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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 24, 2020, via Zoom videoconference. Notice of the original meeting had been filed for June 25, 2020 on November 21, 2019 and was cancelled due to COVID-19. This special meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on June 19, 2020. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Jody Parker called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting via Zoom videoconference were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ron White, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Jay Helm joined the meeting in progress via videoconference at 10:05 a.m. Regent Jeff Hickman joined the meeting in progress via videoconference at 10:08 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on May 29, 2020. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Parker began by stating that this had been a long and tumultuous year. He stated that he had done his best to adapt to the extraordinary circumstances

and that he was very grateful to all of his fellow Regents for their support as he has attempted to fulfill his responsibilities. He thanked his fellow Regents and the Chancellor for all they have done to support him personally and for all they have done for higher education for the State of Oklahoma.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson echoed Regent Parker's remarks that this had been a difficult year and thanked Regent Parker for his service as Chairman of the Board of Regents. Commenting on the upcoming presentations and discussions by the presidents on budget, tuition and fees, and student debt, Chancellor Johnson stressed that it was important to reflect on the fact that policy leaders did everything they could to minimize the budget cut given the current state of the economy, and highlighted the 3.95 percent budget reduction and the backlog for the Endowed Chairs program which he hopes will be addressed next session. Chancellor Johnson then mentioned his work as Co-Chair for the SREB COVID-19 Task Force, mentioning that they have had very active, frequent meetings and discussed the work that this task force has focused on. He thanked President Joe Harroz from the University of Oklahoma, President Burns Hargis from Oklahoma State University, President Jeanie Webb from Rose State College, and President John McArthur from Cameron University for their participation on the task force.

6. **TUITION REVIEW.**

- a. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson began by highlighting that over the last decade, the Oklahoma state system institutions have had an average annual increase of less than 5 percent, emphasizing that the State Regents have made college affordability a top priority. He stated that if the numbers that have been submitted by the institutions are approved, the state system of higher education will have only an average 1.3 percent increase in tuition and mandatory fees for the 2020-2021 academic year. Chancellor Johnson finished by stating that Oklahoma ranked tenth in the nation for lowest student loan debt, with 53 percent of students graduating without any student loan debt.

- b. The Presidents of the State System institutions were invited to provide Regents with a summary of their tuition, mandatory fees, and academic service fees request for the 2020-2021 academic year. The schedule of speakers is shown as an attachment to these minutes.

7. **E&G BUDGET.**

- a. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the final allocations and approve the FY 2021 budgets for institutions, constituent agencies, higher education centers, special programs and other governance operations of the state system. The State Regents authorize the Chancellor to certify the budgets to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve an allocation of \$1,421,661.68 from Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Revenue for both Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$89,089,365.43. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a grant allocation in the amount of \$40,000 for year one of a renewable five-year commitment through 2025 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for support of the Higher Education Archives project and approve an Inter-Agency agreement. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

8. **TUITION.**

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve all institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2021 as reported in the supplemental schedules. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the FY21 Mandatory Fees and Tuition. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **POLICY.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a one-time exception to policy to waive certain academic service fees for the Fall 2020 semester in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **EPSCoR.**

- a. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve an allocation of \$250,000 to participating universities for the National Institutes of Health OK-INBRE grant award. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$163,000 to participating institutions for NASA EPSCoR projects. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$48,000 to the University of Oklahoma for the third year of a three-year Department of Energy EPSCoR award. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  - d. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve an agreement with Oklahoma State University to serve as the fiscal agent for matching funds for the National Science Foundation (NSF) EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Award (RII) and allocation of \$800,000 for this program for FY 2021. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  - e. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the 2020 Oklahoma EPSCoR Advisory Committee's Annual report. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **CAPITAL.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to authorize the transmittal of institutional capital improvement plans for the eight (8) fiscal years 2021-2029 to the State of Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Commission. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen and Taylor.
12. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve FY 2021 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.



13. **INVESTMENTS.** This item was deleted.
  
14. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following request for a program deletion: a request from Rose State College to delete the Certificate in Administrative Office Professional. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
15. **POLICY.**
  - a. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the proposed revisions to the Professional Programs policy. These revisions were posted at the May 29, 2020 State Regents' meeting. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  - b. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a policy exception request for a pilot project proposed by Murray State College allowing the institution to admit certain high school juniors and seniors who do not meet policy minimum requirements for admission. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  - c. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to extend the moratorium on consideration of any requests for function change/expansion and mission expansion through June 30, 2021, unless action is taken to further extend the moratorium's duration. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- d. The Regents reviewed the posting of revisions to the Student Assessment and Remediation policy. This item was for posting only.
16. **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the proposed 2020-2021 award schedule for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant program. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to make a finding of an emergency and adopt proposed emergency rule revisions for Oklahoma's Promise – the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (Oklahoma's Promise). Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
18. **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the community college TANF allocations pursuant to the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.**
- a. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Scholars scholarship contract renewal in the amount of \$934,686 and program contract in the amount of \$1,466,426. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor.

b. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the community college Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program FY21 allocations in the amounts set forth in the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: MODERNIZATION, EFFICIENCIES, AND INNOVATIONS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to extend the voluntary governing board merger/partnership deadline until June 30, 2021, to allow the State Regents time to fully evaluate the Huron fiscal viability reports for each institution so that recommendations for mergers/partnerships will be based on a thorough and comprehensive analysis of unique institutional strengths, challenges, and operational contexts. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the following consent docket items:

- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Suspensions. Approval of institutional requests.
- c. Reinstatement. Approval of a request from Seminole State College to reinstate a suspended program.
- d. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
- e. Electronic Delivery.
  - (1) Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice, the

Associate in Arts in Early Childhood Education, and the Associate in Arts in Social Sciences.

- (2) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Associate in Applied Science in Business Operations, the Associate in Arts in Childhood Development, the Associate in Science in Computer Science, the Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies, the Associate in Science in Psychology, and the Associate in Arts in Social Sciences.

f. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of an institutional request to begin participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

g. Operations.

- (1) Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000 for FY2020.
- (2) This item was deleted.

h. Non-Academic Degrees.

- (1) Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award an honorary degree.
- (2) Ratification of a request from Langston University to award a posthumous degree.

i. Resolutions. Approval of resolutions honoring retiring staff.

Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on program requests.
- b. Annual Reports.
  - (1) Report on Low Producing Programs

- (2) Current Operating Income and Expenditures, Oklahoma State Colleges and Universities, Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

23. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.
- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- c. Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- d. Investment Committee. The Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

24. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. (This item was taken out of order.)**

- a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning Knox v. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, CJ-2020-2383, Oklahoma County District Court if the board, with advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.
- b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending

investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regents entered executive session at 3:24 p.m.

- c. Following executive session discussion, open session resumes.
- d. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion via roll all were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regents exited executive session at 4:03 p.m.

25. **OFFICERS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to submit the following slate of State Regents' officers for the next fiscal year:

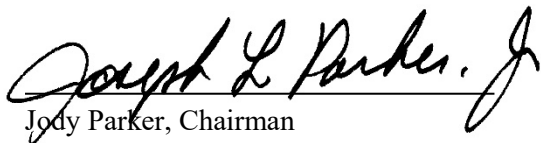
Chairperson:	Ann Holloway
Vice Chair:	Jeff Hickman
Secretary:	Mike Turpen
Assistant Secretary:	Steven Taylor

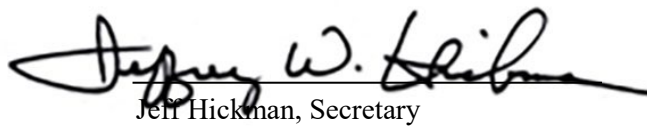
Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

26. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Parker announced that there will be a Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 16 at 9:00 a.m. either at the State Regents' Office of via Zoom. Regent Parker announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

27. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Jody Parker, Chairman

  
Jeff Hickman, Secretary