

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**PRAIRIE VIEW, 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 9:04 a.m., Friday, April 20, 2018, in the Agriculture/Business Multipurpose Building, Room 114, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Charles W. Schwartz, Chairman  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Mr. Tim Leach  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.  
Mr. Stephen Shuchart (Student Regent)

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee  
Mr. Morris E. Foster  
Mr. Bill Mahomes

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. Carrie L. Byington, Dean, Texas A&M College of Medicine; Senior Vice President, Texas A&M University Health Science Center (TAMHSC); and Vice Chancellor for Health Services, who discussed the accreditation process for the TAMHSC and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). Dr. Byington briefly talked on their core values, mission, vision, priorities, focus areas, goals, strategies and measures. She then called on Dr. Steven D. Brown, Chief Clinical Officer and Associate Vice President for Clinical Strategy and Professor, College of Medicine, who presented a five-year summary of the TAMHSC faculty practice plan. Dr. Byington concluded her presentation by asking Mr. Jeffery T. Burton, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Associate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to give a budget update.

Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. Billy Hamilton, A&M System Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, who presented an update on the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) administrative review of the A&M System. Mr. Hamilton asked Mr. Joseph Duron, Executive Director Budgets & Accounting, to discuss the administrative review at Texas A&M University. Mr. Duron said that Texas A&M has implemented administrative changes at the non-academic department level only. He said that two major policy changes are requiring approval to refill any vacant positions and centrally

collecting and using funds acquired from salary savings when a position is vacant for strategic university priorities. A copy of their presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Next, Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. Mark Stone, A&M System Chief Information Officer. Mr. Stone presented an update on cybersecurity. He briefly discussed centralized member data centers, two-factor authentication and state-sponsored global recruitment platforms. A copy of Mr. Stone's presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Lastly, Chairman Schwartz called on Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Dr. Matson discussed a potential gift of land that would be given to A&M-San Antonio. She said that partnerships are integral to the mission of A&M-San Antonio and that there are many prospective partnership opportunities with the Espada tract.

There being no further business, Chairman Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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