

**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 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2019, in Room 200 of the H.D. Smith Operations Complex (Building 25), 1595 Nuclear Science Road, 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. Morris E. Foster  
Mr. Tim Leach  
Mr. Bill Mahomes  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.  
Mr. Ervin Bryant (Student Regent)

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee

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. Patrick J. Stover, A&M System Vice Chancellor and Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences, who discussed faculty research activities.

Next, Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. Kevin Gamache, A&M System Chief Research Security Officer. Mr. Gamache spoke briefly on the effective implementation and management of export control procedures and academic security in the national spotlight. Mr. Gamache introduced Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Zachary Carwile who provided a high-level threat briefing. Supervisory Special Agent Chris Raia who leads the National Security Squad was also present. Mr. Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University, and Dr. Michael Benedik, Texas A&M's Chief International Officer, provided additional information.

Chairman Schwartz called on Mr. John Sharp, A&M System Chancellor, who along with President Young, Dr. Walter V. Wendler President of West Texas A&M University, Dr. Carol Fierke, Texas A&M's Provost and Executive Vice President, and Dr. Eleanor Green, Dean of the Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences discussed the veterinary medicine collaboration between Texas A&M and WTAMU.

*(Note – Regent Leach and Chancellor Sharp departed the meeting.)*

Next, Dr. Mark J. Rudin, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce, talked about his transition as the new president of A&M-Commerce.

Dr. Carrie L. Byington, Dean of the College of Medicine and Senior Vice President of Texas A&M's Health Science Center, briefly discussed the operation of student health centers.

*(Note – Regent Adams departed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.)*

Lastly, Chairman Schwartz called on Ms. Dee Childs, Texas A&M's Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, who briefed the Board on the CSCE (Teague) Data Center power disruption that occurred on November 10, 2018.

There being no further business, Chairman Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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