



**MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
VIRTUAL SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Virtual Special Called Board meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 2:51 P.M.

**II. Roll Call**

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

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

The following Board Member were absent:

Ms. Pamela A. Medina

**Other Attendees:** Dr. Mary Evans Sias; Lisa McBride; Faith Ruiz

**III. Conflict of Interest Statement**

Chairman Simmons reminded the board members of the Conflict of Interest statement, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging any conflicts. Members were instructed to complete the conflict of interest form and submit it to the Board Relations office.

**IV. Chairman's Comments**

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

- TSU unveils a new golf simulation room in H&PE Arena.
- Jose Gonzalez placed first overall in the 5,000-meter run at Bobcat Invitational.
- The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences was featured on Fox26 for its outstanding achievements, specifically its licensure exam passage rates and status as a top producer of minority pharmacists.
- Gerald and Anita Smith hosted a successful opening exhibit event in the TSU Museum featuring the artist, Nathaniel Donnett entitled; Dark Matter | Dark Imaginarence | Dark Energy. Please stop by and enjoy this stunning exhibit that is open to the public until April 7, 2024.
- Regent Johnson also noted the upcoming Honor's Convocation.

**V. Committee Reports**

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



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- Item A: Approval is requested for the Academic Calendar for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

*[This item was administratively withdrawn from the agenda.]*

**Personnel and Litigation – Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley**

Dr. Sias presented information on the following item for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Appoint a New Vice President of Governmental Affairs and Civic Engagement

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

**Bylaws and Policies – Ms. Marilyn Rose**

Ms. Lisa McBride presented the following item for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Revise the Current Texas Southern University Board of Regents' Bylaws

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

**VI. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the Virtual Special Called Board meeting by Chairman Simmons at 3:28 PM; 2nd by Regent Nellons-Paige; the motion passes.

**SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL**

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the Virtual Special Called Board meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held virtually on April 4, 2024.

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Faith Ruiz  
Executive Director  
Board Relations Office

April 25, 2024

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Date Approved by the Board

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Marilyn A. Rose  
Secretary  
Board of Regents