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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 regular meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023, at the State Regents' offices, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting had been filed with the Secretary of State on Wednesday, November 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 Michael C. Turpen called the meeting to order and presided. Present for the meeting were State Regents Jack Sherry, Ann Holloway, Dennis Casey, Courtney Warmington, Michael C. Turpen, Dustin J. Hilliary and Steven W. Taylor. Regent Jeffrey W. Hickman arrived at 9:05 a.m. Newly appointed Regent Phillip Mitchell "Mitch" Adwon also attended the meeting.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to approve the minutes of the State Regents' meetings in April 2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hilliary and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR.** Chair Turpen acknowledged Regent Warmington and Chancellor Garrett for their commendable efforts in advancing the strategic plan, Blueprint 2030. Additionally, he mentioned the upcoming Campus Safety and Security Summit. Chair Turpen applauded President Jeanie Webb and Rose State College for their preparedness and swift response during a tragic incident on the college campus. Furthermore, Chair Turpen expressed gratitude to Regent Warmington and Regent Taylor for their participation in recognizing exceptional

partnerships between educational institutions and the business community at the annual Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award Ceremony, held on April 27 at UCO. He also extended appreciation to Governor Kevin Stitt and the Oklahoma Legislature for their substantial investment in our state's higher education system for FY24. The new funding of \$121.4 million represents an increase of 13.76% after accounting for the recently received supplemental FY23 funding dedicated to supporting the National Guard educational assistance program.

5. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR.** Chancellor Garrett conveyed her gratitude to President Jeanie Webb for her effective management of the recent unfortunate incident at the Rose State campus. She also expressed appreciation to the Legislature for their support in passing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) legislation, which plays a vital role in facilitating increased college enrollment among students. Additionally, Chancellor Garrett made an exciting announcement, revealing that Regent Jody Parker and Regent Jay Helm have both been chosen for induction into the prestigious Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.
6. **STATE REGENT.** Administration of Oath of Office. Chair Turpen extended a warm welcome to Justice Yvonne Kauger from the Oklahoma Supreme Court, expressing gratitude for her presence and participation in administering the oath of office to Mitch Adwon. Furthermore, Chair Turpen introduced Mitch Adwon, who was recently appointed and confirmed as a State Regent, acknowledging his new role. Subsequently, Justice Kauger proceeded to administer the official oath of office to Regent Mitch Adwon.
7. **CHANCELLOR HANS BRISCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD.** Presentation of selections for Chancellor's Scholars for the 2023 academic year. This year, JaiCee June Lester of Checotah High School and Kaden Jake Rhodes of Locust Grove High School were chosen as the Chancellor Hans Brisch Scholars. Regent Hickman shared each student's background. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the awards. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.
8. **COUNCIL OF ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE AWARD.** Ratification and recognition of awards to honor outstanding faculty, staff, institutions, teams, or groups for their work in advancing online learning in Oklahoma. Brad Griffith, Director of Online Learning Initiatives, introduced the recipients. They include:
 - The inaugural Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Open Education Impact - Dr.

Kathy Essmiller, Open Educational Resources Librarian, Oklahoma State University.

- The Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Accessibility - Ms. Kara Stanley, Instructional Designer, University of Oklahoma.
- The Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Teaching - Dr. Niccole Leanne Miller, Adjunct Professor and Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives for Student Success, University of Central Oklahoma.
- The Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Individual Leadership - Ms. Christala LaFay Smith, Director of the Center for Instructional Development and Technology, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
- The Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Team Leadership - Oklahoma Mesonet Outreach Team.
- The Oklahoma Online Excellence Award for Innovation - the IDEA Team, Center for eLearning and Connected Environments, University of Central Oklahoma.

Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the awards. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.

9. **E&G BUDGET.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the allocation of the state appropriated funds to institutions and programs for FY24 and Acceptance of the FY2024 Budget Principles and Guidelines. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.
10. **TUITION.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the FY2024 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Principles and Guidelines. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.
11. **EPSCoR.** Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the OK-INBRE Grant Allocation. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.

12. **CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.**

- a. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the contracts over \$100,000 for FY2023. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen and Hickman. Regent Hilliary abstained. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Hickman moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve the contracts over \$100,000 for FY2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman and Sherry. Regent Hilliary abstained. Regent Taylor abstained from the ATT portion of the item. Voting against the motion were none.

13. **INVESTMENTS.** Regent Taylor moved, seconded by Regent Sherry, to approve the investment Managers. Those recommendations are:

- Tudor Riverbend Crossing Partners -- \$11,000,000.
- Silver Point Capital, LP -- \$11,000,000.
- 1798 Adapt Fund, Ltd. -- \$4,000,000
- International Standard Asset Management (ISAM) -- \$4,500,000.
- KPS Special Situations VI -- \$10,000,000.
- Bain Capital Real Estate III -- \$10,000,000.
- Dreyfus Treasury Obligations – Cash Management.

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

14. **NEW PROGRAMS.**

- a. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Oklahoma to offer the Master of Arts in Museum Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from Northeastern State University to offer the Bachelor of Music in Music, the Bachelor of Science of Respiratory Care Therapy in Respiratory Care Therapy, and the Graduate Certificate in Natural Sciences. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day

protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon and Holloway. Voting against the motion were none.

