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1. **ANNOUNCE 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 Friday, May 29, 2026, in the Regents Conference Room of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education office (655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City). Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on October 14, 2025. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Courtney Warmington called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Trevor Pemberton, Phillip Mitchell "Mitch" Adwon, Ken Levit, Dennis Casey, Brian Beller, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Michael C. Turpen was absent.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings in April 2026. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Warmington welcomed newly appointed State Regents Brian Beller and Trevor Pemberton and stated that the State Regents look forward to the perspective and experience they will bring to the Board's work on behalf of Oklahoma higher education. Chair Warmington also thanked Regent Ken Levit for agreeing to chair the Budget and Audit Committee following Regent Dustin Hilliary's appointment to the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, noting that Regent Levit's

experience and leadership will be valuable as the committee continues its work. Chair Warmington then noted that the State Regents would later consider revisions to the performance funding formula, which has been a significant undertaking over the last several years. She thanked Regents Taylor and Casey for the time, thought, and leadership they devoted to the effort, and also thanked Regent Levit for recently joining the committee and contributing to the final review process. Chair Warmington reported that the committee met earlier in the month to finalize the recommendations presented for consideration. She emphasized that the funding formula should not be viewed as static, but rather as an ongoing process. She noted that the committee recommended an annual review of the formula to evaluate its effectiveness, consider feedback from institutions, and make adjustments as needed. Chair Warmington stated that a formula of this importance should serve as a living framework that continues to improve over time while remaining focused on the State Regents' goals for student success, workforce alignment, and accountability. She added that the committee plans to begin meeting again in July to consider whether any refinements should be recommended for the next year of implementation, and expressed appreciation for the committee's commitment to moving the work forward in a thoughtful and transparent manner.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Burrage joined Chair Warmington in welcoming newly appointed State Regents Brian Beller and Trevor Pemberton and expressed appreciation for their willingness to serve. He stated that he looks forward to working with both new Regents as the State Regents continue advancing the work of Oklahoma's state system of higher education. Chancellor Burrage reported that he had participated in commencement activities over the past several weeks, including delivering the commencement address at Rogers State University. He stated that commencement ceremonies are a meaningful reminder of the impact Oklahoma's colleges and universities have on students, families, communities and the state's future workforce. Chancellor Burrage thanked Governor Stitt and the Oklahoma Legislature for their continued support of higher education in the state budget. He expressed appreciation for additional funding provided for Oklahoma's Promise and the Oklahoma Rising Scholars award program, noting that these investments directly support student access, affordability and retention of high-achieving Oklahoma students in the state's public colleges and

universities. Chancellor Burrage also reported that he attended a retirement dinner in Muskogee honoring Connors State College President Ron Ramming, who will retire at the end of June. He noted President Ramming's many years of service to Connors State College, including nearly a decade as president, and stated that his leadership has made a lasting impact on the institution and the communities it serves. Chancellor Burrage congratulated President Ramming on his retirement and thanked him for his service to Oklahoma higher education. Chancellor Burrage stated that the OSU A&M Board of Regents selected Dr. Steve Rook, currently chancellor of Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to serve as Connors State College's next president. He stated that the State Regents look forward to welcoming Dr. Rook to Oklahoma's higher education community and working with him in his new role.

6. **STATE REGENTS.** Chair Warmington introduced the Vice Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court Dana Kuehn to administer the oath of office to Regents Trevor Pemberton and Brian Beller.

7. **CHANCELLOR HANS BRISCH SCHOLARHIP PROGRAM AWARDS.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to ratify the following recipients of the 2026-27 Chancellor Hans Brisch Scholarship: Lydia Bullard, Durant High School; Addison Edwards, Stillwater High School; Hadley Ott, Lomega High School; Fatima Rangel-Villanueva, Dove Science Academy High School; and Kadence Stapleton, Coweta High School. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Dr. Kylie Smith, Vice Chancellor for Administration, introduced the recipients that were present at the meeting.

8. **COUNCIL FOR ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to ratify the recipients of the 2026 Oklahoma Online Excellence Awards. The recipient of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Open Education Impact is the Oklahoma City Community College Math Department. The recipient of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Accessibility is Peyton Haley, Oklahoma State University. The recipient of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for

Teaching is Rachel Cox, Instructor, Oklahoma State University. The recipient of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Individual Leadership is Dr. Hannah Rieger, Manager of Student Experience for OU Education Services, University of Oklahoma. The recipient of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Team Leadership is the Behavioral Health Sciences, Department of Psychology, Oklahoma City Community College. The recipient of the Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Innovation is the AI Education Working Group, University of Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

a. **Cameron University.** Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-a, which is a request from Cameron University to offer the Associate in Science in Agriculture, and asked Heather Peck, Director of Academic Programs, to explain the request. Director Peck indicated that it is a 66-credit hour program that will provide graduates with technical training, a solid academic foundation, and the flexibility to enter into the workforce directly or continue seamlessly into a baccalaureate degree. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Pemberton. Voting against the motion were none.

b. **Northeastern State University.** Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-b, which is a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Master of Education in Elementary Education, and asked Director Peck to explain the request. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 30-credit hour program that will provide graduate level courses for elementary teachers who would like to advance their teaching, knowledge, and overall school involvement. Regent Taylor inquired about program delivery method, and Director Peck responded that 70 percent will be online and 30 percent will be in person. Regent Casey asked about the purpose of the program, and Director Peck indicated that the program is intended for those individuals with alternative or emergency certification. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent

Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

c. **Rogers State University.** Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-c, which is a request from Rogers State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, and asked Director Peck to explain the request. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 120-credit hour program that is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the science of nutrition and its application to health and wellness. Regent Taylor inquired about program delivery method, and Director Peck responded that 60 percent will be in person and 30 percent will be in online. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.

d. **University of Central Oklahoma.**

(1) Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-d (1), which is a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Education Specialist in School and Professional Counseling, and asked Director Peck to explain the item. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 60-credit hour program that will provide advanced study to individuals seeking to expand their professional qualifications in both school and clinical counseling. Regent Casey asked about the anticipated number of graduates, and Director Peck responded that they expect a minimum of 6 majors enrolled in the program by 2030 and 3 graduates during the 2030-31 academic year. Regent Warmington asked for clarification on the type of credential being requested. Director Peck indicated that an Education Specialist is a graduate level degree that is between a master's and a doctoral degree. Graduates of the program will be able to sit for the licensure examination to be a school counselor. Regent Taylor commented on the online delivery nature of the program. Regent Pemberton asked how the program differs from the master's program and

whether the master's degree leads to licensure. Director Peck responded that the Education Specialist program is tailored for students with a master's degree from an institution lacking the type of accreditation UCO's program has. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Beller, Warmington, and Levit. Voting against the motion were Regents Sherry, Pemberton, Taylor and Adwon. The motion failed.

(2) Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-d (2), which is a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Master of Science in Couple/Marriage and Family Therapy, and asked Director Peck to explain the item. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 51-credit hour program that will prepare students to work in private practice, schools, and community settings, as well as pursue doctoral studies. Regent Warmington inquired about delivery method, and Director Peck indicated that it is traditional. Regent Casey commented on the minimum productivity requirements, and Director Peck explained post-audit requirements to review productivity after provisional approval of the program. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

(3) Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-d (3), which is a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences, and asked Director Peck to explain the item. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 124-credit hour program that will prepare students for careers in Biomedical Sciences through the use of a robust suite of courses that emphasize discipline knowledge and technical skills. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, and Beller. Voting against the motion were none.

e. **Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology.**

(1) Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-e (1), which is a request from the OSU Institute of Technology to offer the Associate in Applied Science in John Deere Tech, and asked Director Peck to explain the item. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 66-credit hour program that is designed to prepare students with specialized skills in diagnostics, repair, and maintenance of John Deere agricultural and construction equipment. Regent Casey asked about starting salaries for program graduates. Director Peck indicated starting salaries range from $36,000 to $66,000. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

(2) Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-e (2), which is a request from the OSU Institute of Technology to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Technology, and asked Director Peck to explain the item. Director Peck indicated that the degree is a 60-credit hour program that prepares students for operational roles in logistics, distribution, inventory control, and supply chain coordination through applied coursework, industry-aligned competencies, and embedded certification preparation. Regent Taylor inquired about the delivery format, and Director Peck indicated that the program is fully online. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Levit, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Pemberton, Levit, Casey, Beller, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were Regent Adwon and Regent Taylor.

10. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #8, which is the approval of institutional requests for program deletions from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, Langston University, Murray State College, Oklahoma State Institute of Technology, and Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City. It appears that no students will be negatively impacted by the program deletions. Regent Casey noted

these program deletions are a continuation of the State Regents work to reduce low-producing programs at state system institutions. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **ACADEMIC POLICY.**

a. Regent Warmington noted that Agenda Item #11-a is the posting of proposed revisions to State Regents' policy 3.17 – Distance Education and Traditional Off-Campus Courses and Programs, section 6. – State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. This item is for posting only at this time.

b. Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #11-b, which is a request to approve proposed revisions to State Regents' policy 3.4 – Academic Program Approval, and asked Dr. Kylie Smith, Vice Chancellor for Administration, to explain the request. Dr. Smith presented information regarding reduced-credit bachelor's degrees. She stated that, at the direction of Governor Stitt's Executive Order, the State Regents conducted a feasibility study on the potential development of bachelor's degrees requiring fewer than 120 credit hours, which was presented at the March meeting. Dr. Smith reported that the study found reduced-credit bachelor's degrees are a growing national trend and are permissible under current Higher Learning Commission accreditation standards, but should be approached carefully and intentionally. She stated that the strongest opportunities appear to be in applied, technical and workforce-aligned fields, and that these programs may not be appropriate in disciplines with licensure requirements, extensive prerequisite sequencing, clinical requirements, or graduate and professional school expectations tied to the traditional 120-hour degree structure. Dr. Smith stated that the State Regents also posted a draft policy framework for public comment, primarily proposing changes to Policy 3.4, Academic Program Approval, and Policy 3.15, Undergraduate Degree Requirements. She explained that the revised Policy 3.4 provides a more detailed review framework, clarifies that reduced-credit bachelor's degrees must require at least 90 credit hours and no more than 119 credit hours, and makes clear that these programs should be distinct pathways designed for applied, technical or workforce-focused occupations rather than shortened versions of traditional 120-hour degrees. Dr. Smith stated that the revised policy aligns the State Regents' review process with Higher Learning Commission substantive change expectations and strengthens requirements related to workforce need, academic quality, student disclosures, accreditation or licensure considerations, and ongoing monitoring of program outcomes. She further explained that the related revision to Policy 3.15 would reduce the minimum general education requirement for a reduced-credit bachelor's degree from 40 credit hours to 30 credit hours to provide necessary curricular flexibility while maintaining a meaningful general education foundation. Dr. Smith concluded that Policy 3.4 establishes the approval framework and review criteria for reduced-credit bachelor's degrees, while Policy 3.15 makes the corresponding adjustment to undergraduate degree requirements needed to support that framework. Chair Warmington reminded the Regents the proposed policy revisions result from a desire from the Governor for the State Regents to examine the possibility of allowing 90-hour bachelor's degrees. The proposed policy revisions provide a framework for considering these requests in the future and no actual program proposals are being considered at this meeting. Regent Casey inquired about ensuring that students receive adequate disclosures about the difference between 90-hour degrees and traditional bachelor's degrees. Dr. Smith indicated that the policy will require institutions to inform the State Regents of their communication and student advising strategies. Regent Taylor raised several concerns with the proposed policy allowing reduced-credit bachelor's degrees, particularly around the naming of the degree and indicated he strongly believed these credentials should be called something else that differentiates them from a traditional bachelor's degree. He also raised concerns regarding graduate school pathways with reduced-credit bachelor's degrees and the lessening of academic rigor. Chair Warmington indicated that policy as written provides Regents with flexibility to make naming decisions as each individual proposal becomes before the board for consideration. She expects that this policy will likely evolve over time as best practices regarding 90-hour bachelor's degrees become more common. Regent Pemberton inquired about the impact on rigor. Dr. Smith indicated that the reduction in credit hours will come from free electives and additional general education hours. The core programmatic content is intended to be the same as the core content in a traditional program. Regent Pemberton asked if there is any data on student workforce outcomes from other states. Dr. Smith indicated that since the 90-hour bachelor's degree is a relatively new concept, outcomes data does not exist but the policy will require institutions to provide outcomes data for any program that is approved. Regent Pemberton sought clarification on when the degree name will be decided, and Dr. Smith responded that it will be as each individual request is made to and considered by the board. Regent Pemberton inquired about the potential impact of a reduced-credit bachelor's degree on an institution's aspirations to achieve AAU status. Regent Levit expressed excitement about the efforts to look at alternatives to the traditional 120-hour bachelor's degree. He reiterated to importance of these programs to maintain rigor. Regent Casey inquired about the reduction in electives. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the proposed policy revisions. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Beller, Sherry, Warmington, and Pemberton. Voting against the motion were Regents Adwon and Taylor.

c. Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #11-c, which is a request to approve proposed revisions to State Regents' policy 3.15 – Undergraduate Degree Requirements, and asked Dr. Smith to explain the request. Dr. Smith indicated that these revisions correspond to the revisions made in policy 3.4 and reduce the number of general education hours required for a reduced-credit bachelor's degree from 40 to 30. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Beller, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion was Regent Taylor.

d. Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #9-d, which is a request to approve proposed revisions to State Regents' policy 3.10 – Concurrent Enrollment and asked Director Peck to explain the revisions. Regent Casey inquired about the reason for the revisions. Regent Warmington asked for confirmation on the removal of geographic service area restrictions from online concurrent courses. Director Peck confirmed and indicated that it provides the flexibility for high schools to select a specific higher education partner. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

e. Regent Casey presented Agenda Item #11-e, which is a request to approve a request for an exception to State Regents' policy 3.10 from the University of Oklahoma and asked Director Peck to explain the request. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, and Beller. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **STATE AUTHORIZATION**.

a. Regent Casey presented Item #12-a, which are requests from California Institute of Integral Studies and Ultimate Medical Academy 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 our policy. Regent Adwon inquired as to whether the statute requires the Regents to approve these requests if the institution meets all of the criteria outlined in policy. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Casey presented Item #12-b, which is the approval of requests from Central Oklahoma College, Heavy Equipment College, Ottaway University, New York University, Southwestern Law School, Upper Iowa University, and Walden University for re-authorization to operate as degree-granting institutions in Oklahoma. After reviewing the application and required documentation, State

Regents' staff determined that these institution meet the authorization requirements established in our policy. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Nick Hathaway presented Agenda Item #13, which is the Budget Report and Revenue Update. Mr. Hathaway reported positive trends in the state economy, noting that state revenue collections had increased by approximately $315 million year over year. He discussed indicators related to the future economic outlook. He stated that the overall economic health of the state appeared strong. Regent Casey inquired about the status of the Rainy Day fund.

14. **PERFORMANCE FUNDING FORMULA.** Regent Levit presented Agenda Item #14, which is a request to approve proposed revisions to the State Regents' performance funding formula policy and asked James Vaughn, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, to explain the request in more detail. The Oklahoma State Regents began a formal review of its current performance funding formula with the creation of a Performance Funding Formula Committee in February 2024. The review was initiated to evaluate the effectiveness of the existing funding methodology and to consider potential revisions that would better align state appropriations with Oklahoma's higher education priorities, workforce needs, and student success goals. As part of the review process, the State Regents engaged HCM Strategists, a national higher education policy and finance consulting firm, to assist with evaluation of the current model and development of recommendations for a revised funding approach. Associate Vice Chancellor Vaughn explained the three tiered structure of the revised formula and reviewed the various components of the model: Enrollment (25%); Retention & Success (30%); Opportunity (20%); and Workforce (25%). He explained that 5% of total funding will run through the formula each year until 25% of funding is formula-driven. He also noted that no institution will lose more than 2% in a given year and that a hold harmless provision will be in place for the first year of implementation. Regent Taylor commented that the funding formula

