

**MINUTES**

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

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**September 12, 2023**

*(Approved November 9, 2023)*

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**CONVENE**

Chairman Bill Mahomes convened a special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:03 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

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

Mr. Robert L. Albritton  
Mr. David Baggett  
Mr. John W. Bellinger  
Mr. Randy Brooks  
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

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Mahomes said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72 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 8:03 a.m. until 9:53 a.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Mahomes reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:54 a.m. He said the Board conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration, and attorneys on legal, personnel and real property matters, including Items 1 through 3.

Chairman Mahomes noted for the record that Mark Welsh, Interim President of Texas A&M University, had asked that action on Item 1, concerning a pre-development agreement with Aplin Center LLC and construction of an educational facility, be deferred. Mr. Mahomes

said that President Welsh and his team intended to gather additional information and bring this matter back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Mahomes presented Items 2 and 3 and asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a motion for these two items.

Regent Albritton moved adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 and 2. Regent Brooks seconded the motion. Ms. Spillers called each regent’s name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Albritton – yes, Baggett – yes, Bellinger – yes, Brooks – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Plank – yes, Torn – yes, and Chairman Mahomes voted “yes.”

The following minute orders were approved (199 and 200).

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**MINUTE ORDER 199-2023 (ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE  
AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE  
COLLABORATING ENTITIES RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE MANAGEMENT  
AND OPERATION OF THE PANTEX PLANT, AND PERFORMANCE  
UNDER THE RESULTING CONTRACT, IF AWARDED,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, is authorized to take all actions necessary to negotiate and execute agreements with appropriate collaborating entities relating to the development and submission of a proposal for the management and operation of the Pantex Plant and performance under the resulting contract, if awarded. Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, and the Texas Engineering Extension Service are authorized to participate in and support this effort, and the Board of Regents further authorizes the engagement of other A&M System members and A&M System-affiliated organizations, as appropriate.

**MINUTE ORDER 200 (ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL  
AND EXECUTE SPACE LEASE IN BUILDING LOCATED  
AT 8750 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY IN DALLAS, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to exercise a right of first refusal, execute an amendment to the current lease agreement to extend the term and execute an amendment to the current lease agreement or enter into a new lease for approximately 41,944 square feet of additional space in the building located at 8750 N. Central Expressway in Dallas, Texas, and to take any and all additional action and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Torn, seconded by Regent Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents