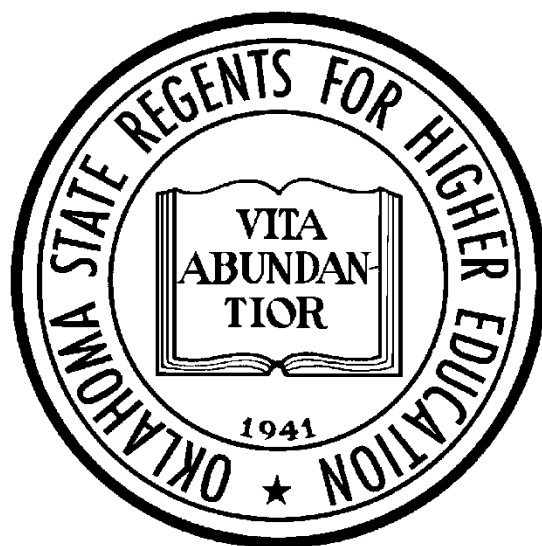


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of the  
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
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1. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING OF MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT.** The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education held their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 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 November 22, 2021. 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, Jay Helm, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on October 21, 2021. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **CHANCELLOR.** Chair Hickman introduced Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger to swear in Chancellor Allison D. Garrett as the ninth Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Hickman stated that the State Regents are excited to officially welcome Chancellor Garrett and look forward to working with her to strengthen the critical role that Oklahoma's state system of higher education plays in advancing Oklahoma's workforce and economic development goals.
  
6. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett provide an update on the state system from her first month as Chancellor. She expressed her appreciation to Regents, Presidents and staff who have assisted her in becoming familiar with the system and the duties of the Chancellor.
  
7. **HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett and the State Regents presented Senate Education Committee Chair Dewayne Pemberton (Muskogee) with the 2020 and 2021 Distinguished Service Awards for his support during the 2020 and 2021 legislative sessions and thanked him for his service. Senator Pemberton provided remarks.
  
8. **FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL.**
  - a. Presentation of the Faculty Advisory Council Annual Report. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to acknowledge receipt of this report. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
  - 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.
  
9. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a request Oklahoma State University to offer the Master of Arts in Peace, Conflict, and Security Studies, the Bachelor of Science in Recreational Therapy, the Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies, the Graduate Certificate in Learning and Motivation, and the Certificate in Public Health. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve a request from Carl Albert State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Digital Media Technology. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **NEW PROGRAM PROTEST.** Disposition of the proposed Doctor of Science in Forensic Science requested by Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa and protested by the University of Central Oklahoma. Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Debbie Blanke provided background on the item and discussed the meeting between the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University on October 18, 2021. She stated that following this meeting, Academic Affairs staff did an analysis of all written documentation and verbal testimony of each party, and that based on this analysis, it is their recommendation that this item move forward. University of Central Oklahoma President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar provided remarks on behalf of the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) and stated that UCO requests that the State Regents deny Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences' request to offer the Doctor of Forensic Sciences in Forensic Sciences. Oklahoma State University – Tulsa and Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences Interim President Johnny Stephens provided remarks on behalf of Oklahoma State University. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm to move forward with the new program review process for Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences' request to offer the Doctor of

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

11. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to delete the Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Informatics and the Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Administration, and to approve a request from Oklahoma City Community College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Clinical Research Coordinator and the Certificate in Clinical Research Coordinator. Voting for the motion Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
  
12. **SUMMER ACADEMIES.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the 2022 Summer Academy Grants. There will be twenty-four Summer Academies for a total of \$536,576.75. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
  
13. **ACADEMIC POLICY.**
  - a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the Revisions to the Credit for Prior Learning policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
  
  - b. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve a request for an exception to the Concurrent Enrollment policy from Oklahoma City Community College. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

14. **TEACHER EDUCATION.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve incentives to increase graduation and retention of secondary mathematics and science teachers through the Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program. For 2022, the Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program would award \$8,200.00 for each teacher eligible. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
  
15. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.** Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve contract modifications between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program. The budget increased from \$1,196,901 to \$1,710,695. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
  
16. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the allocation of \$1,403,378.71 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$1,403,378.71 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 Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
  
17. **EPSCoR.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve an allocation of \$12,000 to Cameron University for Oklahoma Research Day. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.



18. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve FY2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve new investments managers and allocation of funds for the endowment trust fund. The recommendation is to commit \$5,000,000 to Hammes Partners Fund IV and an allocation of up to \$10,000,000 to Tiger Global Crossover. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
20. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to accept the report and commend staff for state and national recognitions. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
21. **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.** Posting of proposed Administrative rules for the Chancellor Glen D. Johnson Scholarship in Leadership and Public Service. This item is for posting only.
22. **2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the State Regents' 2022 Legislative Agenda. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
23. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to

approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:

- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Post Audit. Approval of institutional requests for final approval and review schedule extensions for existing programs.
- c. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional request.
- d. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- e. Operations.
  - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
  - (2) FY2021 Annual Audit Report.
  - (3) Personnel. Approval of appointment for Director of Student Preparation for College Readiness.
- f. Non-Academic Degrees.
  - (1) University of Oklahoma. Ratification of request from the University of Oklahoma to award a posthumous degree.
  - (2) Oklahoma State University. Ratification of a request from Oklahoma State University to award a posthumous degree.
- g. Resolutions. Resolutions honoring retiring staff.

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

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

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.

- (1) Academic Scholars Program. 2020-2021 Academic Scholars Program Year-End Report.
- (2) Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant. 2020-2021 Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Year-End Report.
- (3) Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant. 2020-2021 Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Year-End Report.
- (4) Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarships. 2020-2021 Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarships Year-End Report.
- (5) Academic Policy Exception Quarterly Report.
- (6) ACT Annual Report. Annual Report on the ACT Scores for the 2021 graduating class.
- (7) FY22 Tuition and Analysis Report.
- (8) Financial Operations Report, June 30, 2021.

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

25. **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.

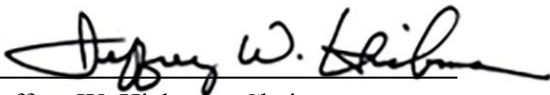
26. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- a. Possible discussion and vote to enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning: (1) Shepherd v. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, et al., CJ-2020-2383, Oklahoma County District Court; and (2) Black Emergency Response Team, et al. v. O'Connor, et al., Case No. CIV-21-1022 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; if the board, with the 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 Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to enter executive session for confidential communications between the board and its attorneys concerning pending investigations, claims, or actions. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm.
- b. Enter into executive session.
- c. Open session resumes.
- d. Vote to exit executive session. Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to exit executive session. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Holloway.

27. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.

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

ATTEST:

  
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Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair

  
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Steven W. Taylor, Secretary