committee had spent significant time reviewing potential scenarios before the recommendation that is before the board was finalized. Regent Levit emphasized the focus on performance funding rather than it being a formula driven allocation. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Levit presented Agenda Item #15, which is a request to approve the allocation of state appropriations for FY27 and asked Associate Vice Chancellor Vaughn to explain the item. Associate Vice Chancellor Vaughn noted that state appropriates total $1.1 billion for FY27 and include an increase of $10 million for Oklahoma's Promise and $4 million for the Oklahoma Rising Scholars Program. He noted the allocation to institutions is made using the new performance funding formula with a hold harmless provision. He also noted allocations for STEM and critical workforce programs, concurrent enrollment, and Section 13 Offset. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **TUITION AND FEES.** Regent Levit presented Agenda Item #16, which is a request to approve FY27 Tuition and Fee Approval Guidelines for dissemination to state system presidents and governing boards. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Pemberton. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **EPSCOR.** Regent Levit presented Agenda Item #17, which is a request to approve EPSCoR matching funds that total $140,000 to Oklahoma State University for NASA EPSCoR projects. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Adwon, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

a. Regent Levit presented Agenda Item #18-a, which is a request to approve purchases exceeding $100,000 for FY26. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, and Levit. Voting against the motion were none.

b. Regent Levit presented Agenda Item #18-b, which is a request to approve purchases exceeding $100,000 for FY27. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor presented Agenda Item #19, which is a request to approve new investment managers. Regent Taylor noted the Investment Committee met in person with Mercer consultants this week to review portfolio performance. It is recommended that the State Regents approve $12 million to Clayton, Dubilier & Rice; $15 million to CAP91 Fund II; and $12 million to DRA Growth & Income Fund XII. Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the request. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, and Beller. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Dr. Jarrett Jobe, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, provided the Regents with an update on current legislative activity. Dr. Jobe reported that the legislative session had officially concluded. He reviewed SB 1477, which added age limits to concurrent enrollment participation, and HB 2398, which requires the State Regents to develop definitions for credentials of value. Higher education was able to avoid a budget cut for FY27 and received additional funding for Oklahoma's Promise and the Oklahoma's Rising Scholars program. He reviewed potential state questions and upcoming elections. Dr. Jobe discussed plans for legislative visits during the summer and fall.

21. **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS.**

a. Chair Warmington announced that Agenda Item #21-a is the posting of revisions to Chapter 2 – Administrative Operations – of the State Regents Policy and Procedures Manual. This item is for posting only at this time.

b. Chair Warmington announced that Agenda Item #21-b is the posting of revisions to the State Regents' Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section 5.8 – Longevity Pay Plan. This item is for posting only at this time.

22. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:

a. High School Courses for College Admission. Possible action to ratify a request for a high school course to be considered for college admission. Page 139.

b. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Possible action to ratify institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Page 141.

c. Contracts and Purchases. Possible action to ratify purchases exceeding $25,000 but less than $100,000. Page 143.

d. Personnel. Possible action to ratify personnel appointment. Page 145.

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

23. **REPORTS.** Regent Sherry moved, seconded by Regent Pemberton, to acknowledge receipt of the following Reports:

a. Programs. Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Current Status Report on Program Requests. Page 147.

b. Annual Reports.

(1) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program Year-End Report for 2025-2026. Page 149.

(2) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program Year-End Report for 2025-2026. Page 157.

(3) Possible action to acknowledge receipt of the William P. Willis Scholarship Year-End Report for 2025-2026. Page 159.

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

24. **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.

25. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Chris Turner, General Counsel, advised Regents that an executive session was needed pursuant to (1) 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorney(s) concerning: (a) 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 and the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; and (b) EEOC Charge #564-2024-02714 and related pending claims or actions, 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; and, (2) 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1)

for routine, periodic review and/or consideration and adoption, modification, or other action related to employment, including terms and conditions, of the Chancellor. Regent Pemberton moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to enter executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Pemberton, Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none. Regents entered executive session. Regent Levit moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Levit, Casey, Beller, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Pemberton. Voting against the motion were none. Open session was resumed.

26. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Warmington announced next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, June 25, 2026 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:

C. Warmington — Steven Taylor

Courtney Warmington, Chair — Steven W. Taylor, Secretary