

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**November 1, 2019**

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Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 7:30 a.m., Friday, November 1, 2019, 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:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Chairman  
Mr. Tim Leach, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Mr. Bill Mahomes  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.  
Mr. Levi McClenny (Student Regent)

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

Mr. Billy Hamilton, A&M System Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, discussed a proposed facility at Prairie View A&M University.

Dr. James Hurley, President of Tarleton State University, discussed athletics programs at Tarleton and a proposed move to join the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Russ Wallace, Executive Director of Facilities Planning & Construction, discussed issues relating to Board annex operations.

Mr. Rob Gorham, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station's (TEES) Executive Director of Manufacturing Initiatives, and Mr. John Crawford, Vice Chancellor for Business Management and Chief Financial Officer for Texas A&M's Engineering Program, presented an update on research activities at TEES.

Mr. Phillip Ray, A&M System's Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, Mr. Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University, and Mr. Marty Holmes, The Association of Former Students' Vice President for Marketing and Programs, discussed the proposed greenspace project at Aggie Park on the campus of Texas A&M.

Mr. Kelly Templin, Director of the RELLIS Campus, provided an update on the RELLIS Campus.

Mr. Mark Houser, Chief Executive Officer of University Lands, discussed and provided an update on the management of University Lands in West Texas.

Mr. John Sodolak, Manager of the System Energy Resource Office (SERO), presented a fiscal year annual report on SERO.

*(Note: Chairman Mendoza recessed the meeting at 10:43 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 a.m.)*

Mr. Hamilton and Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, discussed the implementation status and updates for the A&M System strategic plan. Dr. Blake Decker, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Data Science, gave a presentation on fall enrollment trends for 2014 through 2019.

There being no further business, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents