MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 22, 2025

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Special Called Board meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025. Chairman Brandon Simmons, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.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,
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary, *virtual*
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley, *virtual*
Dr. Richard A. Johnson
Mr. Benjamin C. Kohlmann, *virtual*
Mr. Benjamin H. Proler
Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan, *virtual*
Mr. Kohl E. Crawford, Student Regent, *nonvoting, virtual*

The following Board Member was absent:
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Mr. Lauren A. Gore

Other Attendees: President James W. Crawford III, Carl Goodman, Taylar Hall, Kia Harper, Lisa McBride, Rasoul Saneifard, Faith Ruiz, James White

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 and Recognition

- TSU has been officially recognized as a Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leader by the U.S. Department of State, a distinction that highlights the University's commitment to global engagement and academic excellence.
- The University recently completed a successful visit to Northern California. A major highlight of the trip was the opportunity for student leaders to participate in meaningful visits and conversations at Apple and Google, providing students with exposure to industry leaders and innovative career pathways.

- The Chairman visited the University Museum and expressed his support for the arts, encouraging faculty, staff, and students to view the most recent exhibit currently on display.
- President Crawford shared that Commissioner Rodney Ellis has committed funding for the creation of two outdoor murals on campus. These murals, to be painted by renowned artist Dr. John Biggers, will be placed on two university buildings, and will serve as lasting symbols of art and culture on campus.

V. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Executive Session portion of the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.074 at 1:08 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:49 p.m. with a roll call.

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

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary, *virtual*
Mr. Lauren A. Gore, *virtual*
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Benjamin C. Kohlmann, *virtual*
Mr. Benjamin H. Proler
Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan, *virtual*
Mr. Kohl E. Crawford, Student Regent, n*onvoting*, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

VII. President's Report

- Update on Strategic Initiatives, including the College of Education

  The President provided an update on the University's ongoing strategic initiatives, with particular emphasis on the College of Education. The update included framing for Objectives and Key Results, as well as an explanation of the College of Education's areas of improvement.

VIII. Board Business

Item A: Request for Approval of Objectives and Key Results Regarding Strategic Initiatives for College of Education

- The Board developed and voted to approve objectives and key results for the strategic initiatives outlined by the President for the College of Education.
  [Motion to approve this item by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Johnson. Motion approved unanimously.]

Item B: Request for Approval of Appointment of Advisory Committee for Strategic Initiatives for College of Education

- This item requests approval for the establishment of an advisory committee to support the strategic initiatives for the College of Education, and initial appointment of members.
  [Motion to approve this item by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Johnson. Motion approved unanimously.]

Item C: Request for Approval of Resolution Related to Curriculum Review Required by Senate Bill 37, including Appointment of Curriculum Review Committee

- This item requests formal approval of a resolution related to a general education curriculum review required by Section 51.315 of the Texas Education Code, including the appointment of a Curriculum Review Committee. Section 51.315 requires an institution of higher education at least once every five years to conduct a comprehensive review of the general education curriculum established by that institution.
  [Motion to approve this item by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Proler. Motion approved unanimously.]

IX. Personnel and Litigation Committee

Item A: Request for Approval for the Appointment of a Dean for the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs

- This item requests approval for the appointment of a dean for the Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs.

  [*This item was tabled until the next regularly scheduled board meeting, as it had not yet been presented to the Personnel and Litigation Committee*.]

X. Adjourn

With no further business pending before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Simmons at 2:21 p.m.; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passed.

All supporting materials for informational and action items presented during this meeting are available on the public posting at the following link here.

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 in Houston, Texas on September 22, 2025.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

October 16, 2025
Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents