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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 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Rose State College Student Union. This special meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on May 18, 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, Jay Helm, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on April 15, 2021. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Holloway began by congratulating Chancellor Glen D. Johnson on his recent honor at the legislature for his many years of service to the State of Oklahoma. She asked that the video of the presentation of Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 that was presented to Chancellor Johnson be played. Chair Holloway congratulated and thanked Chancellor Johnson again, then provided an update on the status of the search for Chancellor

Johnson's successor. She noted that the position profile had been finalized and would be made public on Friday, May 28, 2021, along with a press release and the launch of a website that was created to keep members of the public and other key stakeholders advised of the status of the search.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson began by thanking Chair Holloway for her remarks on the honor he received. He stated that this year the legislature had been historic, with higher education receiving a \$42.4 million increase over the FY21 appropriations, noting that this was the largest increase for higher education since 2008. He then discussed then briefly discussed a few of the recommendations for the FY22 budget, adding that these recommendations would be looked at in greater detail later in the meeting. He concluded his remarks by thanking everyone for their collective effort in making it a very successful budget year.
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 April 6, 2021 through May 17, 2021.
7. **STATE REGENTS.** Chancellor Glen D. Johnson introduced Judge Kathryn Savage. Judge Savage administered the Oath of Office to State Regent Courtney Warmington from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Regent Warmington provided remarks.
8. **WELCOME.** Rose State College President Jeanie Webb welcomed the State Regents back to Rose State College, stating that it was nice to see everyone's faces without masks. She thanked the State Regents and Chancellor Johnson for their continued support through the pandemic, adding that the institution presidents always look to the State Regents and Chancellor for leadership. President Webb mentioned that Rose State College was recognized as a Center for

Workforce Excellence for Aerospace and Cyber Security, and highlighted their partnership with Tulsa Community College and Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. President Webb concluded her remarks by discussing the importance of the partnerships among the higher education community.

9. **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 Representative Mike Osburn with the 2020 Higher Education Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2021 legislative session and thanked him for his service. Representative Osburn provided remarks about the important role education plays in the development of the state.
  
10. **REHEARING REQUEST.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke provided background on the item and explained the academic program approval process. Chair Holloway then discussed the protest hearing on April 1, 2021, stating that subsequent to that hearing, the State Regents considered and unanimously approved on a 9-0 vote a request from Oklahoma State University (OSU) to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting through OSU-Tulsa, which was protested by Northeastern State University, at the State Regents' meeting on April 15, 2021. She stated that following the approval of OSU's request at the April 15, 2021 meeting, the State Regents received an application from Northeastern State University (NSU) and the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) for a rehearing, reopening or reconsideration of OSU's request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting through OSU-Tulsa. Northeastern State University President Steve Turner recognized Mr. Tom Wolfe to provide remarks on behalf of both RUSO and NSU.  
  
Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis recognized Associate General Counsel Ms.

Brandee Hancock to provide remarks on behalf of OSU. Oklahoma State University Spears School of Business Dean Ken Eastman addressed NSU's argument that the program is duplicative, and also discussed accreditation and collaboration. Mr. Wolfe provided a rebuttal on behalf of NSU. Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis provided a rebuttal on behalf of OSU. Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke provided data regarding the number of students in each respective program that sat for the CPA test. There was no motion to reconsider. Chair Holloway stated that the action taken by the State Regents at their meeting on April 15, 2021, which unanimously approved on a 9-0 vote OSU's request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting through OSU-Tulsa, stands.

11. **CHANCELLOR HANS BRISCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD.** This item was taken out of order, after the welcome by Rose State College President Jeanie Webb. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the individuals selected as 2021 Chancellor Hans Brisch Scholarship Program honorees and ratify payment of the scholarship award. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
12. **COUNCIL FOR ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARDS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm to recognize the 2021 Council for Online Learning Excellence Awards to honor outstanding faculty, staff, institutions, teams, or groups for their work in advancing online learning in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **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 stated that the general revenue collections through April 2021 totaled \$736.6 million, or \$72.6 million (9.0 percent) below the monthly estimate. She noted that the reduction was primarily driven by the extension in the deadline for filing income taxes from April 15 to June 15, 2021. Ms. Mauck added that individual income tax collections were down \$194.7 million or 44.6 percent for the month of April, while gross production natural gas collections were up \$66.4 million or 386.9 percent, and outpaced natural gas collections from April 2020 by \$71.9 million or 609.9 percent. She stated that the cumulative FY2021 total general revenue collections through April (July 2020 – April 2021) fell slightly below the estimate by \$45.1 million or 0.8 percent. This overall year-to-date collection total still reflects that State revenues are continuing to stabilize moving through the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Mauck concluded by discussing the reported expenditures of CARES/CRRSAA Act spending by institutions, noting that as of March 31, 2021, the expenditures totaled \$147.6 million, with \$71.8 million of that total (48.6 percent) going to student grants and scholarships. She added that this total includes not only funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) but all sources made available to institutions through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and federal stimulus allocations.

14. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Ms. LeeAnna McNally provided State Regents with an update on legislative activity. Ms. McNally began by stating that it had been a wonderful session, both in regard to budget and policy. She highlighted House Bill 1962 by Representative Jadine Nollan and Senator Marty Quinn, specifying qualified higher education expenses to fall in line with section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, bringing those definitions together to make sure that when students are applying for financial aid that all definition are congruent. Ms. McNally discussed House Bill 2874 by Representative Kevin



Wallace and Senator Roger Thompson, which adds the University Hospitals Trust to those exempt from sales tax. She discussed House Bill 2943 by Representative Charles McCall and Senator Greg Treat which transfers the University Center of Southern Oklahoma to Murray State College and renames it Murray State College at Ardmore. Ms. McNally highlighted that this was a completely voluntary merger. She also discussed Senate Bill 261 by Senator John Michael Montgomery and Representative Melissa Provenzano regarding the Oklahoma Student Borrower's Bill of Rights. She highlighted Senate Bill 292 by Senator John Haste and Representative Nollan which creates a task force to study the concurrent enrollment needs of the State, noting that this will be a fourteen-member Task Force that will begin this year. She discussed House Bill 1821 by Representative Toni Hasenbeck and Senator Dewayne Pemberton regarding increasing the flexibility of the use of Tuition Aid Grants. Ms. McNally concluded her update by highlighting Senate Bill 132 by Senator David Bullard and Representative Rhonda Baker regarding extending the application window for Oklahoma's Promise to the eleventh grade, and Senate Bill 639 by Senator Adam Pugh and Representative Rhonda Baker regarding Oklahoma's Promise and specific reporting requirements.

15. **TASK FORCE REPORTS.**

- a. **Online Education Task Force.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke began by stating that the pandemic accelerated a lot of work in the online area. She stated that the Online Consortium of Oklahoma recently elected Mr. Brett King as the new Chair. She stated that OCO was accepted for a year-long program with the Open Educational Resources Institute. Work on microcredentials with Credly Acclaim, working with Carl Albert State College \*\*\*. Executive Digital Accessibility summit, in discussion with managed contracts regarding online integrity and proctoring, finding ways to collaborate for discounts. Quality Matters workshops, 177 workshop enrollments in spring and summer of 2021 – discounted opportunities for institutions,

saved around \$17,000 for institutions. OCO has launched their OER Basics Course and Beyond, looking at intermediate skill level OER obtained and microcredentialing. COLE and OneNet are developing virtual reality production kits that can be checked out by institutions that will hopefully be ready this summer or fall. Holding Online Planning Retreat in early July for initiatives to be taken in the fall.

- b. **State Regents Campus Safety and Security Task Force.** Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications Ms. Angela Caddell began by providing an update on the Campus Safety and Security Summit planned for November 1 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. She stated that they are working with their summit partners on content development for breakout sessions. She shared that the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security is going to sponsor the keynote speaker, Scott Lewis, who is a nationally-recognized expert on maximizing the efficacy of campus behavioral intervention teams. Ms. Caddell also discussed the partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services regarding their past offering of mental health first-aid training, instructor training, and national certification training for campus personnel. to provide mental health first-aid training on campuses. She stated that they are currently planning additional mental health first-aid training opportunities for more campuses, and to train new instructors to provide training. Ms. Caddell concluded by stating that the next Campus Safety and Security Task Force meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

16. **E&G BUDGET.** This item was taken out of order, after the Higher Education Distinguished Service Award presentation. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of state appropriated funds to institutions and programs for FY2022 and acceptance of FY22 Budget Principles and Guidelines. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Chancellor Johnson, discussing a specific component of the allocation,

introduced Representative Nicole Miller to provide remarks regarding the recommendation of \$2 million of the allocation for funding the National Guard Tuition Waiver. Representative Miller provided remarks.

