

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**August 21, 2020**

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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 8:00 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2020, in the Century Ballroom of the Doug Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center 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. Cahlen Cheatham (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.

Chairman Mendoza announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings by System executives and invited guests.

Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Ross Bjork, Texas A&M's Director of Athletics, who discussed issues relating to the operation of athletic facilities at Texas A&M with COVID-19 precautions.

Chairman Mendoza called on Dr. Patrick J. Stover, A&M System Vice Chancellor, Texas A&M AgriLife, Dean, Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, who presented a status update on Texas A&M AgriLife's Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture.

Next, Dr. Katherine Banks, A&M System Vice Chancellor of Engineering and National Laboratories and Dean of Engineering, discussed potential research and service opportunities for the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.

*(Note: Chairman Mendoza recessed the workshop meeting at 9:32 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 a.m.)*

Chairman Mendoza called on Mr. Billy Hamilton, A&M System Deputy Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, who discussed system use of Public-Private Partnerships (P-3).

Mr. Hamilton called on Mr. Phillip Ray, A&M System Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, who presented an update on real estate projects developed on land owned by the A&M System. Mr. Ray called on Mr. Neil Flavin, HVS Senior Vice President, who gave a report on the financial status of the Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center followed by Mr. Alex Cabañas, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Benchmark Hospitality Company.

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents