



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
STANDING COMMITTEES/REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 15, 2024**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Regular Board meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. The meeting convened at Texas Southern University, Library Learning Center, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004.

II. Roll Call

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

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Pamela A. Medina

Other Attendees: President James Crawford III, Michael Adams, Bill Brown, Darlene Brown, Charlie Coleman, Raijanel Crockem, Carl Goodman, Lisa McBride, Charlie Nhan, John Pittman, Georgia Provost, Faith Ruiz, James White, Chris Wilson

III. Prayer

Chairman Simmons invited Ms. Georgia Provost to announce that Minister Dana Thomas would deliver the prayer. Minister Thomas proceeded to lead the attendees in a spoken prayer.

IV. Open Forum

Chairman Simmons reminded the speakers that the Open Forum rules are governed by the Board Bylaws and reiterated the significance of being respectful.

The following individuals participated in the Open Forum:

- Ms. Katelayn Vault, Student Government Association President
- Dr. Rasoul Saneifard, Faculty Senate Chair
- Ms. Ioke Frank-Williams, Staff Council Chair
- Ms. Taylor Hall, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Student Bar Association President
- Mr. Khamisie Green, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Student
- Dr. Valery Piedra, United Negro College Fund, Inc.

V. Conflict of Interest Statement



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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.

VI. Special Announcements

Chairman Simmons invited Regent Getwood to present and recognize student leaders from Student Government Association, University Program Counsel, and Royal Court. He reported on insights during the student leader's training during the summer.

VII. Good News

- Chairman Simmons proceeded to ask the fellow Regents to provide any good news regarding recent happenings at TSU which included:
- Regent Getwood reported on his experience during his recent student regent orientation where he had lunch that was attended by past student regents.
- Regent Benham shared about the Air Force Cadet training highlighting that TSU is tied for the number one completion rate in the nation.
- Regent Johnson ended with the recent collaboration between Rice University and the University of Houston.

VIII. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 9:49 A.M.

IX. Reconvene and Recall

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:09 P.M. with a roll call.

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Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

X. Board Business

- Item A: Approval for past meeting minutes of the Board of Regents
[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]
- Item B: Fiscal Year 2025 Board of Regents Meeting Calendar



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[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

XI. Committee Reports

Personnel and Litigation – Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

Chairman Simmons presented on behalf of Regent Hurley.

- Item A: Request Approval to Appoint the Chief of Staff

[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

- Item B: Request Approval of Settlement of Pending Lawsuit: Prestige Building Group LLC v. Texas Southern University

[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

Academic Affairs, Research & Student Life – Dr. Richard Johnson

Provost Goodman presented information on the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Approve Multiple Awards for Aircraft Maintenance Services

[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

Dr. Raijanel Crockem presented the following information item:

- Item B: A Review of Student Completion Data

Administration & Finance – Mr. James Benham

Mr. John Pittman presented the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval for the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]

- Item B: Request Approval to Renew the Contract with Atlanta Consulting Group Advisors, LLC for Investment Management Services

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]

- Item C: Request Approval for Staff Augmentation to Support the Office of Information Technology with Columbia Advisory Group

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]

- Item D: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute the Contract for Strategic Plan Consulting Services

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]

- Item E: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Services for an Executive Search Firm

[Administration requested this item be presented as an information item.]



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- Item F: Request Approval for the Renewal of Natural Gas Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item G: Request Approval Regarding the Annual Update to the Debt Policy
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item H: Request Approval of Endowed and Non-Endowed Investment Policies Annual Update
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item I: FORVIS Final Audit and FY23 Annual Financial Report Updates
[Item was pulled by Administration]

Mr. Chris Wilson presented the following information item:

- Item J: Endowment Performance Updates as of June 30, 2024

Physical Facilities – Dr. Richard Johnson

Mr. John Pittman presented the following item for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute General Contracting Services to Renovate W.R. Banks Child Development Laboratory
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]
- Item B: Request Approval to Establish Contracts for Building Envelope Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item C: Request Approval for the Rebuild of Chillers 3 and 4 - Central Plant
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]
- Item D: Request Approval of the Renewal of Campus-Wide Elevator Maintenance Service Contract
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]

Mr. Bill Brown from Tellepsen presented the following information item:

- Item E: Updates on the Capitol Construction Assistance Project (CCAP)

Development and Legislative Affairs – Mr. James Benham

Mr. Charlie Coleman presented the following items:

- Item A: Acceptance of \$680,000 Major Gift Request for the Purchase of a Cessna 172S Plane
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]
- Item B: Acceptance of \$2,134,500 Gift in Kind for Thurgood Marshall School of Law Repairs



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[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]

Dr. James White presented the following item:

- Item C: Legislative Appropriations Request

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Rose; Motion passes]

Audit – Ms. Marilyn Rose

Ms. Darlene Brown presented the following item:

- Item A: Internal Audit Activities and Updates

XII. President’s Report

President Crawford spoke about his transition phases, transition activity, outcomes, and objectives.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting by Chairman Simmons at 3:56 P.M.; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes.

SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the regular board meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held in Houston, Texas on August 15, 2024.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

October 17, 2024

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents