



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 6, 2025**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.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
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Mr. Lauren A. Gore
Ms. Pamela A. Medina
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Benjamin C. Kohlmann
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary

Other Attendees: President James Crawford, Destiny Anaele, Darlene Brown, Charlie Coleman, Victor Ihezukwu, Joseph Johnson, Lisa McBride, Ayana McLemore, Charlie Nhan, Cheyenne Powell, Georgia Provost, Faith Ruiz, Rasoul Saneifard, Katelyn Vault, Isoke Williams, Dr. Anjanette Wyatt

III. Prayer

Chairman Simmons invited Ms. Georgia Provost to introduce Dr. Walter August Jr. to deliver the prayer. Dr. August led the attendees in a spoken prayer.

IV. Open Forum

Chairman Simmons opened the floor to individuals who signed up to participate in Open Forum. Chairman Simmons reminded speakers of the Open Forum rules and procedures, which are in accordance with State law and the Board's Bylaws. He also reiterated the significance of being respectful.

The following individuals participated in the Open Forum:

- Ms. Katelyn Vault, President of Student Government Association
 - Ms. Vault spoke on the current administration's plans for the new semester as well as the previous semester.



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- Mr. Victor Ihezukwu, Chair of the Staff Council
 - Mr. Ihezukwu, along with fellow staff council members spoke about upcoming events with the Staff Council.
- Ms. Isoke Frank-Williams
 - Ms. Frank-Williams shared her experiences about Texas Southern University transitions with leadership.
- Dr. Anjanette Wyatt
 - Dr. Wyatt spoke about the College of Pharmacy and how it is at risk of losing its accreditation.

V. 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 that there were not any, he proceeded with the agenda.

VI. Chairman's Comments/Special Announcements

- Chairman Simmons acknowledged different Alumni that he has met with recently. He let each person speak about their TSU experience.
 - Gaylord Davis
 - Donovan Campbell
 - Tiria Gastile
 - Gary Jones

VII. Board Business

Chairman Simmons presented the following items under the Board Business section of the meeting agenda:

- Item A: Faculty Senate Chair Remarks
 - Rasoul Saneifard spoke about the compensation study as well as concerns from faculty as the University heads towards being an R1 classified institution.
- Item B: Approve Minutes for past meetings of the Board of Regents

[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Baker Hurley; Motion passes unanimously]

[Without Objection, Chairman Simmons tabled items VII.C and VII.D until the next regularly scheduled board meeting. He also tabled item VII.E until after Executive Session]

VIII. Consent Docket

[Motion to pull item VIII.A.12 for further discussion by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Baker Hurley; Motion approved unanimously]



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Chairman Simmons recognized Regent Benham and Mr. Pittman to present the pulled item. Mr. Pittman presented Item VII.A.12; Request Approval of Endowment Spend Rate for FY26, for approval.

- Item VII.A.12: Request Approval of Endowment Spend Rate for FY26
[Motion to approve Agenda Items VII.A.12 by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Gore; Motion approved unanimously]

Chairman Simmons continued with the rest of the Consent Docket. He recognized Committee Chairs with items pending on the Consent Docket as follows:

A. Administration & Finance Committee – Mr. James Benham

Regent Benham reported that the Administration and Finance Committee met on February 5, 2025, and approved presenting eleven items for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VII.A.1 through VII.A.11.

Regent Benham presented the following items to be voted on:

- Item 1: Request Approval to Amend FY25 Operating Budget (Second)
- Item 2: Request Approval to Amend Payment Gateway Contract
- Item 3: Request Approval to Renew Taser and Bodycam Equipment Contract
- Item 4: Request Approval for the Renewal of Firewall Upgrade and Professional Services
- Item 5: Request Approval for Temporary Staffing Services
- Item 6: Request Approval to Purchase Blanket Automobile, Directors & Officers-Employers Legal Liability, Crime and Cyber Insurance
- Item 7: Request Approval to Contract Charter Bus Services
- Item 8: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Summer Housing Make-Ready Services
- Item 9: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Unarmed Safety Officers
- Item 10: Request Approval to Complete and Execute a Contract for a Strategic Partner
- Item 11: Approval Request for the Disposition of Real Property

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.A.1 through VIII.A.11 by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Gore; Motion approved unanimously]

B. Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee - Ms. Marilyn A. Rose

Regent Rose reported that the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee met on February 5, 2025, and approved presenting three items for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.B.1 through VIII.B.3.

Regent Rose presented the following items to be voted on:



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- Item 1: Request Approval to Purchase a Maintenance Service Contract for Research Equipment
- Item 2: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Flight Simulators
- Item 3: Request for Ratification to Purchase Additional Aircraft

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.B.1 through VIII.B.3 by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion approved unanimously]

C. Physical Facilities Committee - Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige

Regent Stephanie Nellons-Paige reported that the Physical Facilities Committee met on February 5, 2025, and approved presenting two items for the Board's consideration on the Consent Docket: Agenda Items VIII.C.1 and VIII.C.2.

Regent Nellons-Paige presented the following items to be voted on:

- Item 1: Request Approval to Upgrade the Fire Alarm Network Fiber Cabling
- Item 2: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E)

[Motion to approve Agenda Items VIII.C.1 and VIII.C.2 by Regent Nellons-Paige; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion approved unanimously]

IX. President's Report

President Crawford spoke about Texas Southern University's 'Ocean of Soul' and their preparation and performance with Beyonce at the NFL Christmas Day Halftime show. He then moved to speak about campus security and AVP Institutional Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness. President Crawford ended by yielding the floor to Dr. Raijanel Crockem to speak about the overview and timeline of Strategic planning.

X. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined on the Executive Session portion of the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.074 at 10:26 A.M.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 1:29 P.M. with a roll call.

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

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Dr. Richard A. Johnson III

Chairman Simmons opened the floor for discussion on items that were tabled.

Regent Kohlmann presented the following item for approval:

- Item VII.E: Approval is Requested for the Appointment of an Executive Director for Policy and Counsel.

[Motion to approve by Regent Kohlmann; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes unanimously]

Personnel and Litigation Committee - Mr. Benjamin Kohlmann

Dr. Carl Goodman presented the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval for the Appointment of a Dean for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology

[Motion to approve by Regent Kohlmann; 2nd by Regent Nellons-Paige; Motion passes unanimously]

XII. Adjourn

With no further business pending before the Board, a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting was made by Chairman Simmons at 1:37 P.M.; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passed unanimously.

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

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2066?meeting=673512>

SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the regular board meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held in Houston, Texas on February 6, 2025.



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Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

February 6, 2025

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents

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