

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**June 14, 2023**

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SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**June 14, 2023**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 3:01 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Mahomes began by welcoming and congratulating newly appointed Student Regent Annie Valicek -- He said that Annie is a student at West Texas A&M University.

The following members of the Board were present via teleconference call:

Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. David Baggett  
Mr. John W. Bellinger  
Mr. Jay Graham  
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Mr. Sam Torn  
Ms. Annie Valicek (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was present in the meeting room:

Mr. Bill Mahomes, Chairman

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Randy Brooks

*(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Ms. Elizabeth "Annie" Valicek as the 2023-2024 Student Regent on June 1, 2023.)*

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Mahomes said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74 of the Texas Government Code, and in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

*(Note: The Board met in executive session from 3:04 p.m. until 4:35 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:35 p.m. He said the Board conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration, and attorneys on legal and personnel matters including Items 1 through 5.

Chairman Mahomes presented Items 1 through 3 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for these three items.

Regent Plank moved adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 through 3. Regent Bellinger seconded the motion. Chairman Mahomes called each regent’s name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

Chairman Mahomes acknowledged Mr. Al Davis, newly appointed director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, who was present in the room. Mr. Davis thanked the Board and Chancellor Sharp. He said he looked forward to being the leader of the Forest Service.

The following minute orders were approved (136-138).

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**MINUTE ORDER 136-2023 (ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. SALVADOR HECTOR OCHOA, AS PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective August 2, 2023, Dr. Salvador Hector Ochoa is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, at an initial salary of \$400,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 137 (ITEM 2)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. ROSS ALEXANDER AS THE  
SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Dr. Ross Alexander is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

**MINUTE ORDER 138 (ITEM 3)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. ALPHONSE GREGORY DAVIS AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Mr. Alphonse Gregory Davis is hereby appointed Director of the Texas A&M Forest Service, at an initial salary of \$250,000.

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Chairman Mahomes presented Item 4 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for this item.

Vice Chairman Albritton moved adoption of the minute order contained in Item 4. Regent Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Mahomes called each regent’s name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (139).

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**MINUTE ORDER 139-2023 (ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE  
AND EXECUTE AN AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH  
BRENT “BUZZ” WILLIAMS, HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute an amended employment contract, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following person:

Head Men’s Basketball Coach – Brent “Buzz” Williams

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Chairman Mahomes presented Item 5 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for this item.

Regent Torn moved adoption of the minute order contained in Item 5. Regent Graham seconded the motion. Chairman Mahomes called each regent’s name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute order was approved (140).

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**MINUTE ORDER 140-2023 (ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 17.01, INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION,  
AND APPROVAL FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO ADJUST  
THE ALLOCATION OF THE COMMERCIALIZATION INCOME,  
PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBER(S) UNDER  
SYSTEM REGULATION 17.01.04, DISTRIBUTION OF ROYALTIES,  
LICENSE FEES AND SALE PROCEEDS FROM LICENSING,  
TO TEXAS A&M INNOVATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The substantive revisions to System Policy 17.01, *Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization*, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective March 1, 2023, and the Chancellor’s adjustment of the allocation of the commercialization income previously distributed to the Member(s) under System Regulation 17.01.04, *Distribution of Royalties, License Fees and Sale Proceeds from Licensing*, to Texas A&M Innovation, as shown in the attached exhibit, is approved, effective March 1, 2023.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)*