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Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education**

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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 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Wednesday, September 12, 2023. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jack Sherry called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Dennis Casey, Steven W. Taylor, Dustin J. Hilliary, Phillip Mitchell “Mitch” Adwon, Ken Levit and Courtney Warmington. Regent Jeffrey W. Hickman entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Regent Michael C. Turpen was absent.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the minutes of the State Regents’ meetings in May 2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon, Levit and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Sherry expressed gratitude to his fellow regents, the Chancellor, and the staff for their efforts and support over the past year. He acknowledged the accomplishments, including the goals achieved through Blueprint 2030 and the successful collaboration with the Legislature to secure essential funding for educational priorities.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Garrett discussed her participation in a conference in Dallas, Texas, where the Georgetown Center for Workforce and Education presented a report on the workforce in America. The report indicates that 72 percent of jobs will require postsecondary education and emphasizes the importance of "3-H" jobs—those that are high demand, high skilled, and high wage. She also highlighted the ongoing progress of Blueprint 2030, with a new report that shows that 89 percent of higher education students are studying in STEM or critical occupations fields.

6. **E&G BUDGET.**
 - a. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the final allocations and Educational and General Budgets of institutions, constituent agencies, higher education centers, special programs and other operations. Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Mark Tygret gave a brief overview of the institutional budgets from a system perspective. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

 - b. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the allocations of \$3,579,545 to each of the 11 regional universities and \$1,205,357 to each of the 14 two-year colleges from revenue collected through the Higher Education Facilities Revolving Fund. Projects funded in this program are defined as deferred maintenance and may include various improvements to existing facilities, replacement of mechanical equipment, preventive maintenance, safety and security measures, system upgrades and corrective repairs to ensure infrastructure stability. Repair, restoration, rehabilitation, or demolition of assets will be the focus of projects that our institutions will select based upon their individual, unique priorities within the guidelines established by the State Regents. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve allocations of \$1,138,260.58 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and \$1,138,260.58 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center 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 \$112,169,892.67. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- d. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve a grant allocation in the amount of \$40,000 for year five 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 Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

7. **TUITION.**

- a. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve all institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025. Of the twenty-five public institutions in the State System, 17 requested changes in academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2025 and 8 had no requests for changes in these fees. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Approval of FY25 Tuition and Mandatory Fees.
 - (1) Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the following institutional requests regarding tuition and mandatory fees: non-resident tuition and mandatory fees for all institutions; graduate, professional and special program tuition and fees for all institutions, and 2024-25 undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees for the 11 institutions not requesting a tuition increase. These include: Oklahoma State

University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College, Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma City Community College, Redlands Community College, Rose State College, Seminole State College, and Tulsa Community College. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.

- (2) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the University of Oklahoma's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.0%, or \$9.72 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Adwon, Levit, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were Regents Warmington, Casey, and Hickman. The motion passed.
- (3) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the University of Central Oklahoma's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.5%, or \$9.85 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were Regents Hilliary and Sherry. The motion passed.
- (4) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve East Central University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.4%, or \$9.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, and Sherry. The motion failed.
- (5) Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve Northeastern State University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 4.0%, or \$9.90 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Hickman, and

Taylor. Voting against the motion were Regents Hilliary and Sherry. The motion passed.

- (6) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve Rogers State University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 1.9%, or \$5.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Casey, and Sherry. The motion failed
- (7) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve Southeastern Oklahoma State University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 4.6%, or \$11.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion was Regent Hilliary. The motion passed.
- (8) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Southwestern Oklahoma State University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 2.2%, or \$5.81 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion was Regent Hickman. The motion passed.
- (9) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Cameron University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 2.8%, or \$6.50 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor, Hickman and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.
- (10) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Langston University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.0%, or \$6.73 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were

Regents Adwon, Levit, Casey, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Hickman, and Sherry. The motion failed.

- (11) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Oklahoma Panhandle State University's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 2.5%, or \$7.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor, Hickman and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.
- (12) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Carl Albert State College's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.5%, or \$5.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion was Regent Hickman. The motion passed.
- (13) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Connors State College's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.2%, or \$5.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion was Regent Hickman. The motion passed.
- (14) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 5.5%, or \$9.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.
- (15) Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve Western Oklahoma State College's request to increase undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees 3.3%, or \$5.00 per credit hour. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor,

Hickman and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.

- (16) Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to reconsider and approve Langston University's request to increase resident undergraduate tuition only 3.0% (not fee request). Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Casey, Taylor, Hickman and Sherry. Voting against the motion was Regents Hilliary and Warmington. The motion passed.

8. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the reallocation and renaming of accounts within the portfolio as requested by Oklahoma State University. 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 Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon and Hickman. Regent Levit abstained. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **EPSCoR.**

- a. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$50,000 to participating institutions for NASA EPSCoR projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon, Hickman and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve an agreement with Oklahoma State University to serve as the fiscal agent for matching funds for the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Award (RII) and an allocation of \$800,000 for this program for FY 2025. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon, Hickman, Levit and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **CAPITAL.** Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to authorize the transmittal of institutional capital improvement plans for the eight (8) fiscal years 2026-2033 to the State of Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Commission. A total of 738 capital

projects were identified by State System institutions for submission to the Commission. These projects total approximately \$5.021 billion for the eight-year period. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve contracts exceeding \$100,000 for FY24. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry and Casey. Regent Hilliary abstained. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve contracts exceeding \$100,000 for FY25. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey and Taylor. Regent Hilliary abstained. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor announced that the Investment Committee met with consultants from Mercer but had no action items to bring forward.

13. **NEW PROGRAM.**

a. East Central University.

(1) Regent Casey moved, seconded by Warmington, to approve the request from the East Central University to offer the Master of Science in Biological Sciences, with options in Water Science and Biological Health Science. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

(2) Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request from the East Central University to offer the Master of Business Administration in Business Administration. No institution protested the

proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request from Rogers State University to offer the Master of Science in Cybersecurity Policy, Governance. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Southwestern Oklahoma State University.
 - (1) Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve the request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Learning and Instruction. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.

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

- d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to
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approve requests from Redlands Community College to delete the Certificate in Documentary Film Making and from Rose State College to delete the Certificate in Digital Forensics. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **POLICY.**

- a. Item #15-a is the posting of revisions to the Distance Education and Traditional Off-Campus Courses and Programs policy. These revisions are proposed to keep OSRHE SARA policy consistent with the SARA Policy Manual. This is for posting only.
- b. Item #15-b is the posting of revisions to the Functions of Public Institutions policy. These revisions are the result of the annual policy review process to ensure accuracy, clarity of language, and relevancy to institutions. Following the internal review by OSRHE staff, the policy was distributed to the Council of Presidents and Council on Instruction for review. This is for posting only.
- c. Item #15-c is the posting of revisions to the Program Approval policy. These revisions are the result of the annual policy review process to ensure accuracy, clarity of language, and relevancy to institutions. Following the internal review by OSRHE staff, the policy was distributed to the Council of Presidents and Council on Instruction for review. This is for posting only.
- d. Item #15-d is the posting of revisions to the Granting of Degrees policy. These revisions are the result of the annual policy review process to ensure accuracy, clarity of language, and relevancy to institutions. Following the internal review by OSRHE staff, the policy was distributed to the Council of Presidents and Council on Instruction for review. This is for posting only.

16. **GRANT FUNDS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the acceptance of \$38,000 from the Mathematical Inquiry Project (MIP) for the Cross-campus Collaboration Project, which aims to expand the pool of qualified mathematics instructors by enabling high school mathematics teachers with advanced certifications to teach

college-level courses under the mentorship of college faculty. The MIP is a federally funded project administered through Oklahoma State University and has offered to support the C3 pilot program. MIP has allocated a stipend of \$38,000 to cover any OSRHE expenses related to the project. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **ACT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the 2024-2025 ACT Agreement. For the 2024-2025 academic year, it is expected that over 40,000 tenth grade students in both public and private secondary schools will have the opportunity to take the Pre-ACT assessment at a cost not to exceed \$500,000. The cost of this program has been steady for the past 8 years. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the contract modification between the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Oklahoma Human Services relating to the TANF Program in the amount of \$3,636,767, which includes a 90-day budget extension in the amount of \$751,225.82. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the allocation of funds to Oklahoma community colleges participating in the TANF Program pursuant to the contracts with Oklahoma Human Services. A 90-day contract extension for FY24 was granted through September 30, 2024 for the community college TANF programs. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILDCARE.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the allocation

\$4,753,919 for the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program pursuant to the contract with Oklahoma Human Services and approval of execution of the contract, pending receipt of the contract and the Chancellor's signature. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the FY25 Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program allocations to participating community colleges and approval of execution of the contract with Oklahoma Human Services, pending receipt of the contract and the Chancellor's signature. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Chamberlain University (Illinois) to be authorized to operate in Oklahoma. After reviewing the applications and required documentation, State Regents' staff determined that this institution meets authorization requirements under policy for the 2024-25 academic year. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a request from Tulsa Welding School and Wichita State University for re-authorization to operate as degree-granting institutions in Oklahoma. After reviewing the applications and required documentation, State Regents' staff determined that these institutions meet authorization requirements under policy for the 2024-25 academic year. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to

recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognition on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:
- a. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service. Ratification of recipients of the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service for the 2024-25 academic year
 - b. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases exceeding \$25,000.
 - (2) Contract with Attorney General for legal services.
 - c. Resolution. Resolution honoring retiring staff.

Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #22-b (1). Voting against the motion were none.

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to acknowledge receipt of the Reports.
- a. Programs. Acknowledge receipt of the Current Status Report on program requests.
 - b. Annual Reports.

- (1) Acknowledge receipt of the Inspired to Teach 2023-2024 Year-End Report. (Supplement)
- (2) Acknowledge receipt of the Teacher Education Annual Report on Systemwide Review. (Supplement)

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

23. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.

- a. Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee. The Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee 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.

24. 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.

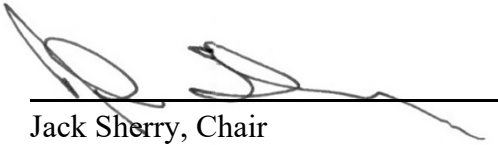
25. OFFICERS. Regent Adwon submitted the following slate of State Regents' officers for the next fiscal year:

Chair:	Dennis Casey
Vice Chair:	Courtney Warmington
Secretary:	Steven Taylor
Assistant Secretary:	Dustin Hilliary

Regent Adwon moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the slate of officers. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Hickman, Levit, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Warmington and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

26. **RECOGNITION.** Regent Dennis Casey took this opportunity to recognize and thank Regent Sherry for his service as chair over the past year. Chancellor Garrett presented Regent Sherry with a token of appreciation.
27. **NEW BUSINESS.** There was no new business to address.
28. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Sherry announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
29. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Jack Sherry, Chair



Steven Taylor, Secretary