

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Board Business

**ITEM:** Request Approval to Award an Honorary Doctorate to Admiral James Stavridis, US Navy (Retired)

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

Mr. James Stavridis is a retired United States Navy four-star admiral, distinguished global security leader, and respected scholar of international affairs. He is currently the Partner and Vice Chairman of Carlyle and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, following five years as the 12<sup>th</sup> Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. In recognition of his extraordinary leadership, lifelong commitment to service, and contributions to global understanding, Texas Southern University proudly confers upon Admiral James Stavridis the degree of Humane Letters, honoris causa, and welcomes him as the Spring 2026 Commencement Speaker.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Full Biography

**FISCAL NOTE:** No Fiscal Impact

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

  
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**BOARD CHAIR**

James M. Benham

4/7/26

**DATE**