



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 8, 2026**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Special Called Board meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2026. Chairman James M. Benham called the meeting to order at 12:04 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. James M. Benham, Chairman
Mr. Lauren A. Gore, Vice Chair
Dr. Richard A. Johnson, Second Vice Chair, *virtual*
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary, *virtual*
Mr. Benjamin H. Proler, *virtual*
Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Mr. Kohl E. Crawford, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

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

III. 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.

IV. Board Business

- IV.A. Request Approval of a Resolution Establishing and Appointing Members to an Ad Hoc Board Committee Regarding the University's Response to the State Audit Report Received on December 29, 2025.

Chairman Benham presented the item. He proposed the following committee membership: Chairman of the Committee Lauren A. Gore, and committee members, Regent Richard A. Johnson, Regent Ben H. Proler, and Student Regent Kohl E. Crawford. Following discussion by the Regents, Chairman Benham called for a vote.

[Motion to approve by Chairman Benham, 2nd by Regent Gore; Motion passes unanimously.]



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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 12:13 p.m.

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

The meeting was called back to order at 1:15 p.m.

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

Mr. James M. Benham, Chairman

Mr. Lauren A. Gore, Vice-Chair

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

Mr. Benjamin H. Proler, *virtual*

Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Dr. Richard A. Johnson, Second Vice-Chair, *virtual*

Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

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

VII. Adjourn

With no further business pending before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Benham at 1:15 p.m.; 2nd by Regent Gore; 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=724776>

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 January 8, 2026.

Faith Ruiz



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Executive Director
Board Relations Office

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents

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