

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

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Chairman Charles W. Schwartz convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 9, 2018, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Charles W. Schwartz, Chairman  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Tim Leach  
Mr. Bill Mahomes  
Mr. Stephen Shuchart (Student Regent)

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee  
Mr. Morris E. Foster  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.

Chairman Schwartz announced that a quorum was present and added that no Board action would be taken. Chairman Schwartz said that they would receive several briefings from System and university officials.

Chairman Schwartz called on Dr. Eleanor Green, the Carl B. King Dean of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVM). Dr. Green discussed collaborative initiatives between the CVM and other System universities. She said Texas A&M has the only CVM in Texas and is ranked No. 1 in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), No. 4 in the United States, and No. 10 in the world. Dr. Green said their initial focus would be a partnership with West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Dr. Walter Wendler, President of WTAMU, and Michael Young, President of Texas A&M, discussed current and future investments, impact of the partnership, and what is needed to move forward. A copy of Dr. Green's presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. Mark A. Stone, A&M System Chief Information Officer, who presented an update on the implementation of the Workday project and cybersecurity initiatives within the System. Mr. Stone noted that the Workday project was completed on schedule and came in under budget. He said the System is continually challenged by both external and internal cybersecurity threats and discussed the ways IT is working to identify threats and the measures being undertaken to address them. A copy of Mr. Stone's presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Next, Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. Scott Sudduth, A&M System Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Federal Relations. Mr. Sudduth's presentation included an update on the executive compensation tax, repeal of advance refunding bonds, charitable deductions, unrelated business income tax (UBIT), endowments, and higher education issues. He also discussed System strategic opportunities and challenges. A copy of Mr. Sudduth's presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Chairman Schwartz called on Dr. Wendler who discussed a laboratory school for the Texas Panhandle and WTAMU and partnerships with public schools. A copy of Dr. Wendler's presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Lastly, Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. John Barton, Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Director of the RELLIS Campus. Mr. Barton along with representatives from Page Southerland Page, LLP, Ms. Barbara Maloney, Principal, and Mr. Ryan Losch, Associate Urban Designer, presented and discussed the master plan for RELLIS campus and its guiding principles. A copy of Mr. Barton's presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

There being no further business, Chairman Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)*