

MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Chairman Phil Adams convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 3:40 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Memorial Student Center, Bethancourt Grand Ballroom, Room 2300C, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Phil Adams, Chairman
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Vice Chairman
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee
Mr. Morris E. Foster
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
Ms. Judy Morgan
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. John D. White
Mr. Colton Buckley (Student Regent)

Chairman Adams announced that a quorum was present and said the Board would receive updates from System staff on key issues facing the A&M System. He then called on Chancellor John Sharp who introduced the reports to be presented.

Dr. José Bermúdez, Associate Provost for Strategic Planning at Texas A&M, and Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President, presented and discussed a report on progress at Texas A&M regarding PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) findings and recommendations regarding administrative review and future plans. Ms. Alicia Harkness, a Principal with PwC, and Mr. David Hemingson, Managing Director, presented and discussed updates on administrative review and regional universities.

Ms. Katherine Stackhouse, Content Director for Higher Education at Hanover Research, presented and discussed a report entitled the “*U.S. News and World Report Rankings: Methodology and Reconstruction.*” Dr. Karan Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President at Texas A&M, discussed the report as it pertained to Texas A&M and the A&M System.

Next, Ms. Terry McDevitt, Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications, discussed system and university marks.

Lastly, Mr. Phillip Ray, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, discussed the progress of renovations to Kyle Field.

After discussion of these reports and updates with members of the Board, Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents