



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Standing Committee Board meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:28 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
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Mr. Lauren A. Gore
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:

Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Pamela A. Medina

Other Attendees: President James Crawford, Brian Armstrong, Yvette Barker, Cynthia Buckley, Charlie Coleman, Rajanel Crockem, Terance Fontaine, Carl Goodman, Kevin Granger, Ben Green, Fred Holtz, Melanie Jackson, Joseph Johnson, Gregory Maddox, Lisa McBride, Ayana McLemore, John Pittman, Faith Ruiz, James White, Chris Wilson (virtual)

III. Prayer

Chairman Simmons requested Regent Johnson to introduce Pastor Harvey Clemons to deliver the prayer. Pastor Harvey Clemons led the attendees in a spoken prayer.

IV. Open Forum

Chairman Simmons announced that there were not any individuals signed up for open forum.

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 no such disclosures, he proceeded with the agenda.



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VI. Special Announcements

- Chairman Simmons announced his excitement to see Head Football Coach, Cris Dishman, named 'Newcomer of the Year' by Sports Illustrated. Chairman Simmons then prompted President Crawford to speak about the Texas Southern University Ocean of Soul Band performance with Beyonce at the Christmas Day NFL Halftime show.

Committee Reports

VII. Development and Legislative Affairs Committee- Dr. Richard Johnson

Mr. Charlie Coleman presented the following informational item:

- Item A: Development and Alumni Engagement Highlights & Updates

Mr. James White presented the following informational item:

- Item B: 89th Legislative Session Informational Update

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

Dr. Carl Goodman presented the following item for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Purchase a Maintenance Service Contract for Research Equipment
[Motion to approve by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Nellons-Paige; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]

Dr. Goodman and Dr. Fontaine both presented the following items for approval:

- Item B: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Flight Simulators
[Motion to approve by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Baker Hurley; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item C: Request for Ratification to Purchase Additional Aircraft
[Motion to approve by Regent Rose; 2nd by Regent Baker Hurley; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]

Dr. Goodman presented the following informational item:

- Item D: Academic Affairs Highlights

[Without Objection, Chairman Simmons postponed the rest of the items for this committee and moved on to the Athletics Committee report to highlight the student athletes.]

IX. Athletics Committee – Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

Dr. Kevin Granger presented the following items:

- Item A: 2024-2025 Women's Soccer SWAC Championship Team



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[All members of the team introduced themselves and pictures were taken with the Board of Regents.]

- Item B: 2024-2025 Men's Cross Country SWAC Championship Team
[All members of the team introduced themselves and pictures were taken with the Board of Regents.]

[After the brief break, Chairman Simmons yielded the floor to Regent Rose for the continuation of the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee report.]

Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee (cont.) - Ms. Marilyn Rose

Dr. Carl Goodman and Gregory Maddox presented the following item:

- Item E: A Review of SACSCOC 5th Year Interim Report

Dr. Raijanel Crockem presented the following item:

- Item F: A Review of Student Enrollment Trends

Ms. Yvette Barker presented the following item:

- Item G: Student Services Overview

Dr. Brian Armstrong presented the following item:

- Item H: Student Enrollment Services Overview

X. Personnel and Litigation Committee- Mr. Benjamin Kohlmann

Dr. Cynthia Buckley presented the following items for approval:

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

[Motion to approve by Regent Kohlmann; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]

XI. Physical Facilities Committee- Ms. Stephanie Nellons-Paige

Ms. Melanie Jackson presented the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Upgrade the Fire Alarm Network Fiber Cabling
[Motion to approve by Regent Nellons-Paige; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]

- Item B: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E)

[Motion to approve by Regent Nellons-Paige; 2nd by Regent Baker Hurley; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]



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- Item C: Physical Facilities Updates

XII. Audit and Compliance Committee- Mr. Lauren Gore

Chairman Simmons announced the Audit and Compliance Committee did not have any items to report on at this time.

XIII. Bylaws and Policies (Ad Hoc) Committee- Ms. Pamela Medina

Chairman Simmons announced the Bylaws and Policies Committee did not have any items to report on at this time.

[Without Objection, Chairman Simmons tabled the Administration & Finance Committee report until after Executive Session]

XIV. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 12:59 P.M.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:06 P.M. with a roll call.

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

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XVI. Administration & Finance Committee

Mr. John Pittman presented the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Amend FY25 Operating Budget (Second)
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]



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- Item B: Request Approval to Amend Payment Gateway Contract
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item C: Request Approval to Renew Taser and Bodycam Equipment Contract
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item D: Request Approval for the Renewal of Firewall Upgrade and Professional Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item E: Request Approval for Temporary Staffing Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item F: Request Approval to Purchase Blanket Automobile, Directors, & Officers-Employees Legal Liability, Crime and Cyber Insurance
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item G: Request Approval to Contract Charter Bus Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item H: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Summer Housing Make-Ready Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item I: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Unarmed Safety Officers
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item J: Request Approval to Complete and Execute a Contract for a Strategic Partner
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]
- Item K: Request Approval for Disposition of Real Property
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]



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- Item L: Request Approval of Endowment Spend Rate for FY26
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion approved unanimously to place the item on the Consent Docket for the regular meeting]

Mr. Chris Wilson (virtual) presented the following informational item:

- Item M: Endowment Performance & Update (November 30, 2024)

Mr. John Pittman presented the following informational items:

- Item N: Administration & Finance Updates

XVII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting by Chairman Simmons at 4:33 P.M.; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes.

SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the Standing Committee meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held in Houston, Texas on February 5, 2025.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

April 10, 2025
Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents