

Meeting of the  
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
April 20, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM #17:**

**Task Force on the Future of Higher Education: Modernization, Efficiencies, and Innovations.**

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of Membership for the State Regents' Task Force on the Future of Higher Education.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**It is recommended that the State Regents accept the confirmed membership list for the Task Force on the Future of Higher Education.**

**BACKGROUND:**

Given the changing landscape of higher education, at their meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2017, the State Regents approved the formation of a citizens' Task Force on the Future of Higher Education to undertake an extensive planning initiative that will position the Oklahoma state system of higher education to better meet current and future challenges. The efforts of the Task Force will emphasize the state system's focus on modernization, efficiencies, and innovation.

The Task Force on the Future of Higher Education will conduct a systematic and thorough review of the current status of higher education in Oklahoma; examine existing initiatives and best practices; and report findings and recommendations on strategies that best support improving quality, access, affordability, and efficiency in the Oklahoma state system of higher education.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

The Task Force will be comprised of the State Regents, private citizens, college and university representatives, and the designees of Governor Mary Fallin, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Charles McCall, and Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Schulz. Citizen members of the Task Force will be well-respected Oklahomans who come from a variety of professional and educational backgrounds and represent different geographic regions within the state.

Dr. William E. "Brit" Kirwan, Chancellor Emeritus of the University System of Maryland, will serve as lead advisor to the task force. Dr. Kirwan is a senior fellow at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and serves as chair of the National Research Council Board of Higher Education and Workforce and co-chair of the Knight Commission on

Intercollegiate Athletics. He previously served as president of The Ohio State University and the University of Maryland, and is a board member of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore, and Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, among other organizations. An international speaker and respected author on several key higher education issues, including access, affordability, innovation, economic development and academic transformation, Dr. Kirwan holds baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The following individuals will serve on the State Regents' Task Force on the Future of Higher Education:

### State Regents (ex-officio, non-voting members)

- State Regent John Massey
- State Regent Ron White
- State Regent Jimmy Harrel
- State Regent Jay Helm
- State Regent Ann Holloway
- State Regent Andy Lester
- State Regent Jody Parker
- State Regent Toney Stricklin
- State Regent Mike Turpen
- Chancellor Glen D. Johnson

### Citizens

- Dr. Ann Ackerman, Oklahoma City
- Phil B. Albert, Claremore
- Governor Bill Anoatubby, Ada
- Calvin J. Anthony, Stillwater
- Chief Bill John Baker, Tahlequah
- Chief Gary Batton, Durant
- Bruce T. Benbrook, Woodward
- Bill W. Burgess, Lawton
- John Carey, Durant
- Lake Carpenter, Leedey
- Michael A. Cawley, Ardmore
- Sam Combs, Tulsa
- Leonard Court, Oklahoma City
- Rick Davis, Guthrie
- Lee R. Denney, Cushing
- Jeffrey T. Dunn, Tulsa
- John Ford, Bartlesville
- Robert Gardner, Tulsa
- Steve Jordan, Ardmore

- Karen Keith, Tulsa
- Edward F. Keller, Tulsa
- Dan Little, Madill
- Bert H. Mackie, Enid
- Dr. Thomas K. McKeon, Tulsa
- Catherine O'Connor, Oklahoma City
- Fred Morgan, Oklahoma City
- Dr. Terry Mosley, Lone Wolf
- Dennis Neill, Tulsa
- Michael S. Neal, Tulsa
- Tyler Norvell, Oklahoma City
- Dr. Marion Paden, Oklahoma City
- Gary Parker, Muskogee
- Ken Parker, Norman
- Carl R. Renfro, Ponca City
- Dee Replogle, Oklahoma City
- Robert J. Ross, Oklahoma City
- Richard Ruhl, Kingfisher
- Claudia San Pedro, Oklahoma City
- Dr. Dennis Shockley, Oklahoma City
- Steven W. Taylor, McAlester
- Sean Trauschke, Oklahoma City
- Avilla Williams, Edmond
- Roy H. Williams, Oklahoma City

#### Colleges/Universities

- President Don Betz, University of Central Oklahoma
- President Randy Beutler, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- President David L. Boren, University of Oklahoma
- President Sean Burrage, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- President Cheryl Evans, Northern Oklahoma College
- President Tim Faltyn, Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- President Leigh B. Goodson, Tulsa Community College
- President V. Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University
- President John M. McArthur, Cameron University
- Dr. Jason Sanders, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Dr. Kayse Shrum, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
- President Jerry L. Steward, Oklahoma City Community College

#### Designees

- Designee for Governor Mary Fallin
- Designee for Speaker Charles McCall
- Designee for Senate President Pro Tempore Mike Schulz