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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 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the State Regents' offices, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. 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 Phillip Mitchell "Mitch" Adwon, Jack Sherry, Jeffrey W. Hickman, Dennis Casey, Courtney Warmington, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Dustin J. Hilliary arrived at 9:05 a.m. Regent Ann Holloway did not attend the meeting.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings in May 2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen shared his reflections on his tenure as the chair of the State Regents, expressing his views on the previous year. He acknowledged the notable achievements accomplished during this period, such as the development of a new strategic plan entitled "*Blueprint 2030*," the successful collaboration between the Chickasaw Nation and higher education in a student scholarship challenge across our 25 institutions, and last but not least, the significant 14% increase in state appropriations anticipated for the upcoming fiscal year. Chair Turpen emphasized that these achievements were the outcome of a collaborative endeavor, highlighting the collective ability to work harmoniously towards a common objective.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Garrett expressed her gratitude to Chairman Turpen for his unwavering commitment to higher education and his strong advocacy for the achievement of Oklahoma's students. She also revealed that active efforts are currently in progress to establish a partnership with Boeing and other companies, aimed at fostering a robust workforce plan for the future.

6. **E&G BUDGET.**

- a. Regents tabled agenda item #6-a until consideration of Fiscal Year 2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fee requests (item #7-b) had been completed. Following consideration of item #7-b, Regents returned to item #6-a. Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Mark Tygret indicated that based on Regents' action on item #7-b, Murray State College will need to submit a revised budget for FY24. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the FY24 Educational and General Allocations and Budgets for institutions, constituent agencies, the higher education center, special programs, and other programs, with a conditional approval for Murray State College and the expectation that it will submit a revised budget for Regents' final approval at a later date. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the allocation from Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Revenue for OU and OSU in the amount of \$1,533,224.39. The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$107,579,983.06. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman, Adwon and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a grant allocation in the amount of \$40,000 for year four of a renewable five-year commitment through 2024 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for support of the Higher Education Archives project. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman, Adwon, Sherry and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Adwon to approve a request to accept Statewide Recovery Funds (ARPA) in the amount of \$5,000,000 to support the implementation of accelerated teacher certification programs. Voting for the motion were

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

7. **TUITION.**

- a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the changes to Academic Services Fees for Fiscal Year 2024. Regent Hickman explained that of the twenty-five public institutions in the State System, nineteen requested changes in academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2024 and six had no requests for changes in these fees. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Hickman explained that 12 institutions across the state system are not increasing tuition and mandatory fees for resident undergraduate students in the upcoming academic year. Presentations from 13 institutions requesting tuition and fee increases were heard at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on June 28, 2023. If approved, tuition and mandatory fees for in-state under-graduate students would increase an average of 1.8% across the system for the 2023-24 academic year.

Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fees for the following institutions that did not request increases. These include:

- Oklahoma State University
- Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
- Carl Albert State College
- Connors State College
- Eastern Oklahoma State College
- Oklahoma City Community College
- Redlands Community College
- Rose State College
- Seminole State College
- Tulsa Community College
- Western Oklahoma State College

Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Hickman, Adwon, Sherry, Casey,

Warmington, Taylor and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

Regent Hickman then presented requests from institutions seeking an increase in Fiscal Year 2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fees. Regent Hickman asked Regents whether they would like to vote on these institutions as a group or if there are any institutions they would like to consider separately. Regents indicated a desire to consider requests from Murray State College, East Central University, Rogers State University, and Northern Oklahoma College individually. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the requests to increase the Fiscal Year 2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fees from the following 9 institutions who defended their increases before the Regents at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023:

- University of Oklahoma
- University of Central Oklahoma
- Northeastern State University
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Cameron University
- Langston university
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

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

Regents then focused on the 4 remaining institutions seeking an increase for Fiscal Year 2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fees on an individual basis.

- 1) Murray State College. Regents discussed concerns regarding the size of the MSC's fee request, the percentage of online students that would be impacted but not benefit from student union, the length of the time proposed to pay for the student union, and the availability of reserves. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to not approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fees for Murray State College. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Adwon, Casey, Turpen and Taylor. Voting against the motion was Regent Hickman.

- 2) East Central University.
 - (a) Regents discussed infrastructure challenges faced by East Central University and how to prevent such issues in the future. Regents provided another opportunity to President Wendell Godwin to discuss the institution's need for this fee. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a \$5 infrastructure fee for East Central University. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Adwon, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
 - (b) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve a 5% tuition increase for East Central University. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Adwon, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Taylor, Sherry and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- 3) Rogers State University. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve a 1.9% increase in tuition and fees for Rogers State University. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Casey, Turpen, Hickman, Taylor, Sherry and Warmington. Voting against the motion was Regent Hilliary.
- 4) Northern Oklahoma College.
 - (c) Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve a \$45 per academic year fee increase for Northern Oklahoma College. Regent Hickman noted that this request is understandable this year but is not sustainable. Regent Hilliary agreed that this was unsustainable as they move forward. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Hickman, Warmington and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
 - (d) Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve a 4.5%, or \$159 per academic year, tuition increase for Northern Oklahoma College. Regent Taylor asked that the Regents' concerns about sustainability be communicated to the President. Regent Warmington

commented that an increase like this would not be viewed favorably in the future. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Adwon and Casey. Voting against the motion were Regent Hickman and Regent Hilliary.

8. **POLICY.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve an extension of the pilot program raising caps on resident tuition waivers from 3.5 to 5% of an institution's total E&G Part I budget. The pilot, which was first launched in the 2020-21 academic year, is set to expire at the end of this summer. Extending the pilot for an additional year will allow State Regents' staff time to gather the data needed for a permanent recommendation on policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **EPSCoR.**
 - a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the first year of a federal award to participating institutions for NASA EPSCoR projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

 - b. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, 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 an allocation of \$800,000 in matching funds for this program. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman and Adwon. Regent Warmington was out of the room. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **CAPITAL.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request to authorize the transmittal of institutional capital improvement plans for the eight (8) fiscal years 2025-2032 to the State of Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Commission. A total of 792 capital projects are identified by State System institutions for submission to the Commission. The total is \$4.845 billion for the eight-year period. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman, Adwon and Sherry. Regent Warmington was out of the room. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **ENDOWMENT PROGRAM.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma for the reallocation and renaming of accounts within the portfolio. The additions and deletions will modify account names that were originally approved and will split the funding into new accounts with a net total change of zero. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary, Hickman, Adwon, Sherry and Casey. Regent Warmington was out of the room. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the contracts and purchases over \$100,000 for FY2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Regent Hilliary abstained from the item. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the proposed investment managers. The recommendation is:
 - Merit Energy Partners L - \$7,500,000. This manager focuses on acquiring diverse, high-quality, mature, producing, onshore US oil and gas properties that can operate efficiently and develop appropriately. Merit targets assets that fit its operating profile and are designed to generate returns from production.Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **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 Apparel Design and Technology, the Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising, the Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Health Care Administration and the Master of Science in Medical Sciences. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

 - b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve a request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Associate in Science in Aerospace. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Environmental Health and Safety Technologies and the Associate in Applied Science in Electrical Construction Technologies. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
 - d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City to offer the Bachelor of Technology in Information Technologies, the Bachelor of Technology in Engineering Technologies and the Associate in Applied Science in Applied Data Analytics. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
 - e. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Rose State College to offer the Associate in Science in Aviation Management. No other institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve requests for program deletions from East Central University, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma State University- Oklahoma City, Rose State College, Seminole State College and Tulsa Community College. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Casey and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve an allocation of funds in the amount of \$2,673,418 to Oklahoma community colleges participating in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF) pursuant to the contracts with Oklahoma Human Services. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care scholarship contract in the amount of \$1,663,204 and program contract renewal in the amount of \$2,771,692. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the community college Scholars for Excellence in Childcare Program FY24 allocations in the amount of \$1,600,266. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **POLICY.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the proposed revision to the following Academic Affairs polices:
 - Institutional Accreditation and State Authorization,
 - Functions of Public Institutions,
 - Academic Program Approval,
 - Contractual Arrangements between Higher Education Institutions and Other Entities,
 - Approval of Changes in Academic Structure and Nomenclature,
 - Undergraduate Transfer and Articulation,
 - Undergraduate Academic Course Load,
 - Oklahoma Teacher Connection, and
 - Instructors' English Proficiency.

These revisions were posted at the last State Regents' meeting and discussed by the Academic Affairs Committee. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Item #18-b is the posting of additional revisions to State Regents Academic Affairs policy. The proposed revisions are the result of a request for a policy audit by the Chancellor and conducted by State Regents' staff under the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. This item is for posting only.
- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve an exception to the

Concurrent Enrollment policy for Cameron University to continue allowing tenth-grade students to enroll at the institution during the 2023-2024 academic year. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognition on state and national projects. Institution's will have until the Fall 2024 semester to implement these policy changes. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Adwon moved, seconded by Regent Casey, 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. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - c. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours. Ratification of institutional request.
 - d. Suspensions. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - e. Academic Nomenclature.
 - (1) Northeastern State University. Ratification of institutional request.
 - (2) Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Ratification of institutional request.
 - f. Reconciliation. Ratification of institutional request.
 - g. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.
 - (2) East Central University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Master of Science in Human Resources in Human Resources.
 - (3) Langston University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing.
 - (4) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies.

- (5) University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.
- h. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Personnel. Ratification of personnel changes.
- i. Non-Academic Degrees. Ratification of institutional request.
 - (1) Resolution. Approval of a resolution honoring retiring staff.

Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Adwon, Sherry and Casey. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #20-h (1). Voting against the motion were none

21. **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 Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program Year-End Report for 2022-2023.
 - (2) Acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Policy Exception Report.
 - (3) Acknowledge receipt of the report on Low Producing Programs.

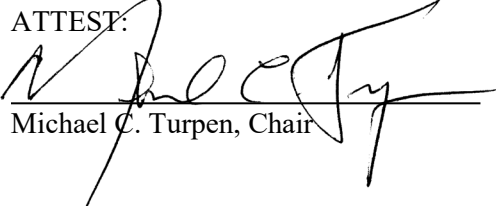
Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.


22. **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.
23. **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.
24. **OFFICERS.** Election of State Regents' officers for 2023-24. Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the following slate of officers:
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| Chairman: | Jack Sherry |
| Vice Chair: | Dennis Casey |
| Secretary: | Steven W. Taylor |
| Assistant Secretary: | Courtney Warmington |
- Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Hilliary, Adwon, Sherry, Warmington and Casey, Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
25. **RECOGNITION.** The State Regents and staff recognized outgoing Chair Michael C. Turpen.
26. **NEW BUSINESS.** No new business was discussed.
27. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Turpen announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the State Regents office, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK.
28. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no new business and no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Michael C. Turpen, Chair


Dennis Casey, Secretary