

MINUTES

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BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Chairman Clifton L. Thomas convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 9:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2016, in the Presidio Meeting Room, Houston Airport Marriott, Houston, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Chairman
Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee (*joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.*)
Mr. Morris E. Foster
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz
Mr. Gabriel Pereira (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Ms. Judy Morgan

Chairman Thomas announced that a quorum was present and no Board action would be taken at this meeting. He said the Board would begin the task of developing an overall strategic plan for the A&M System that would provide an overall plan to guide the System over the next five years. He said the Board's job was to give the universities and agencies a clear picture of what the Board expected from them and what they could expect from the Board. He said Mr. Billy Hamilton, Executive Vice Chancellor, would describe what the universities and agencies already have in place. He added that these plans were important, but what the Board was working toward, with the help of Parthenon-EY, was something broader and more comprehensive. He said the Board must come up with common goals for the System with measurable outcomes that could be monitored and, if necessary, adjusted over time and as circumstances change. He said the Board wanted this to be an active document and a good guidepost for the System. Chairman Thomas said to help the Board with this, they were fortunate to have Ms. Kasia Lundy and Mr. Seth Reynolds from Parthenon EY. He said they have a strong background in higher education planning and analysis and the Board looked forward to their guidance and counsel as they work together on a plan for the future vision of the System.

Chairman Thomas called on Mr. Hamilton who provided background on the strategic planning process and plans currently in place for the universities and agencies.

Mr. Reynolds presented the agenda for the meeting, discussed the planning process and Parthenon's interviews with individual Regents and several members of the administration.

Chairman Thomas recessed the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Reynolds discussed the breakout sessions and assignments for the two groups.

The Board meeting was recessed at 12:45 p.m. for Breakout Session 1: What will Constitute a Successful Strategic Plan for the System? Chairman Thomas, Regents Adams, Buzbee and Mahomes, Student Regent Pereira, Chancellor John Sharp, Presidents Dan Jones and Michael Young and Vice Chancellor James Hallmark were in Group 1. Vice Chairman Mendoza, Regents Albritton, Foster and Schwartz, President Steven Tallant, Vice Chancellor Katherine Banks, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Ray Bonilla were in Group 2.

The Board meeting was reconvened at 2:30 p.m. Each group reported and discussed their breakout discussions.

The Board meeting was recessed at 2:45 p.m. for Breakout Session 2: What does our Education Mission Mean in Practice?

The Board meeting was reconvened at 4:02 p.m. After the reports were presented and discussed, Chairman Thomas recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Chairman
Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee (*joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.*)
Mr. Morris E. Foster
Mr. Bill Mahomes (*joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.*)
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz
Mr. Gabriel Pereira (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Ms. Judy Morgan

Mr. Reynolds presented a brief recap of the prior day and discussed the goals for Thursday.

The Board meeting was recessed at 9:12 a.m. for Breakout Session 3: What does our Research Mission Mean in Practice?

The Board meeting was reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

After the breakout session reports were presented and discussed, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents