



**MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, May 16, 2024**

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**I. Call to Order**

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Special Called Board meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.M.

**II. Roll Call**

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman  
Mr. James M. Benham  
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige  
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose  
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley  
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III  
Ms. Pamela A. Medina, *virtual (left the mtg around 9:18am)*  
Mr. Dylan C. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting, virtual*

**Other Attendees:** President Mary Evans Sias; Latonya Joseph; MonPatrick Manuel; Lisa McBride; John Pittman; Faith Ruiz

**III. Conflict of Interest Statement**

Chairman Simmons addressed the matter of conflict of interest with the Board members, inquiring if any member had a conflict of interest to disclose regarding the items on today's agenda. Observing no such disclosures, he proceeded with the agenda.

**IV. Chairman's Comments**

Next, Chairman Simmons shared a few notable recent happenings at TSU, to include:

- The Law School Hooding Ceremony took place on May 10, 2024. There were 158 graduates, including two with Masters of Immigration Law.
- TSU celebrated the Class of 2024 with a Commencement Ceremony on May 11, 2024. There were 1,022 graduates.
- The cw39 Houston highlighted an article announcing that TSU has reached a milestone with over 1,000 graduates.
- Spotlighted the Spring 2024 Valedictorian, MonPatrick Manuel, who is now a two-time valedictorian. His first was in the sixth grade.

**V. Executive Session**

The Board entered into Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 9:20 A.M.



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**VI. Reconvene and Roll Call**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:34 A.M. with another roll call.

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman  
Mr. James M. Benham  
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige  
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose  
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley  
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III  
Mr. Dylan C. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting, virtual*

The following Board Member was absent:

Ms. Pamela A. Medina

**VII. Board Business**

Item A: Discuss and Approve the Appointment and Employment Contract of the Sole Finalist, Vice Admiral James W. Crawford, III, as President of Texas Southern University

*[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Nellons-Paige; Motion passes]*

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**Administration and Finance – Mr. James Benham**

Mr. John Pittman presented information on the following item for approval:

- Item A: Renewal of the Hosted ServiceNow subscription through Precision Task Group  
*[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]*

**IX. Executive Session**

The Board returned to Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 10:43 A.M.

**X. Reconvene and Roll Call**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:08 A.M. with another roll call.

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman  
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige  
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose  
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The following Board Members were absent:

Mr. James M. Benham

Ms. Pamela A. Medina

Mr. Dylan C. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

**XI. Spring 2024 Valedictorian**

Chairman Simmons introduced the Spring 2024 Valedictorian, MonPatrick Manuel, to the audience and congratulated him on his accomplishments.

Mr. MonPatrick Manuel approached the podium and delivered a few brief remarks as well as expressed his gratitude for the invitation to the meeting.

Following his remarks, the Regents and President Sias gathered with Mr. Manuel for a group photo.

**XII. Employment and Contract Extension**

Regent Johnson presented information on the following item for approval:

- Item A: Approval to continue Interim President Sias' employment, and her contract, through May 31

*[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Nellons-Paige; Motion passes]*

**XIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the Special Called Board meeting by Chairman Simmons at 11:19 A.M.; 2nd by Regent Hurley; Motion passes.



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**SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL**

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the Special Called Board meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held on May 16, 2024.

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Faith Ruiz  
Executive Director  
Board Relations Office

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Date Approved by the Board

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Marilyn A. Rose  
Secretary  
Board of Regents