

**MINUTES
OF
THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Special Called Board Meeting

November 21, 2014

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The special called telephonic Board of Regents meeting of the Texas State University System was called to order on Friday November 21, 2014 at 4:04 p.m. CST by Chairman Jaime Garza.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairman Jaime Garza
Vice Chairman Rossanna Salazar
Regent Charlie Amato
Regent Ron Mitchell
Regent David Montagne
Regent Vernon Reaser
Regent Bill Scott
Regent Donna Williams
Student Regent Anna Sandoval

Absent

Regent Kevin Lilly

Also Present:

Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor; Dr. Fernando Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel; Roland Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance; Diane Corley, Associate General Counsel; Daniel Harper, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance; Carole Fox, Director of Audits and Analysis; Mr. Mike Wintemute, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations and Director of Communication; Therese Sternenerg; Assistant Vice Chancellor Office of General Counsel; various campus representatives

III. AGENDA ITEM

2015-34 SRSU: Motion to Extend Investment Advisor Contract

Upon motion of Regent Amato, seconded by Regent Mitchell, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sul Ross State University be authorized to exercise Extension 1 of the contract for investment consulting services with Asset Strategy Consultants. As per the terms of the contract, this extension will provide one additional year of investment consulting services.

2015-35 TXST: Recommendation to Confer the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), upon Mr. Alan W. Dreeben

Upon motion of Regent Mitchell, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, be hereby conferred upon Mr. Alan W. Dreeben.

2015-36 TXST: Recommendation to Confer the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), upon Mr. Dionicio "Don" Flores

Upon motion of Regent Amato, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, be hereby conferred upon Mr. Dionicio "Don" Flores.

2015-37 TSUS: Approval of Rules and Regulations

Upon motion of Regent Mitchell, seconded by Regent Salazar, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the attached, proposed revisions to the Texas State University System *Rules and Regulations* be approved.

These items can be found immediately following the meeting minutes.

2015-38 TSUS: Requests to Seek Legislative Approval of Items Included in System and Component Institution Legislative Appropriation Requests and Other Items

Upon motion of Regent Amato, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that The Texas State University System, through the Chancellor, be authorized to seek legislative approval of the following items during the 84th Legislative Session and any subsequent Special Called Sessions: Items included in the System's and component institutions' Legislative Appropriations Requests, including all exceptional items; legislation exempting TSUS from participation in the State Office of Risk Management insurance program; an amendment to the Education Code, Section 96.707, allowing the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities at Lamar University to achieve funding parity with other university academies in Texas; and legislation clarifying component institutions' authority to adjust intercollegiate athletic fees with a majority vote in a student election.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Chairman Garza the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m. CST.

Attested by:
Brian McCall
Chancellor and Secretary to the Board

PARAGRAPH 1.(15) OF CHAPTER III
ON PAGES III-1 AND III-7

1. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL.

The following items shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval at either a regular Board meeting or a special called Board meeting. Each item shall be presented in the form of a motion to the Board for consideration. Inconclusive, open-ended, or multifarious motions shall not be submitted to the Board.

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1.(15) Proposed Legislation. Proposed legislation on behalf of the System or its Components, unless, during a legislative session, the Chancellor, after consultation with the Board Chair, determines that the best interests of the System or its Component(s) require pursuit of legislative action.

Explanation

This proposed change would enable the Chancellor to respond quickly to unforeseen events that occur during a legislative session, enabling him to take advantage of an opportunity or to prevent or otherwise mitigate a problem for the System or any of its Components; provided he consults with the Board Chair. It should be noted that under *Chapter II, Paragraph 4.32* and *Chapter III, Paragraphs 1.34* and *1.(15)*, the Board retains the right to approve proposed legislation, including legislative appropriation requests.

PARAGRAPH 2.7 OF CHAPTER V
ON PAGES V-8 AND V-9

2. GENERAL.

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~~2.7 — Legislation. Any proposed legislation affecting the System, the Component, or their operations, by any employee or organization of the Component, acting in an official capacity and on behalf of the Component, shall be approved by the Component President and the Board of Regents.~~

Explanation

This section was apparently added to prevent employees from filing legislation without presidential and Board approval. More importantly, *Chapter II, Paragraph 4.32* already provides for presidential and Chancellor approval of legislation that is submitted to the Board.