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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, December 5, 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 Dennis Casey called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, and Ken Levit. Regent Courtney Warmington entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Regent Phillip Mitchell “Mitch” Adwon was absent.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the minutes of the State Regents’ meeting on November 7, 2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hilliary, Hickman, Turpen, Levit, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **CHANCELLOR.** Chair Casey called upon Regent Taylor to introduce The Honorable Michael Burrage to administer the oath of office to Sean Burrage as the 10<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education. After Judge Burrage conducted the swearing-in ceremony, Chancellor Burrage addressed the Regents. Chancellor Burrage thanked the Regents for their confidence in him to lead the state system. Chancellor Burrage

acknowledged several friends and family who attended the ceremony. He noted that he has hit the ground running and has already visited numerous campuses. He thanked Chancellor Garrett for her assistance in a smooth transition. Chancellor Burrage looks forward to helping the Regents execute the Blueprint 2030 strategic plan. Accountability will be central to the work ahead. He wants to demonstrate to the people of Oklahoma that higher education is a wise investment that transforms lives. He pledges to the Legislature and executive branch that we will be transparent and accountable for the funding that is appropriated to higher education. The ultimate goal is to ensure more Oklahomans earn college degrees to meet Oklahoma's workforce needs.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Casey expressed his appreciation to his fellow Regents for attending the regional legislative tours in Weatherford and Krebs. He mentioned that there are two more legislative tours scheduled before the end of the year – the Northeast tour at OSU-Tulsa on December 16 and the OKC Metro tour at OU Health Sciences Center on December 17. Chair Casey also let Regents know that Higher Education Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12.
6. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Burrage had no further comments to add to those remarks he made as part of his swearing-in ceremony.
7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
  - a. **University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.** Regent Turpen presented Item #7-a, which is a request from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to offer the Executive Master of Healthcare Administration, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp explained that the degree is a 42-hour program that focuses on leadership, policy, and strategic management in the healthcare context. The program is designed for working professionals. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve OUHSC's request to offer the Executive Master of Healthcare Administration. Voting

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

**b. Southeastern Oklahoma State University.**

(1) Regent Turpen presented Item #7-b (1), which is a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Doctor of Business Administration, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp mentioned that this would be SE's first professional doctorate. It is a 54-credit hour program offered via electronic delivery, with options in strategic management and organizational leadership. No institution protested the proposal. Regent Hickman asked whether approval of the professional doctorate would require the Regents to take any action on the institution's mission and function. Dr. Beauchamp clarified that regional universities are authorized under OSRHE policy to offer a limited number of professional doctorates. Regent Taylor mentioned that he previously discussed the request with President Newsom regarding the online nature of the program. He commented that the program needs to maintain the rigor that is associated with a doctoral degree. Regent Levit inquired about the targeted student audience for the program. Dr. Beauchamp responded that most professional doctorates are intended for practitioners rather than prospective faculty members. Regent Levit asked about other existing DBA programs in the state, and Dr. Beauchamp responded that Oklahoma State University offers a similar program but did not protest. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary to approve SE's request to offer the Doctor of Business Administration. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

(2) Regent Turpen presented Item #7-b (2), which is a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN-BSN, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp

mentioned that this is a 125-credit hour program that provides an RN to BSN pathway and will be offered electronically. No institution protested the proposal. Regent Hickman asked if the program is offered entirely online. Dr. Beauchamp clarified that the program is offered online and that students enrolled in this program will have already earned their RN licensure. Any clinical requirements will be in person. SE President Thomas Newsom explained that SE currently partners with Murray State College to offer an associate's in nursing on the SE campus. The RN-BSN program would provide a seamless path for those students to continue their education. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve SE's request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN-BSN. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. **Oklahoma City Community College.** Regent Turpen presented Item #7-c, which is a request from Oklahoma City Community College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Behavioral Health Sciences, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated the degree is a 61-credit hour program with a strong focus on theoretical knowledge coupled with practical skills to prepare students for entry-level positions in health and human services. No institution protested the proposal. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request from OCCC to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Behavioral Health Sciences. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. **Tulsa Community College.** Regent Turpen presented Item #7-d, which is a request from Tulsa Community College to offer the Associate in Science in Healthcare Administration, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain this request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that this degree is a 60-62 credit hour program designed to prepare students to transfer into baccalaureate programs and entry-level positions in the healthcare industry. The program will be offered traditionally and electronically. No institution

protested the proposal. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request from TCC to offer the Associate Science in Healthcare Administration. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none. Following approval, Regent Taylor commented on his concerns regarding the increase in programs being offered online, noting that 37 percent of total credit hours generated system-wide are online. Regent Hickman inquired what State Regents staff do to offer training and professional development to faculty to ensure academic rigor. Dr. Beauchamp mentioned that multiple professional development opportunities are offered to faculty through the Council for Online Learning Excellence and the Online Consortium of Oklahoma.

8. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Turpen presented Item #8, which is a request to approve program deletions from the following institutions:

- Rogers State University
  - Associate in Applied Science in Applied Technology
- Carl Albert State College
  - Associate in Arts in Exercise Science and Personal Training
  - Associate in Applied Science in Computer Technology
  - Certificate in Law Enforcement Procedures
  - Certificate in Hospitality and Event Management
  - Certificate in Occupational Skills
- Seminole State College
  - Associate in Art in Art
- Tulsa Community College
  - Certificate in Business Computer User
  - Certificate in Project Management

It appears that no students will be negatively affected by these deletions. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **ACADEMIC POLICY.**

- a. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-a, which is a request to approve revisions to the Institutional Accreditation and State Authorization policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that revisions to this policy are needed due to changes in statute and strengthen consumer protection. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the revisions. Regent Hickman inquired if the proposed changes will allow the State Regents to charge fees for authorization of out-of-state institutions. Dr. Beauchamp responded that it does, but the administrative rules are still pending approval. It is anticipated that the ability to charge fees will be in place by next summer. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-b, which is a request to approve revisions to the Cooperative Agreements between Higher Education Institutions and Other Entities policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that the policy has been updated to expand the types of articulation agreements allowed and to clarify that the list of requirements for articulation agreements is not exhaustive and may include other elements. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the revisions. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-c, which is a request to approve revisions to the Academic Program Review policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that changes have been made to the low producing programs section of this policy to require institutions to “grow, collaborate, or delete” programs not meeting productivity requirements. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the revisions. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry,



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

- d. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-d, which is a request to approve revisions to the Grading policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that language has been updated for repeated courses to be more student-centered. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the revisions. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-e, which is a request to approve revisions to the Undergraduate Degree Requirements policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that revisions were made to clarify that not all baccalaureate degrees require electives and to strengthen course transfer. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the revisions. Regent Hickman asked how the policy revisions relate to recent trends toward 90-hour bachelor's degrees. Dr. Beauchamp responded that institutions may request exceptions to policy for now but staff are in the process of developing policy related to sub-120 bachelor's degrees so that a policy exception is not required every time. Regents discussed potential concerns regarding 90-hour bachelor's degrees to consider as policy is developed to ensure continued quality and rigor. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-f, which is a request to approve revisions to the Credit for Prior Learning policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that the changes update language to better express the intent of the policy to be that validation of credit for prior learning should be objective. Changes also eliminate the requirement that credit for prior learning be transcribed by method. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the revisions. Regents

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

- g. Regent Turpen presented Item #9-e, which is a request to approve revisions to the In-State/Out-of-State Status of Enrolled Students policy, and asked Dr. Beauchamp to explain the revisions. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that the revisions add a new section of policy in compliance with federal regulations to provide out-of-state tuition waivers to citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marchall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve the revisions. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.
- h. Chair Casey indicated that #9-h is the posting of revisions to the Academic Program Approval policy. This item is for posting only at this time.
- i. Chair Casey indicated that #9-i is the posting of revisions to the Institutional Admission and Retention policy. This item is for posting only at this time.
- j. Chair Casey indicated that #9-j is the posting of revisions to the Academic Calendars policy. This item is for posting only at this time.

10. **TEACHER EDUCATION.**

- a. **Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program.** Regent Turpen presented Item #10-a, which is a request to approve the proposed Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program benefit of \$20,850.00 for each teacher eligible in 2025. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. **Inspired to Teach Advisory Committee.** Regent Turpen presented Item #10-b, which is a request to approve the appointment of Dr. Toni Ivey, Director of Educator Support at P12 Outreach at Oklahoma State University, to the Inspired to Teach Program Advisory Committee. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **GRANTS.** Regent Turpen presented Item #11, which is a request to approve the 2025 Summer Academy and Full STEM Ahead grant proposals recommended for funding. Seventeen STEM summer academics are recommended for the second year of a three-year grant, while four Full STEM Ahead programs are recommended for funding starting January 2025. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the item. Regent Hickman commented on the lack of data on programmatic outcomes on these academies and indicated that staff are working to develop a process to collect and analyze this data. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.** Regent Turpen presented Item #12, which is a request to approve a contract renewal between the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the amount of \$132,000 for the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Hilliary presented Item #13, which is a request to approve the allocation of \$1,142,134.09 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the same amount to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center from revenue collected from the taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the item. Voting for the motion

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

14. **GEAR UP.** Regent Hilliary presented Item #14, which is a request to accept a 7-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$34.7 million for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program. This is the State Regents' fifth consecutive seven-year GEAR UP grant. Oklahoma GEAR UP Phase V (2024-2031) will provide support for 16,000 7th through 12th grade students in 13 public school districts, focusing on improving academic preparation for postsecondary enrollment and increasing college access knowledge. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve this item. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Hilliary presented Item #15, which is a request to approve FY25 purchases for amounts that exceed \$100,000. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary abstained.
16. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor indicated there are no new investment managers for approval this month and provided Regents with an update, noting that Tim Westrich is now the main contact at Mercer for the Regents' portfolio. During its meeting, the Investment Committee reviewed portfolio growth over the last 5 years. From January 2020 through September 2024, our endowment market value grew by \$427.7 million.
17. **DEGREES CONFERRED.** Regent Warmington presented Item #17, which is a request to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-24 Degrees Conferred in Oklahoma Higher Education Report, and asked Dr. Stephanie Baird to explain the report. Dr. Baird noted that during the 2023-24 academic year, state system institutions conferred 38,077 degrees and certificates, representing an increase of 2.2 percent compared to the previous year and 4.0 percent over the past five years. She reviewed historical trends and degree and certificate

production in critical fields of study aligned with Oklahoma's workforce needs. Regent Casey asked about the factors driving the increase in teaching degrees. Dr. Baird noted investments in programs, such as Inspired to Teach, may be showing some impact. Regent Levit raised questions about whether the state is preparing sufficient numbers of teachers. Dr. Baird commented on the growth in certificates that assist non-traditional pathways for teachers. Regent Hickman noted the growth in certificates but declines in associate and bachelor's degrees over the last five years. Regent Hickman commented on the ongoing teacher shortage. Dr. Goldie Thompson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Teacher Preparation and Special Programs, provided an update on initiatives addressing the teacher shortage. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to acknowledge receipt of this report. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.

**18. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.**

- a. Regent Warmington presented Item #18-a, which is a request to approve and adopt the proposed permanent rules for the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Program, which was created by HB 3792 passed during the 2024 legislative session. Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve this item. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Warmington presented Item #18-b, which is a request to approve and adopt the proposed permanent rules for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program. The proposed revisions address the following issues: changing the high school curriculum requirements, expanding the application window for students placed in the Department of Human Services (DHS) custody, adding a Core Diploma track for Career Technology students, and clarifying application submission requirements. Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve this item. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Warmington presented Item #18-c, which is a request to approve and adopt the proposed permanent rules for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant program. The proposed permanent rule revisions address the following three issues: adjusting language to align with the new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); expanding eligibility to incarcerated students to align with Senate Bill 11; and expanding eligibility to students with intellectual disabilities enrolled in a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP) approved by the United States Department of Education. Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve this item. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Hilliary, Levit, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Warmington 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. **Post Audit.** Possible action on institutional requests for final approval and review schedule extensions for existing programs.
  - b. **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.** Possible action on ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
  - c. **Agency Operations.**
    - (1) Possible action on purchases exceeding \$25,000.
    - (2) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Annual Independent Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
  - d. **Resolution.** Possible action on resolution honoring a retiring staff member. Page 163.

Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #19-c.

20. **REPORTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to acknowledge receipt of the following Reports.

a. **Programs.** Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Current Status Report on program requests.

b. **Annual Reports.**

(1) ACT Annual Report. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2024 ACT Annual Report.

(2) Oklahoma's Promise. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of report required by Senate Bill 639 of the 2021 legislative session.

(3) Academic Scholars Program. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 Academic Scholars Program Year-End Report.

(4) Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Year-End Report.

(5) Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Year-End Report.

(6) Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Year-End Report.

(7) FY25 Tuition and Analysis Report. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of FY25 Tuition and Analysis Report.

(8) Financial Operations Report. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Financial Operations Report, June 30, 2024.

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

21. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

a. **Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee.** Regent Turpen indicated that the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

b. **Budget and Audit Committee.** Regent Hilliary indicated that Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

c. **Strategic Planning, Personnel and Technology Committee.** Regent Warmington indicated that the Strategic Planning, Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

d. **Investment Committee.** Regent Taylor indicated that the Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

22. **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 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorney(s) concerning Black Emergency Response Team, et al. v. Drummond, et al., Case No. 5:21-cv-01022-G in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, if the board, with the advice of its attorney, determines



that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Taylor to enter executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Regents entered executive session. Regent Turpen moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Hilliary, Warmington, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none. Open session resumed.

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Casey announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February, 5, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 9 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
24. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



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Dennis Casey, Chair



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Steven W. Taylor, Secretary