

**TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
FULL BOARD MINUTES
February 18, 2022**

**TWU Denton Campus
Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom**

Roll Call:

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Wu (Chair), Coleman, Hyde, Jester, McDavid, Shepard, Sweatt, Wilson, 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 present, Regent Wu, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:06 a.m.**

Regent Wu reminded everyone that the meeting is streaming live and asked that everyone speak loudly and clearly as they make comments during the meeting.

Regent Wu welcomed attendees to the Denton campus.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of November 12, 2021

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

The minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of **November 12, 2021** were approved as submitted.

III. Consent Agenda

Regent Wu said the Board would now take up items A through M 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 M on the Consent Agenda as presented in their respective Committees: Regent Hyde motioned, and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Recommend Approval of Naming the Nursing Center for Scientific Research and

Discovery at the Dallas Campus

- Item B. Recommend Approval of Naming the Division of Social Work**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of the Fifteenth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds, in one or more Series**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of the Brackenridge Hall Renovation Project**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of the Health Sciences Center Project**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of the Texas Woman’s University HVAC Improvements Project**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of the Stark Hall and Guinn Hall Improvements Project – Summer 2022**
- Item H. Recommend Approval of a Special Fee Rate for the Proposed Prison Program**
- Item I. Recommend Approval of a Revision to the University Services Fee**
- Item J. Recommend Approval of Revisions to the Board of Regent Policy on Employee Leaves**
- Item K. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item L. Recommend Approval of Online Delivery of the New Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**
- Item M. Recommend Approval of Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2022-2023**

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 Wilson motioned, and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Report on the Texas Woman’s University Book Series “Pioneering Women: Leaders and Trailblazers”

Ms. Mary Anne Alhadeff, Executive Director and Chief Officer of the Jane Nelson Institute for Women’s Leadership, and Dr. Sneha V. Bharadwaj, General Editor of the TWU Book Series and Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Oral Health, briefed the Board on the “Pioneering Women: Leaders and Trailblazers” book series. Dr. Bharadwaj provided a background on the book series and announced that it has published its first book, *Making Space for Women: Stories from Trailblazing Women of NASA’s Johnson Space Center* by Jennifer M. Ross-Nazzal. She also informed the Board of book proposals that are currently in review as well as other plans for the book series.

Item B. Report on Texas Woman’s University 2021-2022 Athletics

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, and Ms. Sandee Mott, Director of Athletics,

updated the Board on the current athletic activities at TWU. Ms. Mott summarized the 2021 Fall academic performance of TWU's student-athletes, as well as recent events, awards, and progress of student-athletes and TWU's competitive sport teams. She discussed plans for the student-athletes, the teams, and then introduced Ms. Sara Lilly, Head Coach of Artistic Swimming. Ms. Mott also showed the Board a brief video from an artistic swimming competition from the previous weekend.

Regent Coleman asked for additional information regarding competition schedules for the Artistic Swim team, which Ms. Mott provided.

Regent Jester said that the growth in exposure and excitement of the program under Ms. Mott's leadership is apparent and asked for more details about the Hall of Fame occurring next week. Ms. Mott provided additional details about the events as requested.

Regent Wilson welcomed Ms. Lilly and indicated that she has brought wonderful things to the TWU campus.

Item C. Report on Texas Woman's University Homecoming 2022

Dr. Kimberly Russell, Vice President for University Advancement, and Ms. Jasmine Carter, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement, updated the Board of the Homecoming activities planned on all three TWU campuses in April. Dr. Russell indicated that the 2022 Homecoming would be the first in-person Homecoming since 2019.

Ms. Carter shared the 2022 Homecoming events schedule with the Board. She indicated that the excitement surrounding Homecoming has grown and there would be multiple events on all of TWU's campuses from April 20 through April 30. She highlighted the events for both students and alumni, including "TWU Nights" at a Houston Astros game and a Texas Rangers game, social mixers, reunion events for TWU classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972, outdoor celebrations, and a chalk art competition.

Dr. Russell indicated that Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia is coming to some of the TWU Homecoming events, and has provided a generous gift to TWU in honor of classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 as this Homecoming marks the 50th anniversary for her own graduation from TWU.

Item D. Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Director of Legislative Affairs, briefed the Board on the activities of the Texas Legislature. Mr. Crusier also told the Board early voting is currently in progress and stressed the importance of participation in the voting process.

Item E. Recommend Approval of Revisions to the Board of Regent Bylaws

Ms. Alex Yarbro, Director of Compliance, recommended approval of revisions to the Board of Regent Bylaws. She informed the Board that the revisions clarify the roles of Chair and Vice Chair and expand the section related to the Secretary to the Board. She noted that throughout the Bylaws, language was updated to reflect that TWU is now a System. She mentioned that other non-substantive revisions are included for consideration.

Motion to Approve Item IV. E: Regent Jester motioned, and Regent Shepard 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 said that while recent trends show women are attending college at a higher rate than men, they are still at a disadvantage in the working world, especially in hiring decisions, leadership positions, and lifetime earnings. Dr. Feyten also told the Board that the Houston campus recently received an award for diversity, equity, and inclusion from the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Feyten further said that Dr. Dewaynna Horn of the TWU Houston campus has been elected to serve on the Board of the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce, which is a great honor.

VI. Adjourn Full Board Meeting to 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.

The meeting adjourned at **10:05 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 **10:50 a.m.**

VIII. Future Business

Regent Wu asked if there were any comments or requests from any regents regarding future issues or subjects to discuss. Regent Jester recommended that Chancellor Feyten write an article with some of the information from her report. Dr. Feyten agreed and indicated that such article is in process.

IX. Regents' Remarks

Regent Wu told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for May 19 and 20 on the Dallas campus and discussed future meeting dates.

X. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Wu adjourned the committee meeting at **10:52 a.m.**