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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 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the Rose State College Student Union. This special meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on Monday, March 1, 2021. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Ann Holloway called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ron White, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on October 22, 2020. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Holloway began by stating that it was great to be able to meet in person after some interesting months and that she was sure all were prepared to get back to normal. She stated that despite the strange circumstances, the State Regents have been able to continue doing their business as usual and everything has continued to run smoothly.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson reiterated that it was great to be meeting in person. He updated State Regents on the series of meetings after the budget rollout and discussed the budget presentations to the Senate and House. He stated that the workforce agenda has resonated well and that there was a lot of interest in the Endowed Chairs Program. He stated that the comprehensive legislative agenda is resonating with legislatures and that the State Regents should feel confident. He then highlighted the virtual legislative tours and legislative forum and noted the high attendance rate. Chancellor Johnson also briefly discussed the rescheduling of the virtual Higher Education Day at the Capitol. He stated that there has been positive flexibility on the revenue front and that the State Regents would receive an update later in the meeting from Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Ms. Sheri Mauck.

6. **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson provided Regents with a summary of presentations and engagements that he participated in on behalf of the State Regents from June 13, 2020 through February 18, 2021.

7. **STATE REGENTS.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson introduced Justice Noma Gurich. Justice Gurich administered the Oaths of Office to State Regent Dennis Casey from Morrison, Oklahoma, and State Regent Jack Sherry from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

8. **2019 HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.** This item was taken after the Budget Report and Revenue Update. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and the State Regents presented Senator Roger Thompson (Okemah) with the 2019 Higher Education Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2019 legislative session and thanked him for his service. Senator Thompson provided remarks about the important role education plays in the development of the state.

9. **WELCOME.** Rose State College President Jeanie Webb welcomed the State Regents to Rose State College. She stated that Rose State College had their fiftieth anniversary in 2020 and noted that the Student Union opened as part of that anniversary along with new dormitories, some of which are being used for COVID-19 rooms. She stated that despite the difficulties, Rose State College continues to remain positive and that their flexibility has worked very well for their students. President Webb also noted that Rose State College had been designated a Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Cyber, noting the importance with their close location to Tinker Air Force Base. She then discussed the challenges that Rose State has faced with not only COVID-19 but with the OG&E rolling blackouts in February, but that they are continuing to stay positive and do everything they can for their students.
10. **MERCER UPDATE.** Ms. Beth Johnson, Mr. Tim Westrich and Mr. Paul Katzfey from Mercer Hammond joined via Zoom videoconference. Ms. Johnson began by stating that the goal was to address concerns and questions from the State Regents and to discuss a recommendation for a re-up for an existing fund and an asset allocation recommendation.
- Ms. Johnson started with discussing the proposed asset allocation. She stated that while it was a diversified portfolio, that was not necessarily what the State Regents needed and that they had expressed a desire to simplify the portfolio and cut back on fees. She discussed the asset allocation change, focusing on the layout of the management grouping into a smaller number, making it more driven by bigger thoughts in the market and not focusing on the smaller parts of the market. She stated that they are recommending the move to a policy called B+, which is expected to produce a similar 10-year return to that of the current long-term policy, with greater equity market exposure that could benefit from nearer term market conditions. She stated that this would take some of the cost out of the portfolio and make it more manageable with fewer moving parts. With this, they recommend adding an index fund. She noted that they are getting rid of some managers but not taking any hits, and that they are taking profits and reallocating them to a

simplistic strategy. Regent Taylor provided remarks about the good discussions from their meetings with Mercer and praised Mercer for their responsiveness to the questions from the State Regents.

Mr. Tim Westrich covered the recommendation of Bain Capital Real Estate Fund II, stating that their recommendation is that the State Regents commit \$10 million to this fund, and noting the \$7 million that the State Regents committed to Bain Capital Real Estate Fund I-A in 2019. He noted that Fund II would continue the same strategy. Mr. Westrich stated that Bain's strategy has proven fairly successful in COVID-19, and that Fund I has performed relatively well during the pandemic primarily due to its property type exposure outside of real estate that has come under more pressure recently. He stated that the fund is targeting a fund size of \$1.6 billion that will be invested over a time frame of 5 years. Ms. Johnson concluded by providing an estimate for the one-month period, showing that the total value is just shy of \$835 million and that they estimate that value will go up.

11. **SYSTEM INNOVATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE.** Mr. John Curry, Mr. Glenn McLaurin, Ms. Kateri Schlessman, and Mr. Chris Byrne from Huron Consulting Group joined via Zoom videoconference. Mr. Curry began by discussing the first cohort, stating that after each individual institution's financial viability report last year, a question arose regarding how the campuses see themselves according to other key data and what measures do they use to evaluate their success. Mr. Curry praised the cooperation of the campuses in the first cohort and stated that Huron was remarkably delighted to see the collaborations that are already going on amongst those institutions, showing that the campuses are already taking initiatives. Focusing on the project goals, Ms. Schlessman stated that the intent was to help institutions understand how each institution sees and evaluates its own successes and performances, all to improve the mission and financial position of the institutions. She then highlighted the key themes that have emerged through multiple discussions and collaboration workshop meetings

with Cohort 1 institutions. Ms. Schlessman then discussed collaborations that institutions had identified that they wanted to expand upon. She stated that for each institution, they assessed that there could be around \$10,000 to \$100,000 in savings. She noted that there is a need for more robust data, as they noticed that institutions had varying degrees of being able to understand their KPIs and variable information. Ms. Schlessman discussed the dashboard that was created for each institution, providing an expanded holistic view of key measures in student mission, operations, and finances, as well as CFI Scores. expanded set of KPIs.

Ms. Schlessman then discussed the existing collaborative initiatives, noting that Cohort 1 institutions partner with 45 different entities including system peers as well as educational, government, and non-profit entities both internal and external to Oklahoma. She noted that they identified that there are opportunities such as reducing costs, sharing highly trained skilled staff, and sharing instructional and administrative service functions. She stated that they learned that there are some efforts starting around joint classroom delivery, where a faculty member would be teaching the same class to students around multiple campuses. She then discussed the scalability of these collaborations, adding that many of the collaborations can be built upon. Ms. Schlessman stated that of the original eleven scalable collaborations, Cohort 1 identified six high priority areas to proceed with exploring for system-wide adoption that could be built upon regarding feasibility, financial impact per institution, scalability, and operating model. Ms. Schlessman then presented three concurrent pathways to proceed with Cohort 1 priorities while leveraging Cohort 2 discussions and collaboration initiatives. She then discussed power of spend and shared services. A discussion began regarding the discreet action items that institutions can take to leverage their contracts. Huron concluded by stating that it is important to be intentional in expanding what is already there.

12. **BUDGET REPORT AND REVENUE UPDATE.** Interim Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance Ms. Sheri Mauck provided State Regents with a report on the State budget, gross

production tax, and revenue. Ms. Mauck started the update with where they are currently for FY22, stating that the report covers activity through January 2021. She stated that the January collections were down \$115 million below the monthly estimate, representing a 15.9 percent reduction primarily driven by oil gross production that was down 64 percent and income tax that was also down 14.2 percent. She stated that collectively for the full seven-month period for the fiscal year, the revenues are only slightly below the estimate, about 0.2 percent, representing \$9.2 million below the estimate. Ms. Mauck stated that the Office of Management and Enterprise Services still anticipates that there will not be a need for a declaration of general revenue failure for FY2021. Focusing on the actual collections of gross oil production revenue that higher education receives, Ms. Mauck stated that the agency had received 96 percent of the amount allocated to the State Regents from the legislature, representing around \$89.8 million. She discussed the CARES Act report, stating that institutions reported that they have used \$112 million, and in late December the institutions were also allocated an additional \$193 million which will be available for COVID-19 related expenditures through the spring semester.

Ms. Mauck then stated that the Board of Equalization met on February 16, 2021 and had a good report on economic recovery, stating that the economy's improvement is primarily driven by the federal stimulus money, growth and earned income, as well as the vaccine rollout. Going into FY22, there are currently \$229 million in reserve through the Rainy Day balance and the Revenue Stabilization Fund. The total projection of revenue that they made available and certified through the legislature going into FY2022 was \$9.6 billion. Of that amount, \$7.9 billion is recurring revenue which will be what the state legislature has to build the budget for FY22. She stated that this means that approximately \$1.7 billion is built from one-time cash reserve funds as well as \$200 million from cash flow reserve, prior year carryover of just over \$1 billion, and other non-revenue funds that were used in FY22 such as the roads reallocation and reallocation from Teachers Retirement and public safety. Ms. Mauck concluded by stating that if you take what was certified as recurring revenue for FY2022 (\$7.9 billion), they are just slightly behind what was

estimated before the pandemic, which was \$8.2 billion that was certified in February of 2020.

13. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Ms. LeeAnna McNally provided State Regents with an update on legislative activity. Senator Thompson update?? Ms. McNally stated that just over 3,000 bills were filed for consideration this year. After the deadline, only 1,100 bills will be heard in their respective chambers of origin by March 11, 2021. She then discussed House Bill 1821 by Representative Toni Hassenbeck, which increases flexibility for the tuition aid grant, and the companion bill Senate Bill 237 by Senator Dewayne Pemberton. Ms. McNally then discussed Senate Bill 132 by Senator David Bullard regarding extending Oklahoma's Promise to the eleventh grade. She then discussed Senate Bill 238 by Senator Dewayne Pemberton, which creates a task force to have high school students complete the FAFSA in order to graduate. Ms. McNally concluded by discussions Senate Bill 292 by Senator John Haste, creating a task force to study the concurrent enrollment needs of the state.

14. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**
 - a. **Online Education Task Force.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke began by stating that there had been a lot of activity regarding membership renewal and that of the 25 institutions, there are 23 members plus OSUIT and OSU-OKC, but that OSU and OU continued to decline membership. She mentioned the launch of the Online Consortium of Oklahoma (OCO) website in the fall, noting that there are now on-demand videos. She discussed the Open Educational Resources initiative through the Online Education Task Force, and that through membership fees to the OCO, they had purchased a one-year subscription license for pressbook, providing them 30 opportunities to create collaborative projects that will be resources for students. She stated they are currently focused on five for CEP courses, noting that this is a good opportunity for adults in higher education as it reduces costs around \$150-200 per student

in each course. In addition, she stated that they are continuing work on badging and microcredentialing. She stated that there had been good participation in a STEM virtual academy with 60 faculty completing a six week program. Dr. Blanke also discussed that through the Lumina Funding, they will conduct a year-long pilot with Credly Acclaim, making about 300 plus badges available to every institution. She stated that it is good to see if it is valuable to students without an additional expense, and that they are looking forward to this pilot. Dr. Blanke discussed work with a chapter in Florida and stated that it is good that they are receiving recognition from entities outside of the state. She discussed a collaboration between the OCO, Southeastern Oklahoma State University and OneNet, regarding work on a virtual reality project, creating virtual reality modules in STEM courses, developing these apps and then providing them to the state system. Finally, Dr. Blanke concluded by discussing the 2021 Oklahoma Online Excellence awards, stating that sixteen nominations are being reviewed and will likely be recognized in April.

- b. **State Regents Campus Safety and Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications Ms. Angela Caddell began by stating that planning is underway for the statewide Campus Safety and Security Summit, which is currently planned for November 1, 2021 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. She stated that they have activated their planning committee which includes their partners, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and that they the hope to work again with the Midwest City Police Department to put together a live exercise. She stated that they plan to issue their save the date and call for proposals within the next few days, and are looking to receive concurrent session proposals by May 14, 2021. Ms. Caddell stated that they were able to reengage Scott Lewis, who is a national authority on optimizing campus behavioral intervention teams, and that they are going to work with him for the

summit this fall. She stated that they are going to limit the number of unique sessions to repeat content and give more participants access to more content throughout the day. Ms. Caddell also mentioned the partnership with Oklahoma Department of Mental Health regarding licensing training for crisis intervention training, work with them to see if they would work with them to put together an event for campus law enforcement. She noted that the CIT Certification event is set for April 19-23, 2021 at the Rose State College Student Union. This certification will help train thirty participants and Ms. Caddell stated that the goal is to partner with them to offer this training several times a year. She concluded by stating that the Campus Safety and Security Task Force meets again on April 7, 2021.

15. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** This item was taken after the Reports.
 - a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(1) to discuss the annual performance review of the Chancellor and Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning Knox v. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, CJ-2020-2383, Oklahoma County District Court if the board, with advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.
 - b. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
 - c. Following executive session discussion, open session resumes.

