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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 regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Rogers State University, Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd. in Claremore, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on March 30, 2023. 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, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Courtney Warmington, Steven W. Taylor, Joseph L. Parker, Jr., Michael C. Turpen and Jeffrey W. Hickman. Regent Dustin J. Hilliary did not attend.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings in March 2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen expressed gratitude to President Larry Rice for hosting the State Regents and also acknowledged Dr. Stephen Pruitt, President of the Southern Regional Education Board, for providing his perspective on higher education at the April Retreat. Furthermore, he commemorated the 28th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and acknowledged Regent Taylor for serving as the keynote speaker at the memorial service.
5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Garrett expressed appreciation to President Rice and his team for organizing the meeting, and additionally praised President Lana Reynolds of Seminole State College for her willingness to aid Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in the aftermath of the tornado damage on their campus.
6. **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME.** President Larry Rice of Rogers State University (RSU) welcomed the Regents and thanked them for their service. President Rice provided a brief summary of the history of RSU. He pointed out that RSU is the only public institution in the Tulsa metro area where a student can live on campus and get the full college experience.
7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
 - a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Human Performance and the Doctor of Business Administration in Business Administration. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
 - b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Astrophysics and the Master of Science in Sustainable Architecture. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-

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

- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Advocacy and Justice Studies. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Certificate in Cybersecurity, the Certificate in Plant and Soil Science, and the Certificate in Animal Science. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway, Casey and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Science in Healthcare Administration via electronic delivery. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Regent Taylor raised concerns about the ongoing availability of online courses versus traditional on-campus courses. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Music in Musical Theatre and the Certificate in Audio Post-Production. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

Chairman Turpen requested a brief recess.

Chairman Turpen called the meeting back to order. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Courtney Warmington, Steven W. Taylor, Joseph L. Parker, Jr., Michael C. Turpen and Jeffrey W. Hickman. Regent Dustin J. Hilliary was not present.

- g. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Murray State College for a function exception to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Gunsmithing with the stipulation that continuation of the program will depend upon meeting the criteria established by the institution and approved by the Regents. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. President Faltyn of Murray State College attended to answer any questions regarding this request. He explained that this program offers quality instruction in machining, metalworking, woodworking, and artisanship for the firearms industry. He explained that students will learn practical skills for entry-level gunsmiths, as well as advanced specialty coursework and leadership development. He added that he had inquired about partnerships with four-year institutions including Southeastern Oklahoma State University without success and noted that this would be a one of a kind offering in Oklahoma and the country. As a result of this program, graduates will be eligible for federal employment and career advancement. Regents questioned whether approval of the program would set a precedent. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker and Turpen. Voting against the motion was Regent Taylor. Regent Hickman abstained.
- h. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) to offer to institute an Early College Program. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Dr. Donna Cobb, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at UCO, Dr. Liliana Renteria Mendoza, Executive Director, Academic Policy and Curriculum at UCO, and Keely Gilpin, College and Career Specialist

from the Edmond School District, joined the meeting via Zoom. Regent Casey asked for a clarification of the location of the students while not attending classes at UCO. Dr. Mendoza explained that these students would be in a normal class at Edmond schools. Regent Hickman asked what the requirements for the program. Dr. Mendoza responded that students eligible for the program were either Oklahoma's Promise students or first generation attending college. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

- i. This item was deleted.

8. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve requests for program deletions from the University of Oklahoma, East Central University, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Oklahoma City Community College, Seminole State College, and Western Oklahoma State College. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **GRANTS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the Hunger-Free Campus Act Pilot Program FY23 allocations to six institutions in the amount of \$160,000. The six institutions are Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Rose State College, Redlands Community College, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Tulsa Community College, and Oklahoma City Community College. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **E&G ALLOCATION.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of \$9,000,000 from the receipt of FY2023 supplemental appropriations to fund the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program. Voting for the motion were Regents

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

11. **POLICY.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve an exception to policy to waive specific fees at the University of Oklahoma for online and in-person delivery of concurrent enrollment classes beginning with the Fall 2023 semester. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** 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 Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the recommendation to commit \$10,000,000 to the K6 Private Investors. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
14. **PERMANENT RULE REVISIONS.** Regent Turpen announced that Item #14 is a posting of proposed permanent rule revisions for the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program and initiation of the process for adoption of permanent rule revisions. This is for posting only.
15. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:

- a. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours. Ratification of institutional requests. Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
- c. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
- d. Reinstatement. Ratification of institutional request.
- e. Suspensions. Ratification of institutional requests.
- f. Reconciliations. Ratification of institutional requests.
- g. Cooperative Agreement. Ratification of an institutional request from Western Oklahoma State College regarding a cooperative agreement program with Southwest Technology Center.
- h. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.
 - (2) The University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery. Master of Education in Educational Leadership and the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.
 - (3) Murray State College. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Associate in Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant.
- i. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- j. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Personnel. Ratification of personnel appointments.
- k. Resolution. Approval of a resolution honoring an outgoing member.

Regent Hickman read the resolution acknowledging the exemplary 18-year service of Regent Joseph L. Parker, Jr. to the board and granting him the title of State Regent Emeritus. All Regents expressed their appreciation and admiration for Regent Parker's outstanding contribution and dedication throughout his years of service. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Parker, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were

none.

16. **REPORTS.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on program requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Acknowledge receipt of the 2019-2020 Overview of Student Financial Aid at State System Institutions Report.
 - (2) Acknowledge receipt of the Policy Exception Report. Quarterly Policy Exception Report.
 - (3) Acknowledge receipt of the Current Income and Expenditure Report, FY2022.

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

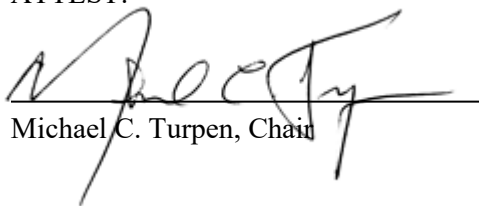
17. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

- 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.

18. **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.

19. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Turpen announced that the next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. and Friday, May 26, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the State Regents office, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
20. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Michael C. Turpen, Chair



Dennis Casey, Secretary