



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 10, 2025**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Regular Board meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:27 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
Mr. Lauren A. Gore
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Benjamin C. Kohlmann
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

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

Other Attendees: President James Crawford, Charlie Coleman, Victor Ihezukwu, Joseph Johnson, Lisa McBride, Ayana McLemore, Charlie Nhan, Faith Ruiz, Rasoul Saneifard, Isoke Williams, Rabbi Roy Walter, Dr. Anjanette Wyatt

III. Prayer

Chairman Simmons introduced Rabbi Roy Walter who led attendees in spoken prayer.

IV. Open Forum

Chairman Simmons opened the floor to individuals who signed up to participate in Open Forum. Chairman Simmons reminded speakers of the Open Forum rules and procedures, which are in accordance with State law and the Board's Bylaws. He also reiterated the significance of being respectful.

The following individuals participated in the Open Forum:

- Kolby Phillips, Executive Vice President of Student Government Association
 - Mr. Philips spoke on the current administration's plans for the end of the semester as well as the transition to the new administration.
- Mr. Victor Ihezukwu, Chair of the Staff Council



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- Mr. Ihezukwu spoke about past and forthcoming events organized by the Staff Council. He also spoke about concerns with the resources allocated to the council. Mr. Ihezukwu commented about how “the mistreatment of staff will not be tolerated.” Lastly, he thanked the University Police Department for their work on the previous day.

V. 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 that there were not any, he proceeded with the agenda.

VI. Chairman’s Comments and Recognitions

- Chairman Simmons asked Cassandra Bandy from the Houston ISD Board to address the Board on the success of the Legacy Learning Pact partnership between HISD and TSU.
- Regent Gore spoke about a book tour and book signing with Author Bob Bordone.
- Regent Benham shared facilities updates within the Aviation department.
- Regent Getwood spoke about his upcoming graduation.

VII. Board Business

Chairman Simmons introduced the following items under the Board Business section of the meeting agenda:

- Item A: Faculty Senate Chair Remarks
 - Rasoul Saneifard addressed the Board concerning resolutions passed from the Faculty Senate. He also addressed TSU’s progress in becoming an R1 university, including specific factors which, in his opinion, are hindering the University’s progress such as the state and functionality of university buildings and communication about the budget.
- Item B: Approve Minutes for past meetings of the Board of Regents

[A motion to approve the minutes from past board meetings was made by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes unanimously]

VIII. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined on the Executive Session portion of the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.074 at 10:04 A.M.

IX. Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Actions on Executive Session Items as Necessary

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 1:31 P.M. with a roll call.



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X. Consent Docket

A. Administration & Finance Committee – Mr. James Benham

Regent Benham reported that the Administration and Finance Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting nine items for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.A.1 through VIII.A.9.

Regent Benham presented the following items to be voted on:

- Item 1: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Subscription Services
- Item 2: Request Approval to Purchase Cybersecurity Services
- Item 3: Request Approval for the Amendment of the EAB Navigate and Transfer Portal Agreement
- Item 4: Request Approval to Renew the Hosted Oracle Subscription Access License (HOSAL)
- Item 5: Request Approval to Purchase Communication Equipment for Public Safety Police and Security
- Item 6: Request Approval to Increase Housing & Dining Rates for Fiscal Year 2026
- Item 7: Students Accounts Receivable Write-Off
- Item 8: Request Approval to Modify Investment Managers
- Item 9: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with a Sector Readiness Assessment Partner

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.A.1 through VIII.A.9 by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously]

B. Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee - Ms. Marilyn A. Rose



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Regent Rose reported that the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting three items for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.B.1 through VIII.B.4.

Regent Rose presented the following items to be voted on:

- Item 1: Candidates for Rank, Tenure and Promotion for FY 2024- 2025
- Item 2: Request Approval to Negotiate and Finalize a Contract to Procure a Pedestrian Simulator
- Item 3: Request Approval to Award an Honorary Doctorate
- Item 4: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for a Learning Management System (LMS)

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.B.1 through VIII.B.4 by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Gore; Motion approved unanimously]

C. Development and Legislative Affairs- Dr. Richard A. Johnson III

Regent Johnson reported that the Development and Legislative Affairs Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting one item for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.C.1.

Regent Johnson presented the following item to be voted on:

- Item 1: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Development Consulting Services

[Motion to approve Agenda Item VIII.C.1 by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion approved unanimously]

D. Personnel and Litigation Committee- Mr. Benjamin Kohlmann

Regent Kohlmann reported that the Personnel and Litigation Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting one item for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.D.1.

Regent Kohlmann presented the following item to be voted on:

- Item 1: Texas Southern University Fiscal Year 2026 Holiday Calendar

[Motion to approve Agenda Item VIII.D.1 Regent Kohlmann; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously]

E. Physical Facilities Committee - Dr. Richard A. Johnson III

Regent Johnson reported that the Physical Facilities Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting one item for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Item VIII.E.1.

Regent Johnson presented the following item to be voted on:



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- Item 1: Request Approval to Procure Emergency Disaster Recovery Services and Equipment Rental

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.E.1 by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Rose; Motion approved unanimously]

F. Athletics Committee- Mr. Taylor Getwood

Student Regent Getwood reported that the Athletics Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting one item for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.F.1.

Student Regent Getwood presented the following item to be voted on:

- Item 1: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract to Procure Modular Buildings

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.F.1 by Regent Getwood; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously]

G. Bylaws and Policies (Ad Hoc) Committee- Ms. Marilyn Rose

Regent Rose reported that the Bylaws and Policies Committee met on April 9, 2025, and approved presenting one item for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.G.1.

Regent Rose and Board Counsel, Lisa McBride presented the following item to be voted on:

- Item 1: Request Approval to Revise the Travel Reimbursement Policy 51.03

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.E.1 by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Kohlmann; Motion approved unanimously]

XI. President's Report

President Crawford provided an Academic & Strategic Planning update including a status report concerning the University's work with the Huron Consulting Group. He presented three strategic focuses: improvement of enrollment trends, food services, and campus safety.

Chairman Simmons requested that 2025-2026 Mr. and Miss Texas Southern University introduce themselves and take pictures with the Board of Regents.

XII. Adjourn



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With no further business pending before the Board, a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting was made by Chairman Simmons at 1:56 P.M.; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passed unanimously.

All information and action items presented during this meeting are available on the public posting for this meeting at the following link:

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2066?meeting=673512>

A video recording of this meeting is available [here](#).

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 April 10, 2025.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

June 12, 2025

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents