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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 26, 2025, at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education office (655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73104). Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on September 11, 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 9:00 a.m. and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Dennis Casey, Steven W. Taylor, Jeffrey W. Hickman, Phillip Mitchell “Mitch”, Ken Levit, Courtney Warmington, and Dustin J. Hilliary. Regent Michael C. Turpen was absent.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the minutes of the State Regents’ meetings in May 2025. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Casey expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the State Regents over the past year. He noted that during his tenure, the Regents have made significant progress toward achieving the goals outlined in Blueprint 2030. Chair Casey thanked his fellow Regents, the Chancellor, and staff for their support and collaboration throughout his term as Chair.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Burrage thanked Chair Casey for his leadership and service as board chair over the past year. He announced the appointment of Nick Hathaway as Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, effective July 21, and Chris Turner as General Counsel, effective July 1. He reported that the review of low-producing degree programs is underway, with institutional plans due in September and further discussion scheduled for October. He also noted progress by the funding formula committee following meetings with HCM Strategists. In closing, Chancellor Burrage recognized the upcoming retirements of Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Sheri Mauck in July and Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Mark Tygret in August and expressed appreciation for their service.
6. **COUNCIL FOR ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS.** Item #6 is ratification and recognition of recipients of the Council for Online Learning Excellence Awards. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to ratify the selection of award recipients. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the recipients: Dr. Cindy Akkerman, Healthcare Management Department Head at Oklahoma State University, received the Award for Open Education Impact. Clarissa Anderson of the University of Oklahoma received the Award for Accessibility. Dr. Tugba Sevin, Associate Professor at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, received the Award for Teaching. Dr. Dana Jo Lindon-Burgett, Director of Academic Technology at Rose State College, received the Award for Individual Leadership. The Center for Instructional Development and Technology at Southeastern Oklahoma State University received the Award for Team Leadership. The Center for eLearning and Connected Environments Learning Design Team at the University of Central Oklahoma received the Award for Innovation.
7. **ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY.** Regent Warmington presented Item #7, which is a request to acknowledge receipt of a new economic impact study for the state system of higher education. She asked Dr. Cass Minx, Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development, to introduce the researchers from the University of Cincinnati

Economic Center, Brad Evans and Megan Heare, to present findings from the report. 2The 025 Economic Impact Study quantifies the direct and indirect impacts of institutional operations, student spending, and alumni activity across the Oklahoma state system of higher education. For fiscal year 2024, these activities generated \$14.61 billion in total economic output, supported 111,132 jobs, and produced \$7.07 billion in wages. Public higher education activities contributed over \$461.8 million in state and local tax revenues, including \$275.9 million in income tax and \$185.9 million in sales tax. The study further found that every dollar of state appropriations invested in higher education yields a \$17.48 return in total economic output. Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to acknowledge receipt of the report. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

8. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

a. **Oklahoma State University.**

- (1) Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-a (1), which is a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Science in Accounting Systems, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 30-credit hour program that will equip students with state-of-the-art data analytics and information systems skills needed in today's accounting profession. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- (2) Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-a (2), which is a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Science in Data Science, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 33-credit hour program that will provide a core

foundation in statistics, mathematics, and computer science, along with deep knowledge of how to develop and apply data science to solve problems in industrial engineering. Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- (3) Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-a (3), which is a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 33-credit hour program that aims to train the next generation of workers to operate in and advance an Artificial Intelligence-driven economy. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. **Northeastern State University.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-b, which is a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Doctor of Education in Community Based Leadership, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 60-credit hour program. The proposed Doctor of Education in Community Based Leadership program will empower civic, tribal, and educational leaders with the skills needed to foster collaboration across Oklahoma's diverse communities, enhancing positive outcomes statewide. Following Dr. Beauchamp's comments, Regent Hickman asked Chair Casey to recognize President Rodney Hanley and his team for additional comments. During discussion, Regent Taylor noted concerns with the asynchronous, online method of delivery for a doctoral-level program. Regent Casey expressed concerns about costs and questioned whether online delivery should result in lower costs for students. Regent Hickman reviewed the deliberation that occurred in the Academic Affairs

Committee and emphasized that policy changes are needed to provide regional universities with clearer guidance on expectations related to doctoral program proposals. Regent Warmington concurred that the policy should be reviewed and revised moving forward. Regent Hilliary inquired about the long-term plans and whether this would be the only doctoral program Northeastern State University intends to request for some time. Regent Taylor also remarked on a troubling trend that 15 of the 25 institutions are now majority online, reiterating his concerns about rigor for a doctoral degree. Following discussion, Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were Regents Levit, Adwon, Hilliary, Sherry and Taylor. The motion failed.

c. Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

- (1) Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-c (1), which is a request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Doctor of Community Health, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 48-66-credit hour program. The proposed Doctor of Community Health program will provide students with comprehensive development for innovation in community health research, policy development, program evaluation, and community engagement. Following Dr. Beauchamp's comments, Regent Hickman asked Chair Casey to recognize President Diana Lovell and her team for additional comments. Regent Sherry asked for examples of the types of jobs that would be available to students who complete the program. Dr. Joel Kendall, SWOSU Provost, described the anticipated employment opportunities. Following discussion, Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Hickman, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion was Regent Taylor.

(2) Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-c (2), which is a request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to offer the Education Specialist in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that Education Specialist is a 27-credit hour program that is designed for students wanting to become a Licensed Professional Counselor. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

- d. **University of Central Oklahoma.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-d, which is a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Doctor of Education in Transformative Leadership and Learning, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 60-credit hour program. The proposed Ed.D. in Transformative Leadership and Learning program will seek to prepare leaders for positions in education, public and private non-profit organizations, and community agencies. Following Dr. Beauchamp's comments, Regent Hickman asked Chair Casey to recognize President Todd Lamb and his team for additional comments. During the discussion, Regent Taylor expressed appreciation for the hybrid cohort structure of the program, which provides synchronous opportunities for engagement. Regent Hickman noted UCO's long history as a teacher's college and remarked that the proposed program would help prepare administrators but also has broad applicability across other industries. Regent Hilliary inquired about potential competitors, asking where students might enroll if UCO's program were not approved; President Lamb responded that Southern Nazarene University offers a similar program. Regent Warmington echoed the comments of her colleagues and reiterated the need for the State Regents to review existing policy regarding doctoral program requests. She further observed that, since the program is designed for working adults who have already earned a degree, she was less concerned about the online delivery component. Following

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

- e. **Eastern Oklahoma State College.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-e, which is a request from Eastern Oklahoma State College to offer the Associate in Arts in Native American Studies, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 60-credit hour program that will provide students an appreciation for societies and culture for preservation of tribal history. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. **Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #8-e, which is a request from Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City to offer the Associate in Science in Pre-Nursing, and asked Dr. Stephanie Beauchamp, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to explain the request. Dr. Beauchamp indicated that degree is a 60-credit hour program that will provide a focused pathway for students who are interested in pursuing a 2-year or 4-year nursing program. Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- 9. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #9, which is the approval of institutional requests for program deletions. Rose State College requests to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Dental Assisting and the Certificate in Dental Assisting. Western Oklahoma State College requests to delete the Associate in Science in Infants and Toddlers. He indicated that it appears no students will be negatively impacted by the deletion. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the requests. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **ACADEMIC POLICY.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #10, which is a policy exception request from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. OPSU is seeking an exception to the State Regents' concurrent enrollment policy to allow qualified high school students in the Oklahoma Panhandle to enroll concurrently in technical courses through a pilot program called Panhandle Tech. These courses align with micro-credentials, certificate programs, and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in Technology. The initiative would lower traditional admission criteria to a 2.5 GPA with a high school counselor recommendation with enrollment limited to technical coursework only until the student achieves the standard 3.0 GPA. Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMS.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #11, which is a request to approve an extension of the review schedule for the English Language Institute – Oklahoma State University, the Center for English as a Second Language – University of Oklahoma, and the English as a Second Language – Tulsa Community College for one year. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
12. **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES.** Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #12, which is a request to allocate funds totaling \$2,473,689 to Oklahoma institutions of higher education participating in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program pursuant to the contracts with Oklahoma Human Services. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.
13. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.**
 - a. Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #13-a, which is a request to approve a contract renewal between Oklahoma Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the amount of \$4,759,045 to continue the Scholars

for Excellence in Child Care program in FY26. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Hickman presented Agenda Item #13-b, is a request to allocate funds totaling \$1,620,027 to Oklahoma community colleges participating in the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program pursuant to the contract with Oklahoma Human Services. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

14. STATE AUTHORIZATION.

- a. Regent Hickman presented Item #14-a, which is approval of requests from Columbia College, Nelson University, Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology, Strayer University, Tulsa Welding School, Upper Iowa University, and Wichita State University for re-authorization to operate as degree-granting institutions in Oklahoma. After reviewing the application and required documentation, State Regents' staff determined that this institution meets the re-authorization requirements established in the OSRHE Institutional Accreditation and State Authorization policy. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the requests. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman presented Item #14-b, which is approval of requests from Academy of Art University, California Coast University, The Chicago School, National University, Pepperdine University, San Jose State University, and Southern California University of Health Sciences for initial authorization to operate as degree-granting institutions in Oklahoma. After reviewing the application and required documentation, State Regents' staff determined that this institution meets the authorization requirements established in the OSRHE

Institutional Accreditation and State Authorization policy. Regent Taylor commented that Oklahoma statute requires the State Regents to approve these requests if the institutions meet the statutory requirements for authorization. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the requests. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

15. TUITION & FEES.

- a. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #15-a, which is the approval of institutional requests for changes to academic services fees for fiscal year 2026 as reported in the supplemental schedules. Of the 25 public institutions in the State System, 19 requested changes in academic services fees for Fiscal Year 2026 and 6 had no requests for changes in these fees. Regent Hickman commented that he hoped in the future more time could be devoted to analyzing the academic service fee requests. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the requests. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #15-b, is a request to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Tuition and Mandatory Fees. Ten (10) institutions across the state system are not increasing tuition and mandatory fees for resident undergraduate students in the upcoming academic year. Yesterday we heard presentations from 15 institutions requesting tuition and fee increases for resident undergraduate students. If approved, tuition and mandatory fees for in-state undergraduate students would increase an average of 1.9% across the system for the 2025-26 academic year. In the interest of time, Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the following and then separately take up consideration of institutions requesting tuition and mandatory fee increases for in-state undergraduate students: (1) non-resident tuition and mandatory fees for all institutions; (2) graduate, professional and special program tuition and fees for all institutions; and (3) 2025-26 undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees for the 10 institutions not

requesting a tuition increase (OSU, OPSU, RSU, CU, USAO, CASC, EOSC, NOC, RCC, TCC). Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented the University of Oklahoma's request for a 3.5% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented the University of Central Oklahoma's request for a 2.6% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented East Central University's request for a 3.8% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Northeastern State University's request for a 3.5% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Northwestern Oklahoma State University's request for a 3.5% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Southeastern Oklahoma State University's request for a 3.6% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary

presented Southwestern Oklahoma State University's request for a 2.7% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Langston University's request for a 3.0% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Connors State College's request for a 0.6% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Murray State College's request for a 2.3% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College's request for a 2.9% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Oklahoma City Community College's request for an 8.0% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Rose State College's request for an 2.3% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and

Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Seminole State College's request for an 3.1% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary presented Western Oklahoma State College's request for an 3.2% increase in undergraduate resident tuition and mandatory fees. Regent Warmington moved, seconded by Regent Hilliary, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.

Regents took a brief break at 11:00 a.m. Chair Casey called the meeting back to order at 11:05 a.m. Present for the meeting were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, and Sherry. Regent Michael C. Turpen was absent.

