

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
FULL BOARD MINUTES
March 23, 2021**

Videoconference

Roll Call:

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Jester (Chair), Coleman, Doggett, Gallardo, Hyde, McDavid, Shepard, Wilson, Wu, and Tyson (Non-Voting)

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Katherine Antwi Green, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board, and Chief Compliance Officer; Dr. Carolyn Kapinus, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President for University Advancement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration

I. Call to Order:

With a quorum being present, Regent Jester, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **10:47 a.m.**

Regent Jester reminded everyone that the meeting is being streamed live and asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly as they make comments during the meeting. Regent Jester further noted the procedural changes necessary for the meeting and asked all Regents and attendees to follow meeting protocols.

Regent Jester conducted a roll call to note the presence of Regents Jester, Coleman, Doggett, Gallardo, Hyde, McDavid, Shepard, Wilson, Wu, and Tyson.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of November 13, 2020

Motion to Approve Minutes: Regent Doggett motioned, and Regent Wilson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of **9-0-0**.

The minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of **November 13, 2020**, were approved as submitted.

III. Consent Agenda

Upon reconvening, Regent Jester said the Board would now take up items A through H on the Consent Agenda from the Finance and Audit Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee meetings.

Regent Jester asked if any regent would like to pull an item for separate discussion. She then asked if there was any additional discussion about any of the agenda items.

Motion to approve A through H on the Consent Agenda as presented in their respective Committees: Regent Doggett motioned, and Regent McDavid seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Item A. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item B. Recommend Approval of Jones Hall Budget Increase**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of Steam Line Replacement for Guinn and Stark Halls**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Certain Expenditures with Proceeds from Debt for Jones, Guinn, and Stark Hall Projects**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of the Thirteenth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds, Series 2021A**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of the Texas Medical Center Central Heating and Cooling Corporation Contract Amendment for Texas Woman's University - Houston Campus**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Oklahoma Non-Resident Tuition Rate**
- Item H. Recommend Approval of Distance Delivery of the Existing Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric**

IV. Presentation

Regent Jester said the Board would now take up a presentation recognizing the departing Board of Regents Members: Regent Shepard, Regent Doggett, and Regent Gallardo whose terms expire February 2021.

Regent Jester thanked the departing Regents for their time commitment and service to the TWU Board of Regents and the TWU community.

Regents Coleman, Wu, Tyson and Wilson, as well as Chancellor Feyten, joined in thanking the departing Regents for their contributions, support, guidance, and input.

Regent Shepard thanked everyone and said it has been an honor to work with TWU.

Regent Gallardo said it has been an honor and privilege working with everyone and expressed his thanks for the opportunity.

Regent Jester thanked everyone for their comments and reiterated that the Board is grateful to Regents Shepard, Doggett and Gallardo for their service and commitment to Texas Woman's University.

V. Full Board Agenda:

Regent Jester said that the Board would now take up the Agenda Items as listed.

Motion to Take up Agenda Items: Regent Wilson motioned, and Regent Doggett seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Recommend Approval of Resolution on Texas Woman's University as a System

Regent Jester said the Board would now take up a resolution on Texas Woman's University as a System.

Regent Jester spoke regarding the strategic initiative of TWU to transition from an independent institution to a university system composed of three (3) component institutions, in Denton, Dallas, and Houston. She said that on April 6 of this year, TWU will celebrate 120 years of serving Texas women and men, and is poised to take place on the national stage. Regent Jester further stated that she looks forward to TWU continuing its long history of serving the underserved. She further said that TWU is the most diverse

university in Texas, and the fifth most diverse in the United States. With enrollment nearly doubling since the year 2000, TWU is the fourth most affordable institution in Texas.

Regent Jester said that there is no better time than now to look toward the future as to how TWU can best serve Texas, and that it is time for TWU to seek authorization from the legislature and the governor to become the first woman-focused public university system in the United States.

Regent Coleman stated that as a TWU alumna she is proud to support the endeavor to make TWU the first woman-focused university system in the United States, which will be a point of pride for all TWU alumni. She stated that success was not just about elevating the Dallas and Houston campuses. She said that the Denton campus will be a flagship institution, generating more opportunities for scholarship and research, as well as increasing the visibility of the Denton campus nationwide.

