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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 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 special meeting at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019, in the State Regents' Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on September 18, 2018 and was amended on October 16, 2019. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Jody Parker called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Toney Stricklin, Jay Helm, Jeff Hickman, Ron White, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' regular meeting on September 5, 2019. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Chairman Parker shared personal thoughts on the challenges and benefits of serving on the State Regents board. He commented on his friendship with Andrew W. "Andy" Lester who resigned from the State Regents on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

5. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson provided Regents with a summary of engagements that he attended on behalf of the State Regents. Chancellor Johnson mentioned the Regents Education Program Annual Conference held on October 3 and discussed the possibility of restructuring the afternoon sessions. He mentioned the upcoming State Regents Special Budget Meeting on Thursday, November 7 and provided brief details about the agenda and reception to be held prior to the meeting. Chancellor Johnson concluded by mentioning the Fall Legislative Forum on Wednesday, November 13, highlighting invited panelists and details about the event.

Regents then took an item out of order to honor former State Regent Andrew W. “Andy” Lester. Chancellor Johnson provided comments and thanked him for his service to the board. Former State Regent Andy Lester then provided remarks, commenting on his time as a State Regent and thanking his former colleagues. Regent Stricklin read the resolution honoring former State Regent Andy Lester.

6. **STUDENTS.** Ms. Amber James, a student at Western Oklahoma State College (WOSC), spoke about her higher education experience. Sharing that she suffered from pediatric epilepsy, Ms. James stated that her experience inspired her to pursue a nursing degree. Despite being a successful student in high school, she found college overwhelming and dropped out two different times before finally deciding to try the nursing program at WOSC. She now has her LPN and thanks to the encouraging staff and opportunities at WOSC, she will become a RN in May 2020.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Science in Information and Science Technology in Tulsa, with the stipulation that general education course will be completed

at Tulsa Community College or transferred from another institution, and continuation of the program will depend upon meeting the criteria established by the institution and approved by the State Regents. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Graduate Certificate in Special Education, in both Stillwater and Tulsa, with the stipulation that continuation of the program will depend upon meeting the criteria established by the institution and approved by the State Regents. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.

8. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the following requests for program deletions:

- a. A request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to delete the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.
- b. A request from Eastern Oklahoma State College to delete the Certificate in Administrative Office Technology.

Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the ELS Language Centers in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for five years. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **POLICY.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve revisions to the Undergraduate Transfer and Articulation Policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to provide to the State Board of Equalization a funding estimate of \$72.4 million for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program for fiscal year 2021 and further recommended that \$70 million of the funding estimate be allocated from the General Revenue Fund with the remaining \$2.4 million funded from the program's trust fund reserves. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, gave a brief update on the Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship Program. He stated that the \$72.4 million was nearly \$5 million less than the current year funding level for FY2020 due to the implementation of statutory fiscal reforms approved by the Legislature in 2017 and an increase in the number of state system institutions not raising tuition.

12. **ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to authorize Freshman Institutional Nominees for Fall 2020 and Program Modifications. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants provided a brief overview of the Academic Scholars Program and stated that after making significant program reductions over the past two years, the program is in a position to restore some of those reductions if state funding remains stable over the next several fiscal years.

13. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the FY20 allocation for Murray State College's Scholars for Excellence in Childcare Program pursuant to the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **ENDOWMENT.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a distribution of 4.5 percent of the rolling average of June 30th market values totaling to the amount of \$26.95 million for fiscal year 2019, and \$4.1 million for prior years' carryover-- totaling approximately \$31.1 million-- for institutional expenditure from eligible Endowment Trust Fund accounts and approve the corresponding account reports for the year-ending June 30, 2019. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Stricklin. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **POLICY.**
 - a. The Regents reviewed proposed revisions to the Investment Policy. This item was for posting only.
 - b. Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the revisions to the Tuition and Fees Policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, and White. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve FY2020 Purchases in excess of \$100,000.

- a. Purchases over \$100,000.
 - (1) Gigapop Internet Services LLC in the amount of \$160,000 for primary and diverse Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) fiber optic path routes from the state fiber hut located at State Highway 51 and Garnett Rd. intersection in Tulsa, Oklahoma to the Tierpoint Datacenter #2 located at 12151 State Farm Drive in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The costs for this project will be recovered through OneNet customer user fees.
- b. Change Orders to Previously Approved Purchases
 - (1) At their meeting on May 31, 2019, the State Regents approved a FY20 purchase for Panhandle Telephone Cooperative in the amount of \$125,425.00 for circuits to provide services to OneNet customers. An additional amount of \$122,422.08 is needed due to Panhandle Telephone Cooperative's cost to deliver last mile services have increased for tariffed rates that have been filed with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission and the Federal Communications Commission. Panhandle is a local exchange carrier and sets tariffs annually. The new total of this purchase order will be \$247,847.08. The costs for these services will be recovered through OneNet user fees.

Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

- 17. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor to approve a new investment manager and allocation of funds for the Endowment Trust Fund. The committee's recommendation is for The Column Group – Fund IV -\$5 million. This manager will continue to diversify the fund portfolio and meet the objectives of realignment to the policy asset class targets. This item will be considered as a “preliminary” approval pending the final due diligence of the fund expected by Mercer by the end of October and prior to closing of the fund. Voting for

the motion were Regents Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **2019 FALL PRELIMINARY ENROLLMENT.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor to accept the Fall 2019 Preliminary Enrollment Survey. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none. Mr. Tony Hutchison, Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning, Analysis, Workforce & Economic Development, discussed the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) report and described demographic changes impacting preliminary enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and that there is expected to be an enrollment decline in coming years, creating the need to start strategizing in terms of enrollment and retainment.

19. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to recognize State Regents' staff for their service and recognitions on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Robert Anthony, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised Regents that an executive session was not needed.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to approve the following consent docket items:

- a. Programs. Approval of institutional requests for program modifications.
- b. Cooperative Agreements. Ratification of Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology's requests to add and delete cooperate agreement programs.

- c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests to renew participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Approval of institutional requests for degree program inventory reconciliation.
- d. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases in excess of \$25,000 for FY2019.
 - (2) Ratification of appointments of the Director of Online Learning Initiatives and the Director of Academic Programs and Innovation.
- e. Resolutions. Approval of resolutions honoring retiring staff.
- F. Resolution. Approval of a resolution honoring an outgoing member.

Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Stricklin, to accept the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current status report on program requests. (Supplement)
- b. Acceptance of the Teacher Education Program Admission Study.
- c. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Acceptance of the Early College Pilot Projects Annual Report.
 - (2) Acceptance of the USAO Holistic Admission Pilot Project Annual Report.
 - (3) Acceptance of the OU Concurrent Math Pilot Project Annual Report.
 - (4) Acceptance of the Academic Policy Exceptions Quarterly Report.
 - (5) Acceptance of the Preparing for College mass mailing report.
 - (6) Acceptance of the Financial and Long-Term Viability Assessment. (Supplement).

Agenda Item 2#22-c (6) was deleted and a revised version of the item will be presented in December.

Voting for the motion were Regents Stricklin, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen,

and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

23. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees 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 and Personnel and Technology Committee. The Strategic Planning and Personnel and Technology Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- d. Investment Committee. The Investment Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.

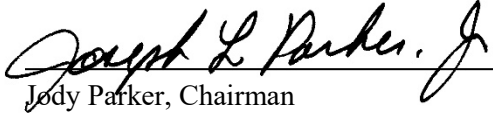
24. **OFFICERS.** Election of a replacement office for 2019-2020. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to move Regent Jeff Hickman from Assistant Secretary to the position of Secretary and to appoint Regent Mike Turpen as Assistant Secretary. Voting for the motion were Regents White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Turpen, Taylor, and Stricklin. Regent Hickman was not present for the vote. Voting against the motion were none.

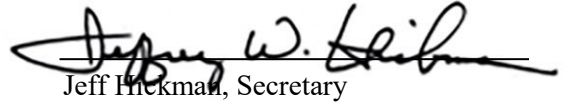
25. **NEW BUSINESS.** No new business was brought before the Board.

26. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Regent Parker announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, December 5, 2019 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:


Jody Parker, Chairman


Jeff Hickman, Secretary