

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
WITH FORMER BOARD MEMBERS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**February 8, 2023**

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Chairman Tim Leach convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with Former Board Members at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in the Center for Infrastructure Renewal (CIR) Building (Rooms 1107-1109), 1041 RELIS Parkway, Bryan, 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  
Mr. Michael J. Plank  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Mr. Cliff Thomas  
Mr. Demetrius Harrell (Student Regent)

The following former members of the Board were present (in date order):

Mr. David Eller  
Mr. Raul B. Fernandez  
Mr. Ross Margraves  
Ms. Alison Leland  
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor  
Mr. Fred McClure  
Mr. Don Powell  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Dr. Susan Rudd Bailey  
Mr. Steve Stevens  
Mr. John White  
Mr. Jim Wilson  
Dr. Richard Box  
Mr. Jim Schwertner  
Ms. Judy Morgan  
Mr. Charles Schwartz

**CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Leach welcomed the Regents Emeriti to the Texas A&M-RELLIS Campus and CIR. He thanked everyone for spending the next few hours with members of the current Board. Chairman Leach said a special thank you to his board chairman predecessor Regent Elaine Mendoza, who wanted to have this gathering in 2020, but due to the COVID pandemic, plans were postponed.

Chairman Leach said that they would have an opportunity to learn more about the current state of the A&M System and would discuss how this grand enterprise could best serve Texas and the nation for generations to come.

Chairman Leach said that Chancellor John Sharp and his leadership team were all about innovation and investment in the human capital of Texas. He said that they strived for a higher education system that was more entrepreneurial and more responsive to real world needs in a rapidly changing society.

Chairman Leach shared that the Texas A&M System was uniquely positioned for such innovation in that they have assembled the best leadership team, our land-grant flagship had become the biggest academic research engine in Texas, and the System has an array of world-class assets: eight state agencies and 11 universities.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:54 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 7:34 a.m. until 1:54 p.m., and conferred with the Chancellor, System administration and attorneys on legal and personnel matters.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents