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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 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022 in the State Regents' Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on September 28, 2021. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Michael C. Turpen called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Dustin Hillliary, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the minutes of the Special State Regents' meeting on July 6, 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Hillliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen reflected on discussions about state funds, tuition revenue, and gifts and grants during the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on September 7. He stated that he is proud that Oklahoma is one of the most affordable states in the country, and that he is especially proud of the work that Regent Warmington is doing to lead the Strategic Planning Committee. He thanked all of the institution representatives who have been working on

those meetings. Chair Turpen then commented on Election Day and stated that we need friendships across the aisle and less divisiveness. He concluded by thanking everyone for their service and stated that they need to keep up the good work.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett began by echoing Chair Turpen's remarks about the Strategic Planning Committee and subcommittees and thanked the staff who have been working on these meetings. She commented on the declining college-going rates, new jobs that will require a degree, and jobs that are being replaced by technology that do not require a degree. She stated that all of these factors only increase the need for a college degree. She also highlighted record incoming classes at the research institutions. Chancellor Garrett then reflected on Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke's upcoming retirement and her work in higher education and for the State Regents' office.

6. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geoscience and the Certificate in Professional Spanish. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Arts in Organizational Management and Leadership. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Connors State College to offer the Certificate in Horticulture, Certificate in Agriculture, Certificate in Agriculture Business Management, Certificate in Specialized Agriculture Production, Certificate in Small Business Management, Certificate in Athletic Coaching in Secondary Education, and the Certificate in Personal Health. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
7. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to delete the Master of Education in Elementary Education, and a request from Tulsa Community College to delete the Certificate in Healthcare Specialist/Paramedic. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
8. **ACADEMIC PLANS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of the 2022-2023 academic plans submitted by institutions. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
9. **DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of the 2022-2023 institutional degree completion plans submitted by institutions. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
10. **TEACHER EDUCATION.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to acknowledge receipt of the Teacher Education Program Admission Study. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
 - b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the proposed OTC Pre-Collegiate and Collegiate Program expenditures in the amount of \$151,496.86. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the number of authorized freshmen Institutional Nominees for each institution for 2023-2024 and increase the scholarship award amounts as proposed. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **REGIONAL UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to authorize 15 freshmen scholarship slots for each institution participating in the Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship program for Fall 2023 and increase the scholarship award amount by \$500. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to re-authorize an out-of-state institution, Asbury Theological Seminary, to operate with a physical presence in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **GRANT FUNDS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to accept \$15,000 in grant funds from the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association to participate ***. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTION AND REVISIONS.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to make a finding of an emergency and adopt the proposed emergency rules pursuant to 70 O.S. § 253 of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act for the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program in order to comply with 70 O.S. § 698.1; and approval to initiate permanent rulemaking process. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to make a finding of an emergency and adopt the proposed emergency rules pursuant to 75 O.S. § 253 of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act for the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program in order to comply with 70 O.S. § 3231; and approval to initiate permanent rulemaking process. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **E&G BUDGET.**

a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of \$1,223,755.84 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$1,223,755.84 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) from

revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products.

The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$100,732,809.54. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve a one-time capital grant in the amount not to exceed \$1,033,240 to the University of Oklahoma for the Sam Noble Museum capital project. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

- a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve FY-2023 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry. Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Regent Hilliary abstained from the vote. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to ratify the agreement with the Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education for FY2023. The services provided by Oklahoma colleges and universities relate to the operation of Tech Prep programs, Carl D. Perkins programs and teacher in-service/professional development for Career Tech teachers, and Adult Education and Family Literacy programs. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the recommendation to commit \$7,000,0000 to Sona Asset Management, \$10,000,000 to H.I.G.

Middle Market LBO, Fund IV, and \$10,000,000 to Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, Fund XII. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES REPORT.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 Employment Outcomes Report. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
20. **STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the proposed 2023 meeting dates and authorization to file with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
21. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
22. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve/ratify the following routine request which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:
 - a. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - b. Certificate. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours.
 - (1) University of Oklahoma. Ratification of institutional request to offer a certificate

- of 15 or fewer credit hours.
 - (2) Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences. Ratification of institutional request to offer a certificate of 15 or fewer credit hours.
- c. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
- d. Reconciliations. Ratification of institutional request.
- e. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of institutional request.
- f. High School Courses for College Admission. Ratification of requests to approve high school courses for college admission.
- g. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) University of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery: Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics and Graduate Certificate in Data Analysis.
 - (2) Cameron University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Master of Education in Education, and Master of Science in Educational Leadership.
- h. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - (1) Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - (2) Ratification of an institutional request to begin participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- i. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Personnel. Ratification of personnel appointments.
 - (3) Personnel. Approval of agency compensation plan.
- j. Non-Academic Degrees. Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award a posthumous degree.

k. Resolution. Approval of a resolution honoring a retiring staff member.

Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Regent Hilliary abstained from Agenda Item #22-i (1): Ratification of purchases over \$25,000. Regent Taylor abstained from items pertaining to AT&T items in Agenda Item #22-i (1): Ratification of purchases over \$25,000. Voting against the motion were none.

23. **REPORTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement).

b. Annual Reports.

(1) Annual Report on Program Requests. (Supplement)

(2) Academic Policy Exception Quarterly Report.

(3) Tuition and Fees Rate Book, FY2023. (Supplement)

(4) Student Cost Survey, FY2023. (Supplement)

(5) Cash Reserve Report for FY2023. (Supplement)

(6) Faculty Salary Report FY2022. (Supplement)

(7) Concurrent Enrollment Annual Report, 2020-2021. (Supplement)

Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

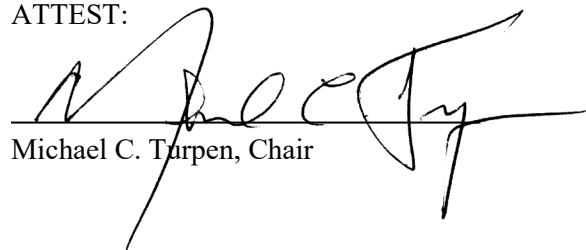
24. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

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.
25. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was not needed.
26. **NEW BUSINESS.**
27. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Turpen announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.
28. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Michael C. Turpen, Chair


Dennis Casey, Secretary