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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 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Dennis Casey called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Dennis Casey, Steven W. Taylor, Dustin J. Hilliary, Jeffrey W. Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, Ken Levit and Courtney Warmington. Regent Phillip Mitchell “Mitch” Adwon was absent.
3. **OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE.** Approval of the FY2026 Official Funding Estimate for the Oklahoma’s Promise Scholarship Program. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve the funding estimate for the Oklahoma’s Promise Scholarship Program. Dr. Colbi Beam, Associate Vice Chancellor for State Grants and Scholarships, presented the request regarding the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship program. The State Regents will submit a funding estimate of \$73.1 million for the program to the State Board of Equalization for fiscal year 2026. This represents an increase of \$1.3 million, or two percent, from the 2024-2025 funding level of \$71.8 million, based on current data and projections. Approximately 15,518 students are expected to receive an Oklahoma’s Promise award in 2025-2026. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hilliary,

Warmington, Hickman, Sherry, Casey, Levit, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

4. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was needed pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(1) for the purpose of considering a potential appointment for the position of Chancellor.

Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to enter executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Warmington, Hickman, Sherry, Casey, Levit, Turpen and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary to exit the executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hickman, Sherry, Casey, Levit, Turpen, Taylor and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

5. **CONSIDER OR TAKE ANY ACTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ITEM.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the appointment of Sean Burrage as Chancellor-Elect of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education effective November 4, 2024, with salary and benefits as outlined in the compensation package. He will assume the official role of Chancellor on December 2, 2024, following the conclusion of Chancellor Allison Garrett's employment on December 1, 2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Sherry, Casey, Levit, Turpen, Taylor, Hilliary and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Chair Casey noted that while Regent Adwon was absent from the meeting, he strongly supports the appointment of Burrage as well.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Dennis Casey, Chair

Steven W. Taylor, Secretary