

MINUTES

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

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SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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CONVENE

Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 2:02 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2019, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Mendoza said the purpose for this meeting was for consideration and action on three agenda items as shown in the agenda materials posted with the Secretary of State. She said that each party to the conference call should clearly identify himself or herself prior to speaking.

Chairman Mendoza welcomed Student Regent Levi McClenny who was participating in his first meeting of the Board of Regents.

The following members of the Board were present by phone:

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)

(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Student Regent McClenny to the Board on May 23, 2019. His term was effective June 1, 2019).

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**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Mendoza announced that a quorum was present and said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72 and 74, of the Texas Government Code. She said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

*(Note: The Board met in executive session from 2:05 p.m. until 2:51 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:52 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 2:05 p.m. until 2:51 p.m., and conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on personnel and legal matters.

Chairman Mendoza presented Item 3 (*Approval of Board Standing Committees*). She then called for a motion on Items 1 through 3. Vice Chairman Leach moved for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 through 3. Regent Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Mendoza called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – yes, Thomas – yes, and Chairman Mendoza voted “yes.”

Chairman Mendoza said that she would be coming back to the Board with assignments to special committees. She said that she is contemplating and has asked Mr. Ray Bonilla, A&M System General Counsel, to outline the steps to reestablish an executive committee composed of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairs of the standing committees. The goal of the executive committee would be to meet between Board meetings and to drive the agenda to address meeting the goals of the strategic plan that Regent Thomas took them through a few years ago. She said that all regents would be invited to attend and give input. Chairman Mendoza said that no action would be taken and this would be a deliberate effort to focus them and make sure they are discussing the agenda prior to each meeting or workshop.

Chairman Mendoza said that she has also inquired about the purpose and role of the Los Alamos Advisory Committee and said she anticipates the dissolution of this committee.

Chairman Mendoza said that Vice Chairman Leach suggested that the Deferred Maintenance Committee be rolled under the umbrella of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant. She said that she has discussed this change with Regent Mahomes, chairman of this committee, who assured her that deferred maintenance would continue to be a priority and that he would like to include beautification under the committee as well.

The following minute orders were approved (121 through 123).

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MINUTE ORDER 121-2019 (ITEM 1)

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE
OFFICE SPACE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to negotiate, execute and deliver a lease of approximately 13,443 square feet of office space at 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. in Washington, D.C., for use by The Texas A&M University System, and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 122-2019 (ITEM 2)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE
AND EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR
ROSS BJORK, THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the president of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute an employment contract, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following person:

Director of Athletics – Ross Bjork.

MINUTE ORDER 123-2019 (ITEM 3)

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OF REGENTS
STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019-2021
BOARD OF REGENTS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents standing committee assignments for 2019-2021, made by the Chairman of the Board and shown on the attached list, are hereby approved.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Mahomes, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
BOARD COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS  
(Effective June 18, 2019)**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Phil Adams, Chairman  
Mike Hernandez  
Bill Mahomes  
Mike Plank  
*Elaine Mendoza (ex-officio)*

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND  
STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Cliff Thomas, Chairman  
Bob Albritton  
Jay Graham  
Mike Hernandez  
*Elaine Mendoza (ex-officio)*

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Bob Albritton, Chairman  
Jay Graham  
Tim Leach  
Cliff Thomas  
*Elaine Mendoza (ex-officio)*

**COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND  
PHYSICAL PLANT**

Bill Mahomes, Chairman  
Phil Adams  
Tim Leach  
Mike Plank  
*Elaine Mendoza (ex-officio)*

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Liaison to the Panhandle Plains Museum  
(WTAMU)**

Tim Leach

**University Lands Advisory Board (ULAB)**

Jay Graham\*

**Board for Lease of University Lands (Board  
Member)**

Mike Hernandez  
Phil Adams (*substitute member*)

*\*replacing Elaine Mendoza who resigned  
June 17, 2019 (this term expires April 1, 2021,  
or until a replacement is named).  
Dr. Steve Holditch and Mr. Mark Albers also  
appointed by A&M System Board to serve on  
this board*