She added that Dr. Karan Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President at Texas A&M, presented them with a deeper dive into Hispanic enrollment and retention at Texas A&M, and the progress they were making with retention and graduation.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT**

Regent Adams said the committee met earlier in the day and approved Items 3.1 through 3.4 as presented.

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Morgan, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (002 through 005):

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**MINUTE ORDER 002-2017 (ITEM 3.1)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION  
FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION  
FOR THE APPLIED SCIENCES BUILDING PROJECT (04-3195),  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$54,000,000 for the Applied Sciences Building Project is approved.

The amount of \$48,600,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (TRB), for construction services and related project costs.

The Applied Sciences 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.

**MINUTE ORDER 003-2017 (ITEM 3.2)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION  
FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION  
FOR THE DALLAS AGRILIFE CENTER PROJECT (06-3192),  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$34,000,000 for the Dallas AgriLife Center Project is approved.

The amount of \$30,600,000 is appropriated from Account No. 06-400201 Blackland - Dallas Building, for construction services and related project costs.

The Dallas AgriLife Center Project, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Dallas, Texas, is approved for construction.

**MINUTE ORDER 004-2017 (ITEM 3.3)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING PROJECT (25-3158), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$63,000,000 for the Science and Technology Building Project is approved.

The amount of \$56,700,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (TRB), for construction services and related project costs.

The Science and Technology Building Project, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, 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 005-2017 (ITEM 3.4)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EQUINE PHASE II INITIATIVE PROJECT (2016-01317), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The revised project scope along with a project budget of \$6,841,401 for the Equine Phase II Initiative Project, at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$5,850,000 is appropriated from Account No. 243507-Designated Tuition Contingent Income, and the amount of \$341,401 is appropriated from Account No. 808803-Equine Relocation, for construction services and related project costs.

The Equine Phase II Initiative Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD**

Chairman Thomas announced that Items 5.2 through 5.5 were considered in executive session.

*(Note: See page 9 for approval of Item 5.1)*

On motion of Vice Chairman Mendoza, seconded by Regent Schwartz, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (006 through 009):

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**MINUTE ORDER 006-2017 (ITEM 5.2)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE  
APPROXIMATELY 48,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE IN  
THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease approximately 48,000 square feet of space in the Valley Park Center, located at 400 Harvey Mitchell Parkway South, College Station, Brazos County, Texas, for a primary term of five years, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 007-2017 (ITEM 5.3)****AUTHORIZATION TO SELL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS AT  
54 ADLER CIRCLE IN GALVESTON, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, is authorized to sell the land and improvements at 54 Adler Circle, Galveston, Galveston County, Texas, upon such terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate, and is further authorized, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute and deliver such documents as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate to effectuate the sale.

**MINUTE ORDER 008-2017 (ITEM 5.4)****AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MULTIPLE  
BUILDING SPACE LEASES FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN  
THE HENSEL PARK II COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING TO FACILITATE  
WIRELESS CARRIERS PROVIDING SERVICE TO KYLE FIELD,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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 a building space lease agreement with wireless carriers for a term not to exceed the lesser of 10 years or the term of the signed Carrier License Agreement relating to Kyle Field with each wireless carrier to house the communication equipment necessary to provide wireless service at Kyle Field for the benefit of faculty, staff, students and the general public while at Kyle Field; and the Chancellor, or designee, is authorized to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 009-2017 (ITEM 5.5)****APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN  
DR. JENNIFER D. OYLER V. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE,  
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT  
AND RELATED DOCUMENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the settlement agreement of the lawsuit styled *Dr. Jennifer D. Oyler v. Texas A&M University-Commerce* on specific terms and conditions acceptable to the General Counsel and as approved by the President.

The President of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby authorized to execute settlement documents and any other documents related to the settlement. All documents shall be approved by the General Counsel prior to execution.

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Chancellor Sharp presented Item 5.1.

On motion of Regent Morgan, seconded by Regent Adams, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (010):

**MINUTE ORDER 010-2017 (ITEM 5.1)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
FLAVIUS C. KILLEBREW AS PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chairman Thomas presented Item 5.6.

On motion of Vice Chairman Mendoza, seconded by Regent Schwartz, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (011):

**MINUTE ORDER 011-2017 (ITEM 5.6)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MS. JUDY MORGAN FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION  
AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF REGENT EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Regent Morgan thanked them for the honor and privilege of serving on the Board of Regents. She said the System's growth and accomplishments during her six-year term were amazing. She added that when she came on the Board, the A&M System was a great regional system and now it was on the national and world stage due to the leadership of the Regents and Chancellor Sharp. Regent Morgan pointed out that it was also because of the leadership of the state agencies, and Mr. Russ Wallace, Executive Director, Facilities and Construction, and Mr. Phillip Ray, Vice Chancellor, Business Affairs, with the building programs. She mentioned Mr. Tom Boggus, Director of the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) and his wonderful work, and TTI bringing the freight shuttle commercialization. She said Mr. Gary Sera, Director, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), and his

work with first responders was making the world safer, and Dr. Katherine Banks, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Engineering, and all of her work, including the RELLIS Campus -- a game changer, and the new Engineering complex which would be state-of-the-art. Regent Morgan emphasized that within the past six years the A&M System had added a new law school and was building a new dental school. She said they had experienced a trifecta of sports; moving into the Southeastern Conference, having a Heisman trophy winner and the renovation of Kyle Field. She said that President Young had brought prestige to Texas A&M, and all the regional universities had experienced growth. Regent Morgan said Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce, opened a campus in Frisco, Texas, and Dr. Dominic Dottavio, President of Tarleton State University, had moved into the Fort Worth area. She reiterated that all the A&M System campuses were growing and everyone was better off than they were six years ago. She said she was proud to have been part of this journey. Regent Morgan said she had built a relationship with everyone and was proud to call them her friends.

Chancellor Sharp said that Regent Morgan had been the best chair of the Committee on Audit. He added that people in Texarkana owed her a huge debt of gratitude because she had built lots of support for Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMUT). He said no other university had the community support that TAMUT did, and it was due to what Regent Morgan had done and the people she had pulled together for that community. Chancellor Sharp pointed out that some tough decisions were made on the Board during this past six years, and they appreciated all that she had done. He said they were very fortunate to have Regent Morgan in the A&M System for six years.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Regent Mahomes said that Item 6.14 requested Board approval to name a building at A&M-Commerce for Dr. David A. Talbot. He said years ago he had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents of East Texas State University (now A&M-Commerce), and had the honor of meeting the late Dr. Talbot. Regent Mahomes explained that Dr. Talbot was the first African-American professor at East Texas State. He said he was a beloved mentor of hundreds of students, faculty and staff, and was known for his untiring efforts to bring about justice and fairness for everyone. He emphasized that Dr. Talbot did more to bring about cultural understanding than any single individual in the history of the university. Regent Mahomes said the naming of the Hall of Languages Building for Dr. Talbot came at an appropriate time, as the university was about to hire the director of the newly instituted African-American Studies program, which continued and completed the work of Dr. Talbot. He added that A&M-Commerce had a strong enrollment of African-American students, about 22% of the undergraduates, thus the naming resonates with the entire student body. He thanked Chancellor Sharp for his leadership in this effort, Dr. Keck, and many others who helped, for taking this historic action. Regent Mahomes said if approved, there would be a naming ceremony on Tuesday, April 18, including a dedication address by Mr. Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Chairman Thomas presented Items 6.1 through 6.22.

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Morgan, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (012 through 033):

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**MINUTE ORDER 012-2017 (ITEM 6.1)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016, REGULAR BOARD MEETING;  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING;  
NOVEMBER 11, 2016, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING; AND  
DECEMBER 12, 2016, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Minutes of the November 10, 2016, Regular Board Meeting; the November 10, 2016, Special Workshop Meeting; the November 11, 2016, Special Workshop Meeting; and the December 12, 2016, Special Telephonic Meeting are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 013-2017 (ITEM 6.2)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA, FEBRUARY 2017,  
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/Emerita” upon the individuals as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus/Emerita Title List No. 17-03, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 014-2017 (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 015-2017 (ITEM 6.4)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 31.08 (EMERITUS/EMERITA TITLES),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 31.08 (Emeritus/Emerita Titles), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 016-2017 (ITEM 6.5)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 51.01 (CAPITAL PLANNING),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 51.01 (Capital Planning), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 017-2017 (ITEM 6.6)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 51.05  
(FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING NEW AND RENOVATED BUILDINGS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The revisions to System Policy 51.05 (Furnishing and Equipping New and Renovated Buildings), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 018-2017 (ITEM 6.7)**

**CONFIRMATION OF NEW AND AMENDED FIELD TRIP  
AND STUDY ABROAD FEES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request for new and amended field trip and study abroad fees for The Texas A&M University System, as shown on the attached exhibit, is hereby confirmed.

**MINUTE ORDER 019-2017 (ITEM 6.8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO MR. A. DWAIN MAYFIELD,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The president of Tarleton State University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree to Mr. A. Dwain Mayfield.



**MINUTE ORDER 020-2017 (ITEM 6.9)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2017,  
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. 17-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 021-2017 (ITEM 6.10)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH FIVE QUASI-ENDOWMENTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to establish five quasi-endowments entitled as follows.

- “Peggy L. and Charles L. Brittan '65/Center for Executive Development Endowed Business Honors Development Quasi-Endowment”
- “Peggy L. and Charles L. Brittan '65 /Center for Executive Development Endowed Business Honors Scholarship Quasi-Endowment”
- “Bob '85 and Kelly Jordan '86/Center for Executive Development Professorship Quasi-Endowment”
- “Mays Business School MBA Program Advisory Board/Center for Executive Development Professorship Quasi-Endowment”
- “Abraham and Ruth Clearfield Family KAMU Quasi-Endowment”

**MINUTE ORDER 022-2017 (ITEM 6.11)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2017,  
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. 17-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 023-2017 (ITEM 6.12)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2018,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2018, Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 024-2017 (ITEM 6.13)**

**NAMING OF THE “HAGLER INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Texas A&M University Institute for Advanced Study the “Hagler Institute for Advanced Study.”

**MINUTE ORDER 025-2017 (ITEM 6.14)**

**NAMING OF THE “DAVID A. TALBOT HALL OF LANGUAGES,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby names the Hall of Languages the “David A. Talbot Hall of Languages.”

**MINUTE ORDER 026-2017 (ITEM 6.15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED  
THE ”MARY HILL PEER EDUCATOR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to establish a quasi-endowment entitled the “Mary Hill Peer Educator Endowed Scholarship.” The account will be originally funded by a transfer from an existing Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi account that includes student sanction course fines and gift funds designated for this purpose. Earnings from the newly created quasi-endowment will assist exceptional and deserving students participating in the Peer Educator Program administered by the university’s Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program.

**MINUTE ORDER 027-2017 (ITEM 6.16)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2018,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2018, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

**MINUTE ORDER 028-2017 (ITEM 6.17)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS  
AND SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN  
WATER RESOURCES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio leading to a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Water Resources Science and Technology.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-San Antonio'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 029-2017 (ITEM 6.18)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN WATER  
RESOURCES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-San Antonio leading to a Master of Science in Water Resources Science and Technology.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-San Antonio'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 030-2017 (ITEM 6.19)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO MS. HELEN PIEHL,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The President of West Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Education degree to Ms. Helen Piehl.

**MINUTE ORDER 031-2017 (ITEM 6.20)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN COMPUTER  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND BUSINESS ANALYTICS, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at West Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems and Business Analytics.

The Board also authorizes submission of West 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 032-2017 (ITEM 6.21)**

**NAMING OF  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CLASSROOM – SMART CLASSROOM 1  
THE “GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. CLASSROOM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The West Texas A&M University Classroom - Smart Classroom 1 is hereby named the “Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 033-2017 (ITEM 6.22)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
CENTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AS A JOINT CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION,  
TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

The Center for Infrastructure Renewal is hereby established as a joint center between Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station and Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Thomas announced that the next regular Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion of Regent Schwartz, seconded by Regent Adams, and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Gwen Kirby, Office of the Board of Regents.)*