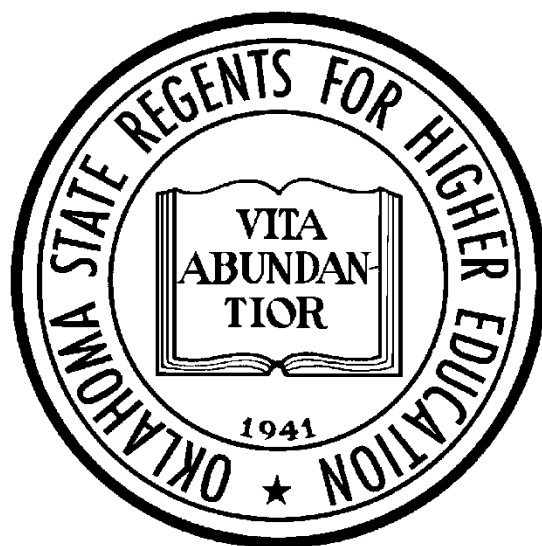


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of the  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021 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 December 3, 2020. A copy of the agenda for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Jeffrey W. Hickman called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Courtney Warmington, Jody Parker, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Michael C. Turpen joined the meeting in progress at 9:19 a.m.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on September 9, 2021. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Hickman began by stating that he did not know if there had ever been as much interest or engagement with higher education from legislators as they are seeing now. He stated that legislators have identified critical workforce needs and the importance of higher education to fulfill these positions. He stated that the interim studies they are

seeing and with the information that they have recently presented to legislators, there seems to be a great deal of focus on partnerships and ways to work with higher education to invest in critical workforce areas.

5. **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 August 27, 2021 through October 11, 2021. Chancellor Johnson highlighted the retirement of State EPSCoR Director, Dr. Jerry Malayer, and the appointment of Dr. Raman Singh as the new State EPSCoR Director. He also highlighted the presentation that he and State Regents' Chair Jeff Hickman gave to the Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding Workforce & Economic Developing Working Group at the State Capitol.
  
6. **HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.** This item was taken after the approval of the minutes. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and the State Regents presented Representative Kyle Hilbert with the 2020 and 2021 Higher Education Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2020 and 2021 legislative sessions and thanked him for his service. Representative Hilbert provided remarks.
  
7. **STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD.** Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke recognized incoming members to the Student Advisory Board. Dr. Blanke noted that due to COVID-19, Student Advisory Board members will be installed and take their oath of office at their first meeting which will be held virtually over Zoom.
  
8. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
  - a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to offer the Doctor of Dental Surgery

in Dentistry in Tulsa. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Organizational Leadership in Tulsa, the Bachelor of Professional Studies in Public Safety in Tulsa, the Graduate Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism Analytics, the Graduate Certificate in Facilitating Career Development, the Master of Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering, and the Certificate in Property and Real Estate Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Rogers State University to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Master of Science in Data Science. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- 9. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to delete the Doctor of Public Health in Public Health. Voting for the motion Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **POLICY**

- a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the extension of a policy exception through the 2021-2022 academic year for the Early College pilot program at Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU) that allows OPSU to admit high school sophomores. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the revised Academic Program Approval policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve revisions to academic policies to reflect the disestablishment of the University Center of Southern Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the proposed revisions to the Teacher Education policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Posting of revisions to the Credit for Prior Learning policy. This item was for posting only.

11. **OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE.**

- a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to provide to the State Board of Equalization a funding estimate of \$64.8 million for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program for fiscal year 2023 and further recommend that \$58.8 of the funding estimate be allocated from the General Revenue Fund with the remaining \$6

million funded from the program's trust fund reserves. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Posting of proposed permanent administrative rule revisions for Oklahoma's Promise, which address the following items: 1) incorporating the statutory change to extend the application period to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade; 2) modifying the program's high school curricular requirements to reflect changes in the college admission curricular requirements recently approved by the State Regents; and 3) deleting an obsolete reference to cooperative agreements between a public career technology center and an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education . This item was for posting only.

- 12. **OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT.** Posting of proposed permanent administrative rule revisions for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program. These changes include: 1) incorporating statutory changes authorized by HB 1821 allowing greater flexibility to institutions in the awarding of the grants; 2) removing restrictions on the State Regents' authority to set maximum award amounts; and 3) identifying priority factors that may be used in awarding the grants. This item was for posting only.

- 13. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the community college Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program FY22 allocations pursuant to the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The contract amount was approved at the June 24, 2021 Oklahoma State Regents' meeting. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.



14. **ENDOWMENT.**

- a. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the following: (1.) the endowed chairs Use of Proceeds Agreement with the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority (OCIA) for the funding of the state matching portion for the private gifts already on hand in the Endowed Chairs Program (2.) approve new accounts, increases to existing accounts and (3.) approve reallocations and renaming of accounts within the portfolio as requested by the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a distribution of 4.5 percent of the rolling average of June 30<sup>th</sup> market values totaling to the amount of \$31.4 million for fiscal year 2021, and \$3.9 million for prior years' carryover – totaling approximately \$35.4 million – for institutional expenditure from eligible Endowment Trust Fund accounts and approve the corresponding account reports for the year-ending June 30, 2021. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **MASTER LEASE.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to authorize for submission to the Council of Bond Oversight the 2021C Equipment Master Lease Series. The total projects from Southeastern Oklahoma State University total \$1.975 million. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **PURCHASING POLICY.** Posting of permanent revisions for the Administrative Operations – Purchasing rules to initiate the process for adoption of permanent rule revisions. These revisions include: 1) edits, clarification of terminology and changes to modernize the policy; 2) the addition

of a new section to authorize State System consortium purchasing opportunities to provide efficiency and savings for our public colleges and universities; 3) authorization for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to conduct competitive solicitations on behalf of the State System with the purpose of achieving efficiencies and savings; 4) an increase to threshold for the competitive bid requirements from \$2,500 to \$5,000 in recognition of the inflation that has occurred since the original rule was adopted in 2003; and 5) allowing an informal bid process to be used for purchases between \$5,001 to \$25,000. A minimum of three vendors must be solicited with at least two price quotations being received. This item was for posting only.

17. **EPSCoR.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge the appointment of the new State EPSCoR Director, Dr. Raman P. Singh, and approve the allocation of \$25,000 of administrative support funding to Oklahoma State University-Tulsa. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
  
18. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve FY-2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
  
19. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve new investments managers and allocation of funds for the endowment trust fund. The recommendation is to commit \$12,000,000 to Great Hill Equity Partners Fund VIII and \$10,000,000 to Lead Edge Capital VI. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Regent Parker voted in favor of approving Great Hill Equity Partners Fund

VIII as an investment manager and abstained from the vote for Lead Edge Capital VI. Voting against the motion were none.

20. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to accept the report and commend staff for state and national recognitions. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the proposed revisions to the State Regents' Delegation of Authority to Chancellor policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

22. **POLICY.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a new policy section 5.19 establishing the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

23. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.** This item was deleted.

24. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Sherry, to accept the following recommendations in the Consent Docket:

- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of an institutional request.
- b. Electronic Delivery. Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the existing Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting via electronic delivery.
- c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for

annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

d. Operations.

(1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.

(2) Personnel. Ratification of compensation adjustment for Director of Online Learning Initiatives.

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

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

a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement)

b. Annual Reports.

(1) Teacher Education Admission Study.

(2) Current Income and Expenditure Report, FY2020.

(3) Preliminary Enrollment Report.

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

26. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

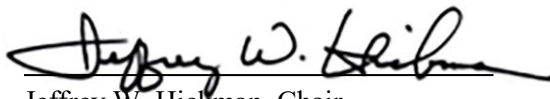
a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.

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.
27. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised State Regents that an executive session was not needed.
28. **NEW BUSINESS.** Consideration of “any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting the agenda.”
29. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and Friday, December 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
30. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair

  
Steven W. Taylor, Secretary