NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING FOR SUBMISSION
TO SECRETARY OF STATE/TEXAS REGISTER DIVISION

Agency Name: Texas A&M University System Board of Regents

Board: The Texas A&M University System

Date of Meeting: 04/29/2015

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Street Location: Gene Stallings Blvd, Board Annex, Board Meeting Room and 275 Joe Routt Boulevard, Memorial Student Center (MSC), Bethancourt Ballroom, Texas A&M University

City Location: College Station

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The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System will meet from approximately 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Meetings are scheduled to follow each other consecutively and may start earlier or later than the posted time depending on the length of the discussions and the reports of previous meetings. The estimated times given in the posting are only approximate and may be adjusted as required with no prior notice.

Some of the meeting times are posted as individual meetings of committees of the Board; however, any member of the Board may attend committee meetings. Because some Board members who are not committee members may attend committee meetings and thereby create a quorum of the full Board, the meetings of all committees are also being posted as meetings of the full Board.

The link to the complete Agenda Book is http://www2.tamus.edu/regents/meetingmaterials/regular

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System will convene in Board meeting and committee meetings according to the following agenda:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015
Gene Stallings Blvd, Board Annex, Board Meeting Room and 275 Joe Routt Boulevard, Memorial Student Center (MSC), Bethancourt Ballroom, Texas A&M University

8:30 a.m.
CONVENE MEETING OF THE BOARD, Board Meeting Room

Election of Officers (Chairman and Vice Chairman)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Agenda:

Consultation with System Attorneys Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Texas Government Code, Section 551.071; including
--Discussion with Counsel on pending legal matters including, but not limited to, contemplated and/or pending litigation, contemplated, on-going and/or completed investigations regarding institutional compliance and any findings, conclusions and/or recommendations thereto; and the status of negotiations regarding and/or compliance with certain letters of intent, contracts and/or similar agreements, including, but not limited to, legal obligations and duties and any and all facts relating thereto; including the following:

--Discussion of legal issues relating to exposure of personal financial information of faculty at Texas A&M University
--Discussion of legal issues relating to *Chavis v. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and Texas A&M University*
--Discussion of legal issues relating to *O'Bannon v. NCAA, In Re: NCAA Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation, Rock v. NCAA, and Sackos v. NCAA*
--Discussion of legal issues relating to *United States of America ex rel. Joshua Harman v. Trinity Industries, Inc. and Trinity Highway Products, LLC.*

Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations – Texas Government Code, Section 551.073

Deliberations Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property – Texas Government Code, Section 551.072; including discussion regarding possible terms and conditions and related negotiations involving the potential purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; including:

--Item 8 – Authorization to Execute a Grazing Lease Covering Approximately 548 Acres on the Campus of Texas A&M University-Central Texas
--Item 9 – Authorization to Lease 400 Bedrooms in The Grove Apartments Located in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, Tarleton
--Item 10 – Authorization to Ground Lease Approximately 55 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Brazos County, Texas, and Adoption of Findings Regarding Additional Student Housing, Texas A&M
--Item 11 – Authorization to Execute a Ground Lease and a Building Lease in Support of the Fixed Based Operations Operating Agreement and Airport Operations Management Agreement Covering Airport Operations at Easterwood Airport, Texas A&M

Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline or Dismissal of an Officer or Employee, or to Hear Complaints or Charges Against an Officer or Employee – Texas Government Code, Section 551.074; including

--Presidents and/or Chief Executive Officers of A&M System Institutions (Universities, Agencies and Health Science Center); A&M System Office Executive Level employees; employees reporting directly to the Board (e.g., Chancellor, Executive Director and Chief Auditor); and all other employees of the A&M System Offices and Institutions including the following items:

--Item 16 – Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute an Employment Contract with the Head Football Coach, PVAMU
--Item 17 – Appointment of Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M
--Item 18 – Appointment of Vice President for Business and Finance, WTAMU

RECESS EXECUTIVE SESSION (approximately 11:45 a.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING – OPEN SESSION (approximately 1:30 p.m.)
MSC, Bethancourt Ballroom, Room 2300 D&E
Invocation

Chairman’s Remarks:
Welcome andRecognitions
System Member Highlights

Student Regent’s Remarks:
Experiences as Student Regent
State of Student Body for the A&M System
Issues Concerning Students Moving Forward for Upcoming Year
Thoughts on Effectiveness of Student Regent Position

Chancellor’s Remarks:
System Member Accomplishments
Academic Program Highlights
Important Research Initiatives

RECESS

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT (this meeting is scheduled to follow the recess of the Board meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.) MSC Bethancourt Ballroom, Room 2300 D&E

--Second Quarter Audit Report
--Audit Tracking Report
--Management’s Responses to Audit Tracking Report (as needed)
--Update on EthicsPoint Hotline
--Briefing on the State Auditor’s Office Statewide Single Audit Reports for Fiscal Year ended 8/31/2014
--Other Business (includes Approval of Minutes)
--Executive Session (if needed): Consultation with System Attorneys Regarding Legal Matters orPending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (discussion of legal issues relating to on-going audits); Texas Government Code, Section 551.071; and, Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of an Officer or Employee, or to Hear Complaints or Charges Against an Officer or Employee (includes discussion regarding personnel issues relating to on-going audits) – Texas Government Code, Section 551.074.

RECESS/ADJOURN

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (this meeting is scheduled to follow the recess/adjournment of the Committee on Audit at approximately 2:15 p.m.)

Update on the Budget Schedule including the Program Budget Reviews
Presentation on Recent Debt Transaction

RECESS/ADJOURN

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT (this meeting is scheduled to follow the recess/adjournment of the Committee on Finance at approximately 2:30 p.m.)

Presentation and Committee Action on Items 1 through 11:
1) Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Campus Water Systems Improvements Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 2-2015), Texas A&M
2) Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Agronomy Road Electrical Substation Capacity Upgrade Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 4-2015), Texas A&M
3) Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the FY15 Utility Production Upgrade Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 1-2015), Texas A&M
4) Approval to Amend the FY 2015-FY 2019 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the Energy Consumption Reduction Project – Phase IV with a Fiscal Year 2015 Start Date and Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction for the Energy Consumption Reduction Project – Phase IV at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 5-2015), Texas A&M
5) Approval to Amend the FY 2015-FY 2019 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to Add the Energy Consumption Reduction Project – Phase V with a Fiscal Year 2015 Start Date and Approval of the Project Scope and Budget, Appropriation for Pre-Construction and Construction Services, and Approval for Construction of the Energy Consumption Reduction Project – Phase V at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Project No. 6-2015), Texas A&M
6) Approval of Revisions to System Policy 51.01, Capital Planning, A&M System
7) Approval of Revision to System Policy 51.04, Delegations of Authority on Construction Projects, A&M System
8) Authorization to Execute a Grazing Lease Covering Approximately 548 Acres on the Campus of Texas A&M University-Central Texas, A&M-Central Texas
9) Authorization to Lease 400 Bedrooms in The Grove Apartments Located in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, Tarleton
10) Authorization to Ground Lease Approximately 55 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Brazos County, Texas, and Adoption of Findings Regarding Additional Student Housing, Texas A&M
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RECESS/ADJOURN

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING (approximately 3:00 p.m.) MSC, Bethancourt Ballroom, Room 2300 D&E

Public Testimony as set forth in System Policy 02.01 (Items 1 through 18 and Consent C-1 through C-44 and C-46 through C-51)

Report and Action:

Standing/Special Committee Reports:

--Committee on Audit (Report only)
--Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (Report only)
--Committee on Finance (Report only)
--Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant (Report and Action on Items 1 through 11)
--The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents (items not assigned to committee) (Presentation and Action on Items 12 through 18):
12) Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Dr. Mark A. Hussey for his Service as Interim President of Texas A&M University, A&M System
13) Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Mr. Richard Kardys ’67 for His Outstanding Dedication and Service as Trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation, Texas A&M
14) Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing Mr. Colton L. Buckley for his Service as the 2014-2015 Student Member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and Bestowing the Title of Student Regent Emeritus, BOR
15) Approval of Committees and Other Special Appointments, BOR
16) Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute an Employment Contract with the Head Football Coach, PVAMU
17) Appointment of Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M
18) Appointment of Vice President for Business and Finance, WTAMU

-Consent Agenda Items (Presentation and Action on Items C-1 through C-44 and C-46 through C-51)

Prairie View A&M University
C-1) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015

Tarleton State University
C-2) Approval of a New Master of Arts in Communication Studies Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-3) Approval of a New Master of Science in Athletic Training Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-4) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015
C-5) Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2016

Texas A&M International University
C-6) Approval of New University Procedure 12.02.99.L1.01, Institutional Procedures for Implementing Tenure
C-7) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015

Texas A&M University
C-8) Approval of Two New Graduate Degree Programs with a Major in Astronomy, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-9) Establishment of the Center for Epigenetics and Disease Prevention
C-10) Authorization to Establish a Quasi-Endowment Entitled the “Harry G. Burkhart Quasi-Endowment for Cattle Research”
C-11) Authorization to Grant a Conditional Roadway Easement in College Station, Brazos County, Texas to the City of College Station
C-12) Approval for System Employees to Serve as Members of the Board of Directors and/or Officers of an Entity Commercializing Technology Owned by the A&M System (also listed under TEES)
C-13) Approval for Mr. Andre Thomas, a System Employee, to Serve as an Officer, a Member of the Board of Directors and an Employee of an Entity that Proposes to License Technology from the A&M System
C-14) Reappointment of Lt. General Randolph W. “Randy” House, USA (Ret) to the Board of Directors of the Private Enterprise Research Center
C-15) Appointment of Three Board Members and Reappointment of One Board Member to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors
C-16) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015
C-17) Namings of the Bright Football Complex Renovation Athletics Offices and Student-Athlete Spaces
C-18) Naming of the Conference Room 301 within the Agriculture and Life Sciences Building
C-19) Naming of Space on the Sixth Floor of the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building
C-20) Naming of the Equestrian Locker Room at the Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex
C-21) Namings of the Exterior Columns of Kyle Field
C-22) Naming of the Lettermen’s Club Athletics Offices and Spaces
C-23) Naming of the Marketing Seminar Room on the Second Floor of the Wehner Building
C-24) Naming of the Flag Room in the Memorial Student Center
C-25) Naming of Rooms within the Rollins Urban and Structural Entomology Facility

Texas A&M University-Central Texas
C-26) Approval of a New Bachelor of Science Degree Program with a Major in Biology, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-27) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015
C-28) Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2016

Texas A&M University-Commerce
C-29) Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Public Health Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-30) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015
C-31) Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2016

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
C-32) Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-33) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015
C-34) Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2016

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
C-35) Authorization to Award an Honorary Degree to Dr. Lauro F. Cavazos, Jr.
C-36) Approval of a New Master of Arts Degree Program with a Major in Counseling Psychology, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-37) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015

Texas A&M University-San Antonio
C-38) Approval of the Proposed Core Curriculum, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-39) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015
C-40) Granting of Faculty Development Leave for FY 2016

West Texas A&M University
C-41) Approval of a New Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Degree Program, and Authorization to Request Approval from the THECB
C-42) Approval for Dr. Emily Hunt, a System Employee, to Serve as the Chief Research Officer of an Entity that has Licensed Technology from the A&M System
C-43) Naming of Classroom Center Suites in the Classroom Center Building
C-44) Approval of Academic Tenure, April 2015

Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station
C-12) Approval for System Employees to Serve as Members of the Board of Directors and/or Officers of an Entity Commercializing Technology Owned by The Texas A&M University System (also listed under TAMU)
C-45) (number unused)
C-46) Naming of the Engineering Research Building

The Texas A&M University System/Board of Regents
C-47) Approval of Minutes
C-48) Approval of Fiscal Year 2016 Holiday Schedules
C-49) Granting of the Title of Emeritus/Emerita, April 2015
C-50) Confirmation of Appointment and Commissioning of Peace Officers
C-51) Approval of Revised Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University Official Seals

Report of System Construction Projects Authorized by the Board

Reports from Other Special and Ad Hoc Committees and Board Liaisons
Special Presentations
Other Business/New Business

ADJOURN (approximately 3:15 p.m.)

Meetings of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System are open to the public except for any posted executive session held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Persons interested in committee and/or Board meetings and desiring special accommodations should contact the Board Office at least two working days prior to the meeting. The Board Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Contact information follows: phone (979) 845-9600; fax (979) 845-0835; email bor@tamus.edu; P. O. Box 15812, College Station, Texas 77841-5013.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have reviewed this document and that it conforms to all applicable Texas Register filing requirements.

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Ray Bonilla Date
General Counsel The Texas A&M University System

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