Regent Wu stressed the value that the state of Texas receives in its healthcare workforce from the Dallas and Houston campuses. She stated that TWU produces half of the doctorate degrees in allied health in the United States and a quarter of the doctorate degrees in nursing. She said that elevating TWU's Dallas and Houston campuses is good for all Texas communities.

Regent Shepard stated that the effort to become a system is a strategic initiative by TWU to preserve TWU's identity, as well as its status in the state and in the nation. She said that making TWU a system will give TWU the position it deserves and she thanked Chancellor Feyten for her leadership and vision.

Regent Doggett said that TWU is a leader and should be recognized, appreciated, and funded accordingly.

Chancellor Feyten thanked the Board for its unity in supporting TWU's efforts to become a system.

Regent Wilson indicating that becoming a system would be a wonderful opportunity to be a model, not just for the state but for the country, showing what is possible to do for students.

Chancellor Feyten said that TWU can proceed in a way that is efficient and works well for TWU without creating unnecessary additional administration and that this is an opportunity to be innovative.

Regent Tyson said that as a student she appreciated seeing that TWU is not afraid to be aggressive in seeking to become a system, and described it as an empowering, inspiring moment.

Regent Jester said that she believes in the mission of TWU, the Chancellor, the cabinet, TWU's staff, educators, and students. She said that TWU is ready to take the next step.

Motion to Approve the Resolution on Texas Woman's University as a System: Regent Jester moved that the Board adopt the resolution, that the Board stands in support of the strategic initiative to take all necessary steps to become the Texas Woman's University System with three (3) component general academic teaching institutions in Denton, Dallas, and Houston.

Regent Wu **seconded** the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Regent Jester thanked Chancellor Feyten, Kevin Crusier, and the elected officials who have been key in hopefully making this vision a reality.

Item B. Recommend Approval of Revisions to the Board of Regents Bylaws

Ms. Alex Yarbrow, Interim Director of Compliance, presented to the Board revisions to the Board of Regents Bylaws. Ms. Yarbrow indicated that the presented revisions have been benchmarked with other institutions within the state of Texas, that they comply with all statutes and mandatory requirements, and have been approved by General Counsel and deemed legally sufficient.

Ms. Yarbrow indicated that the major content changes were the addition of a responsibility section and additional language surrounding the Board Self-Evaluation. She said other changes include major formatting updates and revising the Open Meetings Act language to be consistent.

Regent Shepard asked about the location of meetings according to the recommended Bylaws and Ms. Yarbrow advised that Section 5 specifies that meetings may be held by teleconference, and Section 6 indicates the locations where the Board meetings can occur.

Motion to Approve the Revisions to the Board of Regents Bylaws: Regent Doggett motioned and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. Texas Woman's University Board of Regents Officer Elections

Regent Jester presided over the Board of Regents Officer Elections for the 2021-2023 term.

Regent Doggett nominated Regent Wu for the position of Board Chair. Regent Hyde seconded the nomination of Regent Wu for Board Chair.

There were no other nominations were made for the Board Chair position. Regent Jester welcomed Regent Wu as the Chair.

Regent Wilson nominated Regent McDavid for the Board Vice Chair position. There were no other nominations made for the Vice Chair position. Regent Jester welcomed Regent McDavid as the new Vice Chair.

Regent Jester expressed her appreciation for Regents Wu and McDavid as they take these new leadership roles for TWU.

VII. Adjourn Full Board Meeting into Executive Closed Session

Regent Jester then announced that the Board would recess into Executive Closed Session for the purposes of Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Public Officers or Employees pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. Additionally, Regent Jester announced that the Board would recess into Executive Closed Session for the purpose of Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

The meeting was adjourned at **11:21 a.m.**

VIII. Reconvene to Open Session and Take Any Possible Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Closed Session

At the conclusion of the Executive Closed Session, Regent Jester reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **11:44 a.m.**

IX. Future Business

Regent Jester asked if there were any comments or requests from any regents regarding a request for future issues or subjects to discuss. No comments or requests were made on this item.

X. Regents' Remarks

Regent Wu shared that Regent Coleman has agreed to take the position of Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Regent Jester congratulated Regent Coleman on her new position. She also congratulated Regents Wu and McDavid on their new positions, and expressed her appreciation the Regents whose terms have ended this session. She then expressed her thanks and best wishes to everyone.

XI. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Jester adjourned the committee meeting at **11:47 a.m.**