

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS  
FULL BOARD MINUTES  
November 12, 2021**

**TWU Houston Campus  
Institute of Health Sciences – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 10307**

**Roll Call:**

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Wu (Chair), Coleman, Hyde, Jester, McDavid, Shepard, Sweatt, Wilson, and Wright, and Bush (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 Wu, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:04 a.m.**

Regent Wu 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 Wu welcomed attendees to the Houston campus. She also welcomed new Regent Shelley Sweatt and Student Regent Brookelyn Bush.

**II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of August 13, 2021**

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** Regent Jester motioned, and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of **August 13, 2021** were approved as submitted.

**III. Consent Agenda**

Regent Wu said the Board would now take up items A through L on the Consent Agenda from the Finance and Audit Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee meetings.

Regent Wu 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 L on the Consent Agenda as presented in their respective Committees:** Regent Wilson motioned, and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Item A. Recommend Approval of Revisions to the Office of Audit Services Charter**
- Item B. Recommend Approval of Revisions to the Regent Internal Audit Policy**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of Regent Investment Policy and Endowment Investment and Distribution Policy**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of the East Campus Outdoor Activities Project on the Texas Woman’s University Denton Campus**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Building Names for Oakland Complex and Parliament Village**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of Student Union at Hubbard Hall Upgrade and Improvement Projects**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Chancellor and President to Designate or Revoke Authorized Approvers for Texas Woman’s University System Agency Expenditures**
- Item H. Recommend Approval of the Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimburse Certain Expenditures with Proceeds from Debt for Brackenridge Hall and New Health Sciences Building Projects**
- Item I. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item J. Recommend Approval of New Bachelor of Arts in Multicultural Women’s and Gender Studies**
- Item K. Recommend Approval of Online Delivery of the Existing Master of Science in Speech/Language Pathology**
- Item L. Recommend Approval of Faculty for Tenure**

As a result of the vote, the following faculty were approved for tenure: Dr. Rigoberto Delgado, Department of Health Care Administration, College of Business and Dr. Maria Peterson-Ahman, Department of Teacher Education, College of Professional Education.

**IV. Full Board Agenda:**

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

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

**Item A. Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs**

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Director of Government Relations, addressed the Board. Mr. Crusier gave an update to the Board on the special legislative sessions, including the funding for tuition revenue bonds for a new TWU health sciences center in Denton, and a comprehensive regional university funding bill, which provides funding based on at-risk graduates.

Chancellor Feyten commented that TWU received nearly full funding for the health science center, and it was the first time that funding was approved specifically based on at-risk graduates. Mr. Crusier indicated that Representative Stuckey and Senator Springer strongly supported TWU in the process.

#### **Item B. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Board of Regent Sexual Misconduct Policy**

Ms. Alex Yarbrow, Director of Compliance, addressed the Board. She noted that the Applicability section was revised and language authorizing the University the authority to adopt necessary University Regulations and Procedures was added. Ms. Yarbrow also stated the updated policy was found legal sufficient by the Office of General Counsel and recommended approval by the Board.

**Motion to Approve Item IV. B:** Regent Shepard motioned, and Regent Hyde seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **V. Report on the Office of the Chancellor and President**

Dr. Carine Feyten then addressed the Board. She described some of the efforts undertaken by the university with regard to becoming a system, including setting a system task force and discussing the leadership needed to respond to the needs of the community. She said that growth includes more than just students. It also includes research, increasing academic programs, and philanthropic growth.

Dr. Feyten discussed some recent events including the opening of the Jane Nelson Institute for Women's Leadership, as well as a celebration on the Houston campus in the last week. She then read a quote from John F. Kennedy Jr., from the famous "moon shot" speech and told the Board that TWU now has its moon shot, and that there will be challenging work, but TWU will boldly go where no one has gone before.

Dr. Feyten then summarized the Strategic Plan, which is slated to end in 2022. She described the eighteen (18) initiatives, and that most of them have been woven into the fabric of the institution. She said for the next five-year plan, and as a first step, there would be listening sessions around the campus to take a pulse on how to move forward in setting the goals for the next five (5) years.

#### **VI. Adjourn Full Board Meeting into Executive Closed Session**

Regent Wu then announced that the Board would recess into Executive Closed Session for the purposes of Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Regent Wu stated that the Board will engage in consultation with counsel regarding legal matters, including pending, threatened, and contemplated litigation and settlement offers.

Regent Wu said that Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President for University Advancement and Ms. Kimber Summers, Assistant General Counsel, would join in the Executive Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned at **9:38 a.m.**

#### **VII. 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 Wu reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **10:06 a.m.**

### **VIII. Future Business**

Regent Wu asked if there were any comments or requests from any regents regarding a request for future issues or subjects to discuss.

Regent Coleman indicated she would like to hear about homecoming and the events that would be planned at the next meeting.

### **IX. Regents' Remarks**

Regent Wu told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for February 17 and 18 on the Denton campus.

### **X. Adjourn**

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Wu adjourned the committee meeting at **10:08 a.m.**