

Agenda Item No.

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** Mark A. Hussey, Interim President  
Texas A&M University

**Subject:** Authorization for the President to Negotiate and Execute Employment Contracts and/or Amend Employment Contracts with Head Football Coach, Head Men's Basketball Coach, Head Men's Golf Coach, and Head Women's Tennis Coach

**Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the president of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute employment contracts and/or amend employment contracts, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following persons:

Head Football Coach, Kevin Sumlin  
Head Men's Basketball Coach, Billy Kennedy  
Head Men's Golf Coach, J. T. Higgins  
Head Women's Tennis Coach, Howard Joffe

**Background Information:**

System Policy [25.07, Contract Administration](#), requires that employment contracts having a primary term longer than five (5) years or contracts having a total salary consideration of \$500,000 or more must be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

**A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:**

All amounts agreed upon will be fully funded from gifts or revenues of the Athletic Department.

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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Office of the President

June 23, 2014

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

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I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“Authority is hereby granted to the president of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute employment contracts and/or amend employment contracts, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following persons:**

**Head Football Coach, Kevin Sumlin  
Head Men's Basketball Coach, Billy Kennedy  
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Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Hussey  
Interim President

**Approval Recommended:**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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John Sharp  
Chancellor

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton  
Executive Vice Chancellor and  
Chief Financial Officer