

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**November 18-19, 2021**

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**CONVENE**

Chairman Tim Leach convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 2:46 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021, in Bethancourt Ballroom 2300 D&E of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.  
Ms. Matilin "Mati" Rigsby, Student Regent

Chairman Leach announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings from System executives and invited guests.

Chairman Leach called on Dr. John Hurtado, Texas A&M's Interim Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering and Interim Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), Mr. David Coatney, Director of Texas A&M's Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), and Mr. Rob Gorham, TEEX's Executive Director of Manufacturing Initiatives and the Executive Director of the SecureAmerica Institute, who provided an informational update on the current state and momentum of the TEES/TEEX Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Hub.

Next, Mr. Greg Hartman, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Dr. Jon Mogford, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of Texas A&M Health, Dr. Amy Waer, Dean of the Texas A&M College of Medicine, Dr. Mary Ann Covey, Director of Counseling & Psychological Services, and Dr. Martha Dannenbaum, Texas A&M's Director of Student Health Services, discussed the expansion of mental health services at Texas A&M.

Chairman Leach called on Mr. Ross Bjork, Texas A&M's Director of Athletics who discussed the implementation of Senate Bill (S. B.) 1385, relating to the compensation and professional representation of student athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs, that was enacted by the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature.

Next, Mr. Joseph Duron, Chief Administrative Officer, addressed financial management practices at A&M System institutions, including those related to reserve balances.

Mr. Duron and Dr. Joe Pettibon, Texas A&M Vice President for Enrollment and Academic Services, discussed the impact of Hazelwood exemptions at A&M System universities.

**RECESS**

Following the presentations and discussions, Chairman Leach recessed the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

Chairman Leach reconvened the special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:30 a.m., Friday, November 19, 2021, in Bethancourt Ballroom 2300 D & E of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Tim Leach, Chairman  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.  
Ms. Matilin “Mati” Rigsby, Student Regent

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert L. Albritton

Chairman Leach announced that a quorum was present and that they would receive briefings from System executives and invited guests.

Chairman Leach called on Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Students Affairs who provided comments on governance issues at institutions of higher education before introducing Dr. Kevin Reilly, former President of the University of Wisconsin System. Dr. Reilly, an Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Senior Fellow and Senior Consultant, discussed principles of trusteeship.

**RECESS**

After discussion of Dr. Reilly’s presentation, Chairman Leach recessed the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

*(Note: Regent Graham departed the meeting)*

**RECONVENE**

Chairman Leach reconvened the special workshop meeting at 10:55 a.m. He then called on Dr. John Crawford, Texas A&M's Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who provided additional information on reserve balances.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents