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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 their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 9 2021 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 December 3, 2021. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jeffrey W. Hickman called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Helm joined the meeting in progress at 10:24 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on June 24, 2021. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Hickman began by stating that it was an honor to be sitting in the position of chair of the board. He stated that the State Regents have a great task ahead of them in transitioning to a new chancellor and he provided remarks on the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson's 14.5 years of leadership and service as the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of
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Higher Education. Chair Hickman then discussed the changes that have occurred in the past year and a half and discussed some of the ongoing efforts and tasks that the State Regents will continue to work on, noting that ultimately the work is being done for the students. He concluded by stating that he was looking forward to working with the board and staff throughout the next year.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson provided Regents with a summary of presentations and engagements that he participated in on behalf of the State Regents from June 11, 2021 through August 26, 2021.

6. **HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.** This item was taken after the Call to Order. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and the State Regents presented Senator Roger Thompson (Okemah) with the 2020 Higher Education Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2020 legislative session and thanked him for his service. Senator Thompson provided remarks.

7. **STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD.** This item was deleted.

8. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
 - a. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the Oklahoma State University to offer the Certificate in Food Safety, the Certificate in eSports, the Certificate in Travel and Tourism Management, the Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems, and the Professional Science Masters in Geoscience. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
 - b. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences to offer the Doctor of Healthcare

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

- c. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Education Specialist in School Psychology. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Rose State College to offer the Certificate in Leadership. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to delete the Graduate Certificate in University Faculty Preparation, a request from The University of Oklahoma to delete the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, several requests from Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, and a request from Western Oklahoma State College to delete the Associate in Arts in Music. Voting for the motion Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **POLICY**

- a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the University of Oklahoma's request for a policy exception for a pilot project to add the Duolingo and PTE assessments beginning Fall 2021 and ending Spring 2026. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the University of Oklahoma's request for a policy exception for a pilot project to establish the Graduate English Pathway program. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
 - c. Posting of revisions to the Academic Program Approval policy. This item was for posting only.
 - d. Posting of revisions related to the University Center of Southern Oklahoma policy. This item was for posting only.
 - e. Posting of revision to the Teacher Education policy. This item was for posting only.
11. **ACADEMIC PLANS.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of 2021-2022 academic plans submitted by institutions. Voting for the motion were Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **DEGREE COMPLETION PLANS.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to acknowledge receipt of 2021-2022 institutional degree completion plans submitted by institutions. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **COURSE TRANSFER MATRIX.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve transfer courses from Oklahoma Technology Centers for technical degree programs. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve changes to the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant for 2022-2023 based on statutory amendments approved in HB 1821 of the 2021 legislative session. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the number of authorized freshman Institutional Nominees for each institution for 2022-2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **REGIONAL UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to authorize ten freshmen scholarship slots for each institution participating in the Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship program for Fall 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **GRANTS.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the grant of \$25,000 to support concurrent enrollment programs for a one-year period funded through the KnowledgeWorks Foundation. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **OKLAHOMA TEACHER CONNECTION.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the proposed OTC Pre-Collegiate and Collegiate Program expenditures in the amount of \$46,867.59. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were

none.

19. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of funds to Oklahoma community colleges participating in the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program pursuant to the contract with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve an allocation of \$1,434,152.91 from Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Revenue for 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 \$95,585,876.26. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **EPSCoR.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the appointment of individuals to the EPSCoR Advisory Committee. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to certify to the Attorney General of Oklahoma that the Statements of Essential Facts for the University of Oklahoma, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2021A an amount not to exceed \$185,600,000, is substantially accurate. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

23. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

- a. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve FY-2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to ratify the Career Tech Carl Perkins Contract with the Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education for FY2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson provided background on the Coursera contract and discussed the goal of providing badging and micro-credentials. He then introduced guests present for the Coursera signing ceremony, including Oklahoma Secretary of Commerce and Workforce Scott Mueller, several state system institution presidents, and Coursera CEO Jeff Maggioncalda who joined the meeting via Zoom videoconference. Secretary Mueller, Mr. Maggioncalda, Chair of the Council of Presidents and Carl Albert State College President Jay Falkner, and University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma President John Feaver provided remarks. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the Coursera Contract. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the terms as they have been presented to the State Regents in the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2021 and at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2021, and that the written agreement conforms to those terms or the agreement is not approved. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry,

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

24. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve new investments managers. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
25. **STATE REGENTS' MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the proposed 2022 meeting dates and authorization to file with the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
26. **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS.** Posting of revisions to the State Regents' Administrative Operations policy regarding delegation of authority to the Chancellor. This item was for posting only.
27. **POLICY.** Posting of new policy section 5.19 establishing the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service and allocation of funding. This item was for posting only.
28. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.** This item was deleted.
29. **HIGH SCHOOL INDICATORS REPORT FALL 2019.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of the Remediation Rates report of the High

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

30. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept the report and commend staff for state and national recognitions. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Regent Turpen left the room before the vote but returned before the next item. Voting against the motion were none.
31. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept the following recommendations in the Consent Docket:
- a. Programs.
 - (1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - (2) Suspension. Approval of institutional request.
 - b. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
 - c. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Applied Science in Accounting via electronic delivery.
 - (2) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the existing Applied Science in Nursing via electronic delivery.
 - (3) Tulsa Community College. Approval to offer the existing Certificate in Geographic Information Systems via electronic delivery.
 - d. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
 - e. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Reconciliation. Approval of Tuition and Mandatory Fees.

- (3) Ratification of acceptance of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) federal relief funds in the amount of \$6,337,500 over three years (through 2024) as needed to fund the Paid Student Teaching Program.
 - (4) Personnel.
- f. Non-Academic Degrees.
- (1) Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award a posthumous degree.
 - (2) Ratification of a request from Oklahoma City Community College to award a posthumous degree.
- g. Resolution. Approval of resolution honoring Chancellor Glen D. Johnson.

Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Regent Turpen was not present in the room at the time of voting. Regent Taylor voted in favor of all items but abstained from the vote for purchases from American Telephone and Telegraph. Voting against the motion were none.

32. **REPORTS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement)
- b. Quarterly Policy Exception Report. Acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Policy Exception Report.
- c. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Annual reports of Program Requests.
 - (2) Degrees conferred Academic Year 2019-2020.
 - (3) High School Indications Reports Fall 2019.
 - (a) College Going Rates.
 - (b) GPA and Credit Hours.

(c) ACT.

- (4) Tuition and Fees Rate Book, FY2022.
- (5) Student Cost Survey, FY2022.
- (6) Cash Reserve Report for FY2022.
- (7) Faculty Salary Report FY2021.
- (8) Concurrent Enrollment Annual report, 2019-20.

Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Regent Casey was not present in the room at the time of voting. Voting against the motion were none.

33. 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.

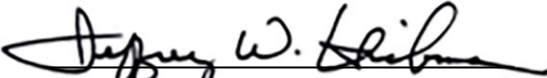
34. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(1) for the purpose of discussing applicants for the position of Chancellor. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning

pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Enter into executive session.
 - c. Open session resumes.
 - d. Vote to exit executive session. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
35. **NEW BUSINESS.** Consideration of “any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.”
36. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
37. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair


Steven W. Taylor, Secretary