



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
STANDING COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Standing Committee Board meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:26 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 (*arrived at 10:09 am*)
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Mr. Lauren A. Gore
Mr. Benjamin C. Kohlmann
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Ms. Pamela A. Medina

Other Attendees: President James Crawford, Brian Armstrong, Yvette Barker, Matt Bauder (Virtual), Bobby Brown, Cynthia Buckley, Charlie Coleman, Raijanel Crockem, Terance Fontaine, Isoke Frank-Williams, Carl Goodman, Kevin Granger, Ben Green, Fred Holtz, Melanie Jackson, Joseph Johnson, Gregory Maddox, Lisa McBride, Ayana McLemore, John Pittman, Georgia Provost, Faith Ruiz, James White, and Chris Wilson (virtual)

III. Prayer

Chairman Simmons invited Ms. Georgia Provost to introduce Bishop C.D. Bolden. Because of his absence, Ms. Georgia Provost delivered the prayer.

IV. Open Forum

Chairman Simmons announced that there were not any individuals signed up for Open Forum.

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 no such disclosures, he proceeded with the agenda.



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VI. Chairman's Comments and Recognitions

Chairman Simmons recognized the Texas Southern University Debate Team who brought home the title of international champions. Team members briefly gave highlights of their trip and win in Incheon, South Korea. Chairman Simmons also asked Student Regent Getwood to speak on the success of the Tiger Ball.

Committee Reports

Committee reports were presented in the order listed below. The report of the Bylaws and Policies Committee was tabled until after Executive Session, as indicated below.

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

Dr. Carl Goodman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the following items for approval and/or information:

- Item A: Candidates for Rank, Tenure and Promotion for FY2024-2025
[Without Objection, Regent Rose tabled this item until after Executive Session]
- Item B: Approval Request to Negotiate and Finalize a Contract to Procure a Pedestrian Simulator
[Regent Rose requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting; Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item C: Approval Request to Award an Honorary Doctorate
[Regent Rose requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item D: Approval Request to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for a Learning Management System (LMS)
[Regent Rose requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item E: Academic Affairs Updates
[Provost Goodman detailed how the Tiger Advantage and Tiger Success Initiatives are used to guide and mentor freshman. He also spoke about the Smithsonian Consortium, faculty eligible for rank, tenure and promotion, and other Strategic University Wide Initiatives.]

VIII. Development and Legislative Affairs Committee - Dr. Richard Johnson

Mr. Charlie Coleman and Regent Benham, on behalf of Regent Johnson, presented the following item for approval:



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- Item A: Approval Request to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Development Consulting Services
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. Charlie Coleman, Senior Associate Vice President of Development and Alumni Engagement; Ms. Isoke Frank-Williams, Executive Director of Advancement Services; Ms. Shannette Prince, Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund and University Advancement; and Mr. Jeff Wallace, Executive Director of Development presented the following informational item:

- Item B: Development & Alumni Engagement Highlights & Updates
[Mr. Coleman spoke about updates regarding fundraisers, foundations, and individual and alumni giving. Each executive director gave a specific report about the work in their respective teams.]

Dr. James White presented the following item:

- Item C: 89th Legislative Session Informational Update
[Dr. White spoke about the University's legislative appropriations request, including specifically the exceptional items, as well as the Legislature's preliminary responses to TSU's requests. Dr. White also provided an overview of SB 37 regarding the governance of public institutions of higher education, including review of curriculum and certain degree and certificate programs, a faculty council or senate, training for members of the governing board, and the establishment, powers, and duties of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Office of the Ombudsman.]

IX. Personnel and Litigation Committee - Mr. Benjamin Kohlmann

Dr. Cynthia Buckley, Senior Associate Vice President of Human Resources, presented the following item for approval:

- Item A: Texas Southern University Fiscal Year 2026 Holiday Calendar
[Regent Kohlmann requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

X. Physical Facilities Committee - Ms. Stephanie Nellons-Paige

Ms. Melanie Jackson, Interim Chief Operating Officer, presented the following item for approval:

- Item A: Approval Request to Procure Emergency Disaster Recovery Services and Equipment Rental
[Regent Nellons-Paige requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

XI. Audit and Compliance Committee - Mr. Lauren Gore

Regent Gore announced the Audit and Compliance Committee did not have any items to report on at this time.



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XII. Athletics Committee – Ms. Stephanie Nellons-Paige

Dr. Kevin Granger, Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics presented the following items:

- Item A: Approval Request to Negotiate and Execute a Contract to Procure Modular Buildings
[Regent Nellons-Paige requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item B: 2024-2025 Men's Indoor Track & Field Championship Team & Athletic Highlights
[All members of the team introduced themselves and pictures were taken with the Board of Regents.]

XIII. Administration and Finance Committee- Mr. James Benham

Mr. John Pittman, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Business & Administration, and Mr. Ben Green, Interim Chief Information Officer, presented the following items for approval:

- Item A: Approval Request to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Subscription Services
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item B: Request Approval to Purchase Cybersecurity Services
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. John Pittman, Mr. Ben Green, and Dr. Raijanel Crockem, Associate Vice President for Institutional Assessment and Planning Effectiveness, presented the following item for approval:

- Item C: Approval for the Amendment if the EAB Navigate and Transfer Portal Agreement
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. John Pittman and Mr. Ben Green presented the following item for approval:

- Item D: Approval Request to Renew the Hosted Oracle Subscription Access License (HOSAL)
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. John Pittman and Chief Bobby Brown presented the following item for approval:

- Item E: Approval Request to Purchase Communication Equipment for Public Safety Police



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[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. John Pittman and Ms. Yvette Barker, Associate Vice President of Student Services, presented the following item for approval:

- Item F: Approval Request to Increase Housing & Dining Rates for Fiscal Year 2026
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the Regular meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. John Pittman presented the following item for approval:

- Item G: Approval Request for Student Accounts Receivable Write-Off
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]

Mr. John Pittman, Mr. Chris Wilson, and Mr. Matt Bauder, with Atlanta Consulting Group, presented the following items for approval:

- Item H: Approval Request to Modify Investment Managers
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item I: Approval Request to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with a Sector Readiness Assessment Partner
[Regent Benham requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the regular board meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved.]
- Item J: Endowment Performance & Update (February 28, 2025)
[Mr. Mathew Bauder presented information concerning the diversification of the endowment portfolio, performance of specific funds, as well as the volatility of the market environment.]

XIV. 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 12:46 P.M.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:34 P.M. with a roll call.

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XVI. Tabled Items

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

Dr. Carl Goodman presented the following item:

- Item A: Candidates for Rank, Tenure and Promotion for FY 2024- 2025
[Regent Rose requested this item be moved to the Consent Docket for the Regular meeting. Without objection, Chairman Simmons approved]

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

Attorney Lisa McBride, presented the following item:

- Item A: Request Approval to Revise the Travel Reimbursement Policy 51.03
[Motion to approve by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Baker Hurley; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting.]

XVII. Adjourn

With no further business pending before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Simmons at 4:46 P.M.; 2nd by Regent Nellons-Paige; Motion passed.

All supporting materials for informational and action items presented during this meeting are available on the public posting for this meeting [here](#) at the following link:

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



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SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the Standing Committee meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held in Houston, Texas on April 9, 2025.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

June 12, 2025

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents