

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Lubbock, Texas

Minutes

Board of Regents

June 20, 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023.—The members of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System convened in a special-called meeting by videoconference at 3:02 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Board of Regents Committee Room (106), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, with the following in attendance.

ATTENDANCE.—

Regent present in person was Mark Griffin, Chairman.

Regents present by videoconference were Arcilia Acosta; Cody Campbell; Clay C. Cash; Tim Culp; Ginger Kerrick Davis, Vice Chairwoman; Pat Gordon; Steeley Smith, Student Regent; Shelley Sweatt; and Dusty Womble.

Administration and staff present in person were Dr. Tedd Mitchell, Chancellor, TTUS; Mr. Eric Bentley, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, TTUS; Mr. Keino McWhinney, Secretary of the Board and Special Advisor to the Chancellor, TTUS; Mr. James Mauldin, Chief Financial Officer, TTUS; Ms. Martha Brown, Vice Chancellor for State Relations, TTUS; Mr. Dailey Fuller, Chief of Staff, Chancellor's Office, TTUS; Mrs. Christy Haynes, Deputy Chief of Staff, TTUS; Mr. Joe Carmichael, Associate Director, Institutional Advancement, TTUS; Mr. Ojay Barbee, IT Support Senior Technician, TTU; Mr. Tyrel Fuchs, IT Support Technician II, TTU; Mr. Scott Lacefield, Senior Director of Communications, Chancellor's Office, TTUS; and Mrs. Christina Martinez, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents, TTUS.

I. MEETING OF THE BOARD—CALL TO ORDER; CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD.—Chairman Griffin announced a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

I.A. ROLL CALL—Chairman Griffin called on Board Secretary Keino McWhinney to establish who was on the call and present in the Board Room.

After the roll call, Chairman Griffin welcomed the new Student Regent, Steeley Smith, to the Board.

I.B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.—Chairman Griffin presided over the Committee of the Whole.

I.B.1. TTUS: Approve delegation of authority to the Vice Chancellor & Chief Financial Officer to coordinate and finalize non-academic fee assessments at ASU and MSU for AY 2023 (fall of 2023).—The Board approved the delegation of authority to the Vice Chancellor & Chief Financial Officer of Texas Tech University System to coordinate and finalize non-academic fee assessments at Angelo State University (“ASU”) and Midwestern State University (“MSU”), effective AY 2023 (fall of 2023).

All tuition, fees, rentals, rates, and charges at component institutions of the Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) are charged and collected under specific authorization of the laws of the State of Texas, including, but not limited to, the authorization in Texas Education Code Sections 54.008, 54.017, 54.051, 54.0513, 54.216, 54.218, 54.5035, 54.504, and 55.16 and other applicable sections.

FY 2023 inflation data for U.S. colleges and universities rose by 3.1% according to Commonfund Higher Education Price Index® (HEPI) data. The indicated inflationary pressures necessitate the requested non-academic fee assessments.

The proposed non-academic fee assessments conform with the consensus agreement signed on December 14th, 2022, by Chancellor Mitchell and the chancellors of the five other Texas higher education systems. The change in the aforementioned proposed non-academic fee assessments will not exceed the HEPI inflation rate of 3.1%. Conformity to this limit will be confirmed by the TTUS Vice Chancellor & Chief Financial Officer prior to approval.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION.—At 3:11 pm, the Board recessed and convened into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551.0741, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074 and 551.076 of the *Texas Government Code*.

III. OPEN SESSION.—At 3:41 pm, the Board reconvened in open session to consider items from Executive Session.

III.A. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Chairman Griffin called on Vice Chairwoman Kerrick Davis to present motions regarding items discussed in Executive Session.

Vice Chairwoman Kerrick Davis announced there was one motion resulting from Executive Session.

III.A.1. Vice Chairwoman Kerrick Davis moved that the Board of Regents (1) ... based upon the recommendation of the Chancellor ... select and hereby announce Dr. Stacia Haynie as the sole finalist for president and chief executive officer of Midwestern State University; (2) authorize Chancellor Mitchell to take the final action to appoint Dr. Stacia Haynie to be president after the required 2-day notice period has passed; and (3) authorize the chancellor to approve the salary of and execute an employment contract with Dr. Stacia Haynie and to make a determination that the contract is in the best interest of the institution .. with all of these delegations of authority to be under the terms and conditions set forth in executive session. The motion was seconded by Regent Sweatt and unanimously approved by the Board.

No action was taken on any other matters that were posted for discussion in Executive Session, which included:

Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers (Tex. Govt. Code § 551.071) including: Pre-litigation and litigation update; and other pending legal matters, potential legal claims updates, settlement offer updates, and discussion and advice from general counsel on pending legal issues.

Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Sale, or Value of Real Property (Tex. Govt. Code § 551.072).

Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts or Donations (Tex. Govt. Code § 551.073).

Deliberation Regarding Individual Personnel Matters Relating to the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees of the TTU System and its Component Institutions. (Tex. Govt. Code § 551.074) including: Discussion of Chancellor duties, assignments, and expectations; and discussion of other personnel matters including the duties, performance and evaluation of Texas Tech University System or component institution officers and employees.

Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits. (Section 551.076).


(*In connection with this item, to the extent that any agenda notation or supplemental written materials, which might otherwise be covered by Tex.

Govt. Code §551.1281(b)(1), have been excluded from an internet web posting, such exclusion has been authorized by a certification pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code §551.1281(c.)

- B. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Chairman Griffin congratulated Dr. Stacia Haynie on her selection of the sole candidate for the position of president of Midwestern State University. He also thanked Vice Chairwoman Ginger Kerrick Davis and Regents Pat Gordon and Shelley Sweatt along with the MSU Presidential Search Committee for their dedicated and hard work in screening and interviewing applicants for this position.

IV. ADJOURNMENT.—Chairman Griffin adjourned the meeting at 3:47 pm.

I, Keino McWhinney, the duly appointed and qualified Secretary to the Board of Regents, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents meeting on June 20, 2023.


Keino McWhinney
Secretary of the Board

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