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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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 in the State Regents' Conference Room at the State Regents' offices in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the special meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on February 2, 2022. 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, Jeff Hickman, Michael C. Turpen, and Steven W. Taylor.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meeting on December 10, 2021. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Hickman highlighted Higher Education Day on Tuesday, February 15th and he encouraged all board members to attend if available. He also encouraged Regents to attend legislative tours that are in their area. Chair Hickman briefly discussed Governor Stitt's State-of-the-State address and what higher education can do to assist students and partners in the state. He also highlighted workforce issues that had been discussed at

the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Chair Hickman stated that the world is changing and that higher education's financial landscape has changed and that the board recognizes the need to look at their funding, noting that it is important to keep access points for students open.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett began by thanking institution presidents who were present at the meeting for their important involvement in the legislative session. Additionally, she thanked those who have participated in legislative tour events. Chancellor Garrett concluded her remarks by thanking Secretary of Education Ryan Walters for his presence at the meeting.

6. **HIGHER EDUCATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.** Chancellor Allison D. Garrett and the State Regents presented Senator Bill Coleman (Ponca City) with the 2021 Distinguished Service Award for his support during the 2021 legislative session and thanked him for his service. Senator Coleman provided remarks.

- 6.1 **SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.** Secretary of Education Ryan Walters presented on higher education's role in making Oklahoma a "Top 10" state. He discussed the measurable data point that was used to compare to other states and explained why this metric was chosen for tracking, noting that if the State Regents feel there is another measurable data point that can be tracked and used for comparison, they are happy to look at that as well. Secretary Walters stated that they would love to have conversations and find solutions that fund institutions based on some of the workforce shortage areas and in accordance with the expense of the programs themselves so that the institutions are not taking a financial hit when they decide to help the state out by trying to help the state out by addressing these workforce needs. He stated that the state has great higher education institutions but stressed the need to keep the workforce in the state. He stated that from the Governor's office perspective, they would be very happy to partner with higher education to

financially incentivize the universities to scale those programs up and meet the needs of workforce. He concluded by stating that he truly believes that higher education institutions can be a driver of workforce development in the state.

7. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Sherry made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request Oklahoma State University to offer the Certificate in Fashion Design and the Certificate in Product Development for Apparel. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve a request from Southeastern Oklahoma State University to offer the Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics and the Graduate Certificate in Project Management. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
- c. Regent Sherry made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Tulsa Community College to offer the Certificate in Secure Infrastructure Specialist. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.

8. **PROGRAM DELETIONS.** Regent Sherry made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to delete the Master of Science in Telecommunications Engineering and the Certificate in The Business of Healthcare, and a request from Tulsa Community College to delete the Certificate in Interpreter Education and the Certificate in Pharmacy Technology. Voting for the motion Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **POLICY.**

- a. Posting of revisions to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. This item is for posting only.
- b. Regent Sherry made a motion, seconded by Regent Turpen, to approve Rogers State University's request for an exception to the Concurrent Enrollment policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.

10. **STUDENT ASSESSMENT.** Regent Sherry made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the Student Assessment Plans as required by the Student Assessment and Remediation policy. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

11. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to approve the allocation of \$933,222.39 to Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU CHS) and \$933,222.39 to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) from revenue collected from taxes placed on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. The total accumulated allocation to each institution, including this allocation, totals to \$97,922,477.36. Voting for the motion via roll call were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **EPSCoR.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to ratify the payment of annual EPSCoR/IDeA Coalition Dues in the amount of \$37,500 for the calendar year 2022. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve FY2022 purchases for amounts that are in excess of \$100,000. Voting for the motion were Regents Parker, Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
14. **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 \$10,000,000 to JMI Equity Fund XI and \$10,000,000 to H/2 Special Opportunities V. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, and Parker. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE.** Regent Taylor made a motion, seconded by Regent Parker, to acknowledge receipt of the 2020-2021 Oklahoma’s Promise Year-End Report. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
16. **AGENCY SEAL.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to adopt the amended official seal of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
17. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents’ policies and procedures or previous actions:
 - a. Programs. Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - b. Suspensions. Ratification of institutional requests.

- c. Reconciliations. Approval of institutional requests.
- d. Electronic Delivery. Approval of institutional requests.
 - (1) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Administration, the Bachelor of Business Administration in Management, the Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing, and the Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship.
 - (2) Rogers State University. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Arts in Elementary Education via electronic delivery.
 - (3) University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the existing Certificate in Leadership via electronic delivery.
 - (4) Connors State College. Approval to offer the following existing programs via electronic delivery: Associate in Arts in History, the Associate in Arts in Political Science / Pre-Law, the Associate in Arts in Psychology, the Associate in Arts in Sociology, the Associate in Arts in Child Development, the Certificate in Child Development, and the Certificate in Child Development.
 - (5) Seminole State College. Approval to offer the existing Associate in Science in Health Sciences via electronic delivery.
- e. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.
- f. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Personnel. Ratification of appointment for Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations.
- g. Non-Academic Degrees.

- (1) University of Oklahoma. Ratification of a request from the University of Oklahoma to award a posthumous degree.
- (2) University of Oklahoma. Ratification of requests from the University of Oklahoma to award honorary degrees.
- (3) Oklahoma State University. Ratification of requests from Oklahoma State University to award honorary degrees.

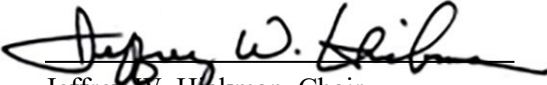
Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **REPORTS.** Regent Parker made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports: Programs. Current Status Report on Program Requests. (Supplement). Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Warmington, Parker, Holloway, Hickman, and Taylor.
19. **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.
20. **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.

21. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Hickman announced that the next regular meetings are scheduled to be held Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
22. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jeffrey W. Hickman, Chair


Steven W. Taylor, Secretary