- c. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve a request from the University of Central Oklahoma to offer the Master of Science in Cybersecurity, the Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity, and the Certificate in Independent Film Directing, Writing, and Entrepreneurship. No institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway and Casey. Voting against the motion were none.
 - d. Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to approve a request from Rose State College for a function exception request to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity. In March, OSU-IT made a formal protest of the offering as a traditional with the online component. Rose State College agreed to remove the online component and OSU-IT dropped their protest. No other institution protested the proposal within the 45-day protest period. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Turpen, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey and Warmington. Regent Hickman abstained. Voting against the motion were none.
15. **PROGRAM DELETION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Hickman, to approve requests from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College to delete the Certificate in Administrative Assistant, and Seminole State College to delete the Certificate in Early College. Voting for the motion were Regents Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor and Turpen. Voting against the motion were none.
 16. **INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve an extension to offer Intensive English Program. English Language Institute – Oklahoma State University, Center for English as a Second Language – University of Oklahoma, and English as a Second Language – Tulsa Community College. Voting for the motion were Regents Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen and Hickman. Voting against the motion were none.
 17. **ACT.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve the ACT Agreement for 2023-2024. Voting for the motion were Regents Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman and Sherry. Voting against the motion were none.

18. **STATE AUTHORIZATION.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve re-authorization of private (non-OTEG) and out-of-state institutions to operate with a physical presence in Oklahoma. Voting for the motion were Regents Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry and Hilliary. Voting against the motion were none.
19. **POLICY.** Item #19 is the posting of revision to the Institutional Accreditation and State Authorization, Functions of Public Institutions, Academic Program Approval, Contractual Arrangements between Higher Education Institutions and Other Entities, Approval of Changes in Academic Structure and Nomenclature, Undergraduate Transfer and Articulation, Undergraduate Academic Course Load, Oklahoma Teacher Connection, and Instructors' English Proficiency policies. The proposed revisions are the result of a request for a policy audit by the Chancellor and conducted by State Regents' staff under the direction of the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. This is for posting only.
20. **COMMENDATIONS.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Taylor, to recognize State Regents' staff for service and recognition on state and national projects. Voting for the motion were Regents Holloway, Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary and Adwon. Voting against the motion were none.
21. **CONSENT DOCKET.** Regent Casey moved, seconded by Regent Holloway, to approve/ratify the following routine requests which are consistent with State Regents' policies and procedures or previous actions:
 - a. Program Modifications. Approval of institutional requests.
 - b. Certificates of 15 or Fewer Credit Hours. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - (1) Cameron University. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours.
 - (2) Northeastern State University. Ratification of institutional request to offer certificates of 15 or fewer credit hours.
 - c. Micro-credentials. Ratification of institutional requests.
 - d. Suspensions. Ratification of institutional requests.

- e. Academic Nomenclature.
 - (1) The University of Oklahoma. Ratification of institutional request.
 - (2) Oklahoma State University. Ratification of institutional request.

- f. Electronic Delivery.
 - (1) Northeastern State University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance, the Bachelor of Science in Education in Special Education, the Master of Social Work in Social Work, and the Certificate in Emergency Management and Planning.
 - (2) Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.
 - (3) The University of Central Oklahoma. Approval to offer the following existing program via electronic delivery. Master of Education in Educational Leadership.

- g. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. Ratification of institutional requests for annual renewal of participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

- h. Operations.
 - (1) Ratification of purchases over \$25,000.
 - (2) Personnel. Ratification of appointment of Interim Director of Human Resources.

Voting for the motion were Regents Casey, Warmington, Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Adwon and Holloway. Regent Hilliary abstained from Item #21-h (1). Voting against the motion were none

22. **REPORTS.** Regent Holloway moved, seconded by Regent Casey, to acknowledge receipt of the following reports:

- a. Programs. Current Status Report on program requests. (Supplement)
- b. Annual Reports.
 - (1) Acknowledge receipt of the Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program Year-End Report for 2022-2023.
 - (2) Acknowledge receipt of William P. Willis Scholarship Year-End Report for 2022-2023.
 - (3) Acknowledge receipt of Inspired to Teach Scholarship Program Year-End Report for 2022-2023.

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

23. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES.**

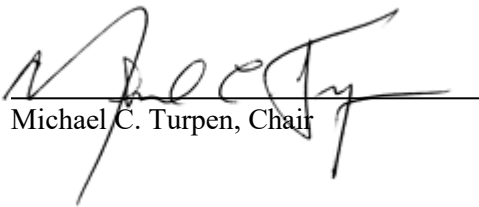
- a. Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees. The Academic Affairs and Social Justice and Student Services Committees had no additional items for Regents' action.
- b. Budget and Audit Committee. The Budget and Audit Committee had no additional items for Regents' action.
- 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.

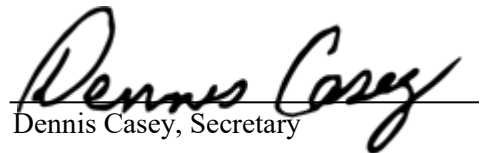
24. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Upon advice of Matt Stangl, General Counsel for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Regent Hickman made a motion, seconded by Regent Holloway, to go into Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) to discuss the Chancellor's annual performance review. Voting for the motion were Regents Taylor, Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey and Warmington. Voting against the motion were none.

Following the executive session, a motion was made by Regent Casey, seconded by Regent Holloway, to return to the regular meeting. Voting for the motion were Regents Turpen, Hickman, Sherry, Hilliary, Adwon, Holloway, Casey, Warmington and Taylor. Voting against the motion were none.

25. **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."
26. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING.** Chair Turpen announced that the next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday June 28, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the State Regents office, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
27. **ADJOURNMENT.** With no new business and no additional items to address, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Michael C. Turpen, Chair


Dennis Casey, Secretary