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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, October 27, 2022 in the 6th Floor Banquet Room of Headington Hall at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on October 14, 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 September 8, 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 began by thanking the University of Oklahoma for their hospitality. He then discussed *The Road to Character* by David Brooks and resume virtues and eulogy virtues. He stated that Oklahoma is the land of opportunity for higher education.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett began by echoing Chair Turpen’s comments about the hospitality they have received. She quickly highlighted enrollment numbers, stating that the state did better than the national average. She stated that over the past ten years, there has been an increase in the number of degrees granted despite a decline in enrollment. She also mentioned the Strategic Planning process, stating that there was a lot of good work happening and that she believes it will be a robust plan. Chancellor Garrett concluded her remarks by highlighting some recent events and announcements made by system institutions.

6. **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME.** University of Oklahoma (OU) President Joe Harroz began by thanking the State Regents for their work in higher education. He stated that there is real optimism in higher education and that OU is prepared to be the partner it needs to be in order to meet the needs of the state. He added that every Oklahoman should have access to academic excellence. President Harroz explained OU’s “Lead On, University” strategic plan, noting that they looked to see if they were aligning with the workforce needs of the state and that they have made changes to ensure that they are a good partner with workforce. He discussed the five overarching pillars that the plan is built upon. He briefly touched on OU’s role and obligation to meet the healthcare workforce needs of the state. He discussed their fundraising campaign, stating that they have raised \$6 million of a \$2 billion goal. President Harroz concluded by stating that he hopes that State Regents take pride in the work that they do for higher education.

Zach Lissau, president of the university’s student body, provided remarks about his time at the University of Oklahoma. He reflected on the impact that the university has had on him during his time on campus. He stated that the institution celebrates diversity and prepares students to address real-world issues. He concluded his remarks by praising OU President Joe Harroz and thanking the State Regents.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Education Specialist in Language, Literacy, and Culture Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Master of Arts in Arts Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma College of Law to offer the Master of Legal Studies in Legal Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Connors State College to offer the Associate in Science in Computer Science, the Associate in Applied Science in Applied Technology, the Certificate in Computer Science, the Certificate in Mental Health, the Certificate in Child Advocacy, and the Certificate in Corrections. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City to offer the Associate in Science in Pre-Professional Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Rose State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Film Studies and Digital Media.

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

8. **STUDENT ASSESSMENT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve changes to Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City's Student Assessment Plan. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **POLICY.**

a. Posting of revisions to the In-state/Out-of-state Status of Enrolled Students policy. This item was for posting only.

b. Posting of revisions to the Functions of Research in the State System policy. This item was for posting only.

10. **LAUNCH YEARS INITIATIVE GRANTS.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the technical assistance grant (no direct funds) to support ongoing Mathematics Pathways initiatives for a three-year period funded through the Charles A. Dana Center. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies to support Oklahoma's participation in the Charles A. Dana Center's Launch Year Initiative for FY2023 through FY2025. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE.**

- a. Posting of Proposed Permanent Administrative Rules Revisions. This item was for posting only.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request to provide the State Board of Equalization a funding estimate of \$67.7 million for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program for fiscal year 2024 to be allocated from the General Revenue Fund. It was further recommended that \$6 million of the program's trust fund reserves be designated in FY2024 for the State Regents to consider the consolidation of 20 percent of student mandatory fees into tuition. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **TEACHER EDUCATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve incentives to increase graduation and retention of secondary mathematics and science teachers through the Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request to re-authorize Upper Iowa University to operate with a physical presence in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve state appropriations for FY2024 in the amount of \$986.0 million, representing an increase of \$105.1

million, or 11.9 percent, for support of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The State Regents are also requested to approve an FY23 supplemental appropriation request of \$9.0 million to fund the expanded Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a distribution of 4.5 percent of the rolling average of June 30th market values totaling to the amount of \$36.03 million for fiscal year 2022, and \$5.1 million for prior years' carryover – totaling approximately \$41.13 million – for institutional expenditure from eligible Endowment Trust Fund accounts and approve the corresponding account reports for the year-ended June 30, 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **EPSCoR.**

- a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$40,000 to participating institutions for NASA EPSCoR projects. 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 Parker, to approve the appointment of individuals to the EPSCoR Advisory Committee. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request to commit \$10 million to DRA Growth & Income Fund XI. Voting for the motion were Regents

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

18. **FREE SPEECH COMMITTEE POLICY.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a new policy section, 2.32, establishing the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Warmington was not present in the room for the vote.

- 18.1 **2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the 2023 Legislative Agenda, with the suggested amendments. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve/ratify the following routine request which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:

- a. Programs.
 - (1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - (2) Program Suspension. Ratification of institutional request.
- b. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours. Ratification of institutional requests.
- c. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
- d. Reconciliations. Ratification of institutional request.
- e. Academic Nomenclature.
 - (1) The University of Oklahoma. Ratification of a request for an organizational modification.

- (2) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Ratification of a request to establish a new department.
- f. High School Courses for College Admission. Ratification of a request to approve high school courses for college admission.
- g. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- h. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Ratification of personnel appointments.
- i. Non-academic Degrees. Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award a posthumous degree.

Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Warmington was not present for the vote.

20. **REPORTS.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement).
- b. Annual Reports. Fall Preliminary Enrollment Report. Acknowledgement of the Fall Preliminary Enrollment Report.

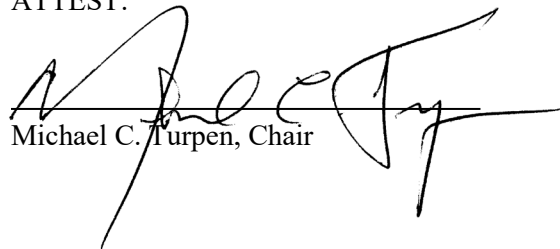
Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Warmington was not present for the vote.

21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Given that the State Regents took action on the FY24 system-wide budget request and the 2023 legislative agenda during the meeting, Chair Turpen announced that the Special Budget Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 3 would be cancelled. Chair Turpen stated that the next regular meetings would be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9 a.m. at Oklahoma City Community College in Oklahoma City.
24. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Michael C. Turpen, Chair


Dennis Casey, Secretary