17. **POLICY.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, 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 services that are unavailable to students for the Summer and Fall 2021 terms. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
18. **TUITION.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the FY22 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Principles and Guidelines for dissemination to state system presidents and governing boards. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
19. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**
  - a. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve FY-2021 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
  - b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve FY-2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Regent Taylor voted in favor of all purchases but abstained from the vote on the section referencing American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation. Voting against the motion

were none.

20. **INVESTMENTS.** This item was deleted.

21. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Data Science and Analytics. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve a request from Cameron University to offer the Certificate in Cybersecurity. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Certificate in Operations and Supply Chain Management. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and the Certificate in Leadership. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Carl Albert State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College, Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology,

Redlands Community College, Rogers State University, Rose State College, Seminole State College, and Western Oklahoma State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Applied Technology as a statewide collaborative program. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a request from Redlands Community College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Equine Science Assisted Therapy and the Certificate in Equine Therapeutic Instructor Training, and a request from Seminole State College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Applied Technology. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
  
23. **HIGH SCHOOL COURSES FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to ratify a request to approve high school courses for college admission. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
  
24. **POLICY.**
  - a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve proposed revisions to the Institutional Admission and Retention policy. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
  - b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve revisions to policies related to accreditation and state authorization. Voting for the motion via roll call

were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve revisions to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

25. **TEST-OPTIONAL ADMISSION PILOT PROGRAM.**

- a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve requests by Rogers State University and Tulsa Community College to modify their approved test-optional admissions pilot projects. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the test-optional admission policy pilot project for Cameron University, East Central University, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Langston University, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Redlands Community College, and Western Oklahoma State College for a period of five years, ending in 2026. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

26. **PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve modifications, deletions, and additions to the system faculty's prior learning assessment matrix for technical education. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

27. **STUDENT ASSESSMENT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the Student Assessment Plans as required by the Assessment and Remediation policy. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
28. **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the proposed 2021-2022 award schedule for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant program. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
29. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to authorize and re-authorize private and out-of-state institutions to operate in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
30. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to accept the following recommendations in the Consent Docket:
- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
  - b. Suspensions. Approval of institutional requests.
  - c. Reconciliations. Approval of institutional requests.
  - d. Academic Nomenclature. Ratification of Oklahoma State University's request to establish a new department.
  - e. Electronic Delivery.
    - (1) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Sustainability Studies, the Bachelor of Business Administration in Information Systems, and the Bachelor

of Technology in Technology.

- (2) University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the existing Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance via electronic delivery.
- f. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests to continue participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- g. Operations. Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
- h. Non-Academic Degrees.
  - (1) Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award an honorary degree in absentia.
  - (2) Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award a posthumous degree.
  - (3) Ratification of a request from Cameron University to award a posthumous degree.
  - (4) Ratification of a request from Oklahoma Panhandle State University to award posthumous degrees.
- i. Resolution. Resolutions honoring retiring staff.

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

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

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.
  - (1) Oklahoma College Savings Plan Annual Program Update for 2020.
  - (2) Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program 2020-2021 Year End Report.
  - (3) Future Teachers Scholarship Program 2020-2021 Year End Report.
  - (4) Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program 2020-2021 Year End



Report.

- (5) William P. Willis Scholarship 2020-2021 Year End Report.
- (6) National Guard Tuition Waiver 2020-21 Year End Report and Institutional Reimbursement.

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

32. **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.

33. **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)(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.

Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, 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, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none. Regent Turpen was not present for the vote to enter executive session.


- b. Following executive session discussion, open session resumes.
- c. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.


34. **RECOGNITION OF REGENT RON WHITE.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a resolution honoring Regent Ron White for years of service. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor.

35. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Holloway announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
Ann Holloway, Chairwoman

  
Michael C. Turpen, Secretary