



**MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING  
Friday February 6, 2026**

**Call to Order**

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Special Called Board meeting on Friday, February 6, 2026. Chairman James M. Benham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting convened at Texas Southern University, Library Learning Center, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004.

**I. Roll Call**

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

Mr. James M. Benham, Chairman  
Mr. Lauren A. Gore, Vice Chair  
Dr. Richard A. Johnson, Second Vice Chair  
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary, *virtual*  
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Mr. Ben Proler  
Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan  
Mr. Kohl E. Crawford, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

**Other Attendees:** President James Crawford, Lisa McBride, Faith Ruiz

**II. Conflict of Interest Statement**

Chairman Benham 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.

**III. 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 10:06 a.m.

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

The meeting was called back to order at 10:52 a.m.

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

Mr. James M. Benham, Chairman  
Mr. Lauren A. Gore, Vice Chair  
Dr. Richard A. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair



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Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary, *virtual*

Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley, *virtual*

Mr. Ben H. Proler, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Alitheia Z. Sullivan

Mr. Kohl E. Crawford, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

**V. Board Business**

- A. Request Approval of the Board of Regents' Committee Assignments.

*[Motion to approve by Chairman Benham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regent Proler; Motion passes unanimously.]*

**VI. Audit Response Committee (Ad Hoc)**

- A. Request Approval for the 100-Day "Tiger Reset" Operational Plan. President Crawford reported that this operational plan serves as a tactical action plan addressing the six specific areas of concern identified by the State Auditor's Office in December 2025. This 100-day action plan is designed to accelerate the implementation and impact of the recommended reform actions in a timely and appropriate manner.

*[Motion to approve by Regent Gore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regent Johnson; Motion passes unanimously.]*

**VII. Adjourn**

With no further business pending before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Benham at 10:58 a.m.; Seconded by Regent Johnson; Motion passed.

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

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2066?meeting=729866>

**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 February 6, 2026.

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Faith Ruiz  
Executive Director



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Date Approved by the Board

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Marilyn A. Rose  
Secretary  
Board of Regents

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