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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, June 24, 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, 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, Courtney Warmington, 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 Parker, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on May 28, 2021. Voting for were Regents Sherry, Warmington Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Holloway began by saying that it had been a challenging year but that she was proud of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and all of the staff. She stated that looking at the financial situation, this was the best year since 2008 and the

Chancellor had worked hard with the legislature to make sure this happened. She said she has enjoyed working with all of the Regents and that it had been a tremendous year.

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 May 17, 2021 through June 10, 2021. Chancellor Johnson reiterated that it had been a tremendous year and thanked Regent Holloway for her leadership and direction and stated that they would recognize Regent Holloway later in the meeting.

6. **HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS.** This item was taken out of order after item #11 – Capital. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and the State Regents presented Speaker Charles McCall with the 2020 Higher Education Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2021 legislative session and thanked him for his service. Speaker McCall provided remarks. This item was taken out of order again after item #19 – Functions. Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and the State Regents presented House Appropriations Budget Chair Kevin Wallace with the 2020 Higher Education Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2021 legislative session and thanked him for his service. Representative McCall provided remarks.

7. **STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Hickman, to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 Annual Report of the Student Advisory Board. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs stated that since the Student Advisory Board had difficulties meeting throughout the last year, they were not comfortable giving

recommendations, so the report was on their activities only.

8. E&G BUDGET.

- a. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the final allocations and approve the FY 2022 Educational and General Allocations and Budgets for institutions, constituent agencies, the higher education center, special programs, and other programs. Voting for the motion were Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve an allocation of \$958,721.38 from Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Revenue for Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The current accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$94,151,725.35. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a grant allocation in the amount of \$40,000 for year two of a renewable five-year commitment through 2024 to the Oklahoma Historical Society for support of the Higher Education Archives project. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

9. TUITION.

- a. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve all institutional requests for changes to academic service fees for Fiscal Year 2022 as reported in the supplemental schedules. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen,

Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the FY22 Tuition and Mandatory Fees. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **EPSCoR.**

- a. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve an allocation of \$250,000 to participating universities for the Oklahoma IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (OK-INBRE) grant award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Regent Taylor left the room before the vote. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve EPSCoR matching funds in the amount of \$163,000 to participating institutions for NASA EPSCoR projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve an agreement with Oklahoma State University to serve as the fiscal agent for matching funds for the National Science Foundation (NSF) EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Award (RII) and an allocation of \$800,000 for this program for FY 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- d. Regent Holloway made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to accept the 2021 Oklahoma EPSCoR Advisory Committee's Annual report. Voting for the motion were

Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Sherry and Warmington.

Voting against the motion were none.

11. **CAPITAL.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to authorize the transmittal of institutional capital improvement plans for the eight (8) fiscal years 2022-2030 to the State of Oklahoma Long-Range Capital Planning Commission. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm.

12. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve FY-2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Regent Taylor returned to the room and 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.

13. **INVESTMENTS.** This item was deleted.

14. **NEW PROGRAMS.**
 - a. Regent Casey made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational and Community Leadership in Tulsa. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

 - b. Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from Oklahoma State University to offer the Bachelor of Arts in History in Tulsa, the Bachelor of Science in Psychology in Tulsa, the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in Tulsa, the

Bachelor of Science in Sociology in Tulsa, the Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum Studies in Tulsa, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Science. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Certificate in Healthcare Administration, the Certificate in Long Term Care Administration, the Certificate in Healthcare Information Analytics, and the Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. 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 Graduate Certificate in Licensed Professional Counseling, the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, the Master of Arts in Strategic Communications, and the Master of Science in Behavior Analysis. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
- e. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Murray State College to offer the Certificate in Business Support Specialist and the Certificate in Retail Leadership. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
- f. Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Western Oklahoma State College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Business Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

15. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from Rogers State University to delete the Bachelor of Arts in Military Science, a request from Carl Albert State College to delete the Associate in Applied Science in Applied Technology, and several requests from Tulsa Community College. Voting for the motion Regents Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

16. **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES.** Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the community college TANF allocations pursuant to the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Helm. Voting against the motion were none.

17. **SCHOLARS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE.**
 - a. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Helm, to approve the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Scholars scholarship contract renewal in the amount of \$1,196,901 and program contract in the amount of \$2,175,219. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
 - b. Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the community college Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program FY22 allocations in the amounts set forth in the contract between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: MODERNIZATION, EFFICIENCIES, AND INNOVATIONS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to extend the voluntary governing board merger/partnership deadline until June 30, 2022, to allow the State Regents time to fully evaluate the Huron fiscal viability reports for each institution so that recommendations for mergers/partnerships will be based on a thorough and comprehensive analysis of unique institutional strengths, challenges, and operational contexts. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **FUNCTIONS.** Regent Turpen made a motion for Option B, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve the Plan for Submission and Consideration of Function Change/Expansion Requests and Mission Expansion Requests from Public Institutions in the State System. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Helm, Parker, Holloway, Casey, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none. Dr. Debbie Blanke, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, stated that the current moratorium on function change/mission expansion is set to expire on June 30, 2021. She stated that after looking at the history of the moratorium and information from other states, they wanted to provide recommendation options to the State Regents. The first option is to leave the moratorium in place and not allow any institutions to make requests changes. The second option is to create a structured process where State Regents could gather all of the requests and look at them in a cohesive way as a system. The third option is to open the door and allow any institutions to make requests independently without consideration of the system. She stated that the staff recommendation is to create a structured process. She then discussed the details of this option, Option B.
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, Parker, Holloway, and Casey. Regents Hickman and Turpen left the room before the vote and returned before the next item. Voting against the motion were none.

21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Helm made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to accept the following recommendations in the Consent Docket:

- a. Programs. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
- b. Reconciliation. Approval of institutional requests.
- c. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Cameron University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and the Associate in Applied Science in Information Technology.
 - (2) University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the existing Graduate Certificate in Disaster Management via electronic delivery.
 - (3) Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Associate in Applied Science in 3D Modeling and Animation and the Associate in Applied Science in Graphic Design Technology.
 - (4) Tulsa Community College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Arts in Sociology via electronic delivery.
- d. Operations. Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
- e. Resolution. Resolutions honoring higher education personnel.

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

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Hickman 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) Report on Low Producing Programs.
 - (2) Teacher Education Annual Report on Systemwide Review.

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

23. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

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

24. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Matt Stangl, Interim General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, advised regents that an executive session was not needed.

25. **OFFICERS.** Regent Turpen made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to submit the following slate of State Regents' officers for the next fiscal year:

Chairperson: Jeff Hickman

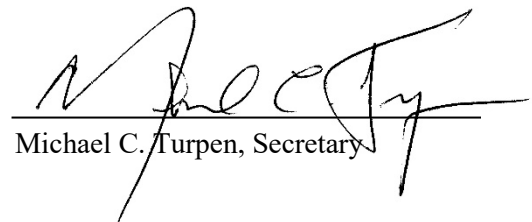
Vice Chair: Mike Turpen
Secretary: Steven Taylor
Assistant Secretary: Dennis Casey

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

26. **RECOGNITION.** Regents recognized outgoing Chair Ann Holloway.
27. **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.”
28. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Holloway announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Regents Office in Oklahoma City.
29. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Ann Holloway, Chairwoman


Michael C. Turpen, Secretary