16. E&G BUDGET.

- a. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #16-a, which is the approval of final allocations and approval of Educational and General Budgets of institutions, constituent agencies, higher education centers, special programs and other operations. Regent Hilliary asked Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Mark Tygret to explain the item. Vice Chancellor Tygret noted that state appropriations for system operations increased by 2.34 percent to \$1,047.7 million, with an additional \$86.8 million in residual federal stimulus funds budgeted. Institutions will be reimbursed at 100 percent for concurrent enrollment waivers, and Section 13 Offset Program allocations will provide a minimum of \$1 million per institution for capital and maintenance needs. Primary educational and general operating budgets will rise by \$106.3 million (3.5 percent) to \$3.13 billion, including a \$45 million increase for academic functions. Enrollment is projected to increase by 3.1 percent, or 3,707 FTE students, systemwide. Sponsored program budgets are projected to decrease by \$23 million to \$708.1 million, with an anticipated return on investment of 2.51 to 1 in sponsored research. All budget guidelines and debt

service requirements are being met, and institutions will continue to prioritize prudent spending and cost savings. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #16-b, which is a request to approve allocations of \$1,044,937.14 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and \$1,044,937.14 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 \$116,429,415.71. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
 - c. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #16-c, which is a request to approve a grant allocation in the amount of \$40,000 for year one of a renewable five-year commitment through fiscal year 2030 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for support of the Higher Education Archives project. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **CAPITAL.** Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #17, which is a request to authorize the transmittal of institutional capital improvement plans for the eight (8) fiscal years 2027-2034 to the State of Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Commission. A total of 699 capital projects are identified by State System institutions for submission to the Commission. These projects total approximately \$3.6 billion for the eight-year period. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

- a. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #18-a, which is a request to approve purchases for amounts that exceed \$100,000. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Warmington, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary abstained.
- b. Regent Hilliary presented Agenda Item #18-b, which is a request to authorize the Chancellor to enter into a contract for legal services with the Office of the Attorney General for Fiscal Year 2026. The contract has enabled the State Regents to provide legal support to the smaller institutions that do not have ready access to legal services. Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the item. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor presented Item #19, which is a request to approve new investment managers. He noted that the Investment Committee met with representatives from Mercer via Zoom earlier that week and recommend one new manager for consideration. The recommendation is for Lead Edge Capital VII in the amount of \$10,000,000. The State Regents previously approved the submission of an “indication of interest” for this fund at the May meeting. The final due diligence report has now been received. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the new investment manager. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Hilliary moved, seconded by Regent Warmington, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents’ policies and procedures or previous actions:

- a. Contracts and Purchases. Possible action to ratify purchases exceeding \$25,000 but less than \$100,000. Page 93.

- b. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service. Possible action to ratify recipients of the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service for the 2025-26 academic year. Page 95.
- c. Personnel. Possible action to ratify personnel appointment. Page 97.
- d. Resolutions. Possible action on resolutions honoring retiring staff members. Page 103.

Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Casey, Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and Warmington,. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #20-a.

21. **REPORTS.** Regent Adwon moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to acknowledge receipt of the following Reports.

- a. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Current Status Report on New Program Requests. Page 105.
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Teacher Education Annual Report on Systemwide Review. Page 107. (Supplement)
 - (2) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Inspired to Teach 2024-25 Year-End Report. Page 111. (Supplement)
 - (3) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the 2023-2024 Teacher Education Program Admission Study. Page 115.

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

22. **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, Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning, 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.** Chris Turner, Interim General Counsel, advised Regents that an executive session was not needed.
24. **OFFICERS.** Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the following slate of officers for FY26: Chair – Courtney Warmington; Vice Chair – Dustin Hilliary; Secretary – Steven W. Taylor; Assistant Secretary – Mitch Adwon. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Hickman, Adwon, Levit, and Warmington, Hilliary, Sherry, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
25. **RECOGNITION.** Regent Warmington presented Chair Casey with a gavel as a token of appreciation for his leadership of the board over the past year.
26. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Casey announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents' office in Oklahoma City.
27. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Dennis Casey, Chair



Steven W. Taylor, Secretary