- d. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **OKLAHOMA CAMPUS COMPACT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker to approve the annual Oklahoma Campus Compact Voter Registration Contest. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

- a. Presentation of the Faculty Advisory Council's Annual Report.
- b. Membership. Recognition of Faculty Advisory Council members who have completed their service and recognition of new members elected by the Faculty Assembly to represent faculty. Regents recognized FAC members who completed their terms of service and newly elected FAC members, presented by Dr. Debbie Blanke, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 Annual Faculty Advisory Report and recognize outgoing and incoming Faculty Advisory Council members. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor.

18. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

December 2020

- a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent White to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Graduate Certificate in Native American Studies, the Graduate Certificate in Community Engagement, and the Master of Construction

Business in Construction Management. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma College of Law to offer the Master of Laws in Energy and Natural Resources Law, the Master of Laws in Healthcare Law, the Master of Laws in Indigenous Peoples Law, and the Master of Laws in International Business Law. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Strategic Communication in Tulsa, the Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication in Tulsa, the Graduate Certificate in Finance and Investment Banking, and the Bachelor of Science in Geophysics. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Freshwater Sciences and the Certificate in American Chemical Society. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

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- e. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science and Natural Resources in Agricultural Systems Technology, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting, and the Educational Specialist in School Psychology. Voting for the motion via

roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

- f. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Master of Arts in Integrated Childhood Well-being in Tulsa and the Executive Master of Business Administration in Renewables. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- g. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from East Central University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

19. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.**

- a. December 2020: a request from the University of Oklahoma to delete the Bachelor of Science in Engineering, a request from Northwestern Oklahoma State University to delete the Certificate in Grief and Bereavement, and a request from Carl Albert State College to delete the Certificate in Religious Study.
- b. March 2021: a request from Oklahoma City Community College to delete the Certificate in Bilingual Banking and Finance and the Certificate in Geographic Information Systems, and a request from Tulsa Community College to delete the Associate in Arts in Pre-Education, the Associate in Science in International Business, the Certificate in Business Computer User, and the Certificate in Project Management.

Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent White, to approve the institutional requests for program deletions. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE.**

- a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the Oklahoma’s Promise grading policy guidance for the 2020-2021 academic year. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to acknowledge receipt of the Oklahoma’s Promise Year End Report for 2019-2020. Mr. Bryce Fair, Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants, provided a brief update on the Year-End report for 2019-2020. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **ACT ANNUAL REPORT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to acknowledge receipt of the Annual Report on ACT scores for the 2020 graduating class. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **SUMMER ACADEMIES.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the 2021 Summer Academy proposals recommended for FY21 funding. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

23. **POLICY.**

December 2020

- a. Posting of revisions to the Teacher Education policy. This item was for posting only.

- b. Posting of revisions to the Academic Program Approval policy. This item was for posting only.
- c. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve Oklahoma City Community College's request for an exception to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

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- d. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the test-optional admission policy pilot project for Murray State College, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University, Rogers State University, Rose State College, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Tulsa Community College, University of Central Oklahoma, and University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma for a period of five years. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the expansion of the EXCELerate project proposed by Tulsa Community College. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the COVID-19 Policy Guidance Document to provide flexibility in Academic Affairs policy. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- g. Posting of revisions to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. This item was for posting only.

24. **TEACHER EDUCATION.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program benefit for each eligible teacher in 2021. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

25. **RULE REVISIONS.**

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- a. Approval of proposed rule revisions for the Oklahoma’s Promise – Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program.
- b. Approval of proposed rule revisions for the Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program.
- c. Approval of proposed rules revisions for the Academic Scholars Program.
- d. Approval of proposed rule revisions for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program.
- e. Approval of proposed rule revisions for the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program.

Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the adoption of the permanent rule revisions to the Oklahoma’s Promise – Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, the Regional University Baccalaureate Program, the Academic Scholars Program, the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program, and the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor.

26. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of \$1,430,055.25 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$1,430,055.25 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) from revenue collected from taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman,

Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

27. **POLICY.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve a one-time exception to policy to waive certain academic service fees in order to relieve the unexpected costs associated with the shift to online courses and/or services that are unavailable to students for the Spring 2021 term. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

28. **EPSCoR.**

- a. Approval of allocation of EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Dues.
- b. Approval of allocation for Oklahoma Research Day.
- c. Appointment of members to the Oklahoma EPSCoR Advisory Committee.

Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the allocation of EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Dues, the allocation for Oklahoma Research Day, and the appointment of members to the Oklahoma EPSCoR Advisory Committee. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

29. **REVENUE BONDS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve for transmittal to Attorney General Statement of Essential Facts for Oklahoma State University's General Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A in an amount of approximately \$83,015,000 (tax exempt) and General Revenue Refunding Bonds 2021B in an amount of approximately \$102,180,000 (Federally Taxable). Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

30. **PURCHASING.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
31. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve new investment managers and allocation of funds for the endowment trust fund. The committee's recommendation is to commit \$25 million to Vanguard Developed Market Index and \$10 million to Bain Capital Real Estate Fund II. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
32. **POLICY.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve revisions to State Regents' Policy 2.5 State Regents' Committees to establish the System Innovations Committee as a new standing State Regents committee. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
33. **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Regent White made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to ratify an amendment to the State Regents' 2021 Legislative Agenda to add the State System's COVID-19 response. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
34. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to accept the following recommendations in the Consent Docket:
- a. Programs.

- (1) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests. December 2020.
- (2) Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests. March 2021.
- b. Reinstatement. Approval of institutional request.
- c. Suspension. Approval of institutional requests.
- d. Reconciliations.
 - (1) Approval of institutional requests. December 2020.
 - (2) Approval of institutional request. March 2021.
- e. Cooperative Agreement. Approval of institutional requests.
- f. Academic Nomenclature. March 2021.
 - (1) Oklahoma State University. Ratification of a request to establish a new college on the OSU-Tulsa campus.
 - (2) Northeastern State University. Ratification of a request to consolidate existing departments.
- g. Post Audit. Approval of institutional requests for final approval and review schedule extensions for existing programs. December 2020.
- h. Electronic Delivery.
 - December 2020.
 - (1) University of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the existing Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication via electronic delivery.
 - (2) Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology.
 - (3) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the Master of Science in Health and Sport Science via electronic delivery.

- (4) Murray State College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Applied Science in Business Management via electronic delivery.

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- (5) Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the existing Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management Information System via electronic delivery.
- (6) University of Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Technologies, the Master of Science in Architecture, the Master of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering, and the Master of Science in Computer Science.
- (7) East Central University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, and the Bachelor of Arts in Native American Studies.
- (8) Murray State College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Science in Criminal Justice via electronic delivery.
- (9) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Science in Criminal Justice via electronic delivery.

i. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

- (1) Ratification of institutional requests to continue participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. December 2020.
- (2) Ratification of institutional requests to continue participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. March 2021.

j. Operations.

- (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000. December 2020.
- (2) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000. March 2021.
- (3) Annual FY2020 Audit Report. December 2020.

- (4) Review and Approval of the FY2021 Tuition Impact Analysis Report. December 2020.
 - (5) Ratification of appointment of Director of Technology and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and appointment of Interim General Counsel.
- k. Non-Academic Degrees.
- (1) Ratification of a request from Langston University to award a posthumous degree. December 2020.
 - (2) Ratification of a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to award a posthumous degree. December 2020.
 - (3) Ratification of requests from Oklahoma State University to award honorary degrees. March 2021.

Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

35. **REPORTS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Academic Scholars Program Year-End Report. December 2020.
 - (2) Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Year-End Report. December 2020.
 - (3) Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Year-End Report. December 2020.
 - (4) Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarships Year-End Report.
 - (5) Academic Policy Exceptions Quarterly Report. December 2020.
 - (6) Academic Policy Exceptions Quarterly Report. March 2021.
 - (7) Financial Operations Report, June 30, 2020.

Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, White, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.


36. **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.


37. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Holloway announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City. State Regents meetings for March 24 and 25 will be cancelled and rescheduled for April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. An announcement will be issued this afternoon to outline the search committee for a new Chancellor. Parker, Helm, White, and Holloway are part of the search committee.

38. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Ann Holloway, Chairwoman



Michael C. Turpen, Secretary