A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 106 (Sections 106.01 and 106.11 "Authorizing Law"), the Legislature of the State of Texas designates Texas Southern University as a coeducational institution of higher education and gives the Board of Regents ("Board") the power and authority to govern the University;

WHEREAS, the Board has the statutory authority to enact bylaws, rules, and regulations deemed necessary for the successful management and government of the institution;

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Bylaws which are binding on the Board and all others in the governance of the University;

WHEREAS, Section 5.2 of the Bylaws authorizes the Board—by resolution—to create ad hoc committees for any purpose the Board deems appropriate, and such committees continue to function until discharged by the Board;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill ("SB") 37 passed by the 89th Legislative Session (2025), codified at Section 51.315 of the Texas Education Code, requires the Board of an institution of higher education at least once every five years to conduct a comprehensive review of the general education curriculum established by the institution;

WHEREAS, the Board may appoint a committee to assist it in carrying out its duties;

WHEREAS, the Committee appointed by the Board may include: (1) faculty employed full time by the institution; (2) institution administrators; (3) community leaders; (4) industry representatives; and (5) other individuals selected by the Board;

WHEREAS, at a special-called board meeting held on September 22, 2025, the Board reviewed the requirements of SB 37 concerning curriculum review and now finds it necessary to create an advisory committee for the purpose of providing guidance and recommendations to the Board to assist it in carrying out its duties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University that:

<u>Section 1.</u> A General Education Curriculum Review Advisory Committee is hereby established to provide guidance and recommendations concerning general education curriculum review to the Board consistent with the requirements of SB 37. Between Spring and Fall of 2026 the committee will conduct analysis, hold listening sessions, and prepare recommendations.

<u>Section 2.</u> The following individuals are appointed by the Board to the Advisory Committee—individuals representing a cross-section of stakeholders chosen for their expertise, consistent with the requirements of SB 37:

- Paloma Ahmadi
- Daniel West
- Lila Ontiveros Flores
- Mark Weatherspoon
- Derrek Manns
- Rasoul Saneifard

<u>Section 3.</u> The Committee shall be subject to Board Bylaws concerning ad hoc committees, as they currently exist or may hereinafter be amended, and shall function until discharged by the Board.

<u>Section 4.</u> The Chair of the Board is hereby authorized to provide the Committee its official charge, consistent with this Resolution, and may appoint additional members to the Committee, subject to ratification by the Board.

<u>Section 5.</u> All actions consistent with the provisions of this Resolution heretofore taken by the Board of Regents, the University, its officers, employees, agents, or consultants directed toward Sections 1 through 4 above are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

<u>Section 6.</u> This Resolution was adopted at a meeting open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

<u>Section 7</u>. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University present and voting on this <u>22nd</u> day of September 2025

I hereby certify that the above resolution is accurate in describing the action herein of the Board of Regents on the date shown herein.

Faith Ruiz

Executive Director of Board Relations

Honorable Brandon Simmons

Chairman

Attested:

Honorable Marilyn A. Rose

Secretary