

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS
FULL BOARD MINUTES
August 9, 2024**

**TWU Denton Campus
Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom and Room 2238**

Roll Call:

Present Full Board Members:

Regents McDavid (Chair), Amirkhan, Coleman, Hyde, Jester, Shepard, Wilson, Wright, Wu, and Landgrebe (non-voting)

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President; Ms. Katherine A. Antwi, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board of Regents, and Chief Compliance Officer; Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. Javier Flores, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Ms. Kristina Kaskel-Ruiz, Vice President for Marketing and Communication; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Ms. Lisa Rampy, Vice President for University Advancement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration; and Dr. Henry Torres, Chief Information Officer.

I. Call Full Board Meeting to Order

With a quorum present, Regent McDavid, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:02 a.m.** Regent McDavid welcomed attendees to the Denton campus.

Regent McDavid introduced Student Regent Maya Landgrebe and welcomed her to the Board. Student Regent Landgrebe said she is hoping to advocate for TWU's students in the best way possible and bring that perspective to the Board.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of May 17, 2024

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

The minutes of the Full Board Meeting of **May 17, 2024** were approved as submitted.

III. Consent Agenda

Regent McDavid 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 McDavid asked if any Regent would like to pull any items 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 Shepard motioned and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Item A. Recommend Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan**
- Item B. Recommend Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of Database Contract with Elsevier**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of Database Contract with Sage Publications**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of Emeritus and Emerita Staff**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Faculty for Tenure**
- Item H. Recommend Approval of Emeritus and Emerita Faculty**

As a result of the vote, the following faculty and staff were approved for tenure or emeritus and emerita status as noted below.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Heather Conrad-Webb	Biology	Professor of Biology Emerita
Dr. Charles Riggs	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Professor of Chemistry Emeritus
Dr. Richard Sheardy	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Associate Director and Cornaro Professor of Chemistry Emeritus

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Mary Frances Baxter	Occupational Therapy – Houston	Professor of Occupational Therapy Emeritus
Dr. Wen-Hsing Cheng	Nutrition and Food Sciences	Professor with Tenure
Dr. Cynthia Evetts	Occupational Therapy	Director and Professor of Occupational Therapy Emerita

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Cynthia Gill-Sams	Speech-Language Pathology	Director and Professor of Speech-Language Pathology Emerita

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Joyce Armstrong	Family Studies	Professor of Family Studies Emerita
Dr. Karen Dunlap	Curriculum and Instruction	Cornaro Professor of Curriculum and Instruction Emerita
Dr. Carol Perryman	Library Science	Associate Professor of Library Science Emerita

COLLEGE OF NURSING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Dr. Ho Soon Michelle Cho	Nursing – Dallas	Professor of Nursing Emerita

DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Mr. Jerry Parr	Civility & Community Standards	Student Legal Services Advisor Emeritus
Ms. Judy Pentecost	Conference Services	Business Manager Emerita
Ms. Jo Ann Reeves	Disability Services for Students	Coordinator of Disability Services for Students Emerita

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Approved For</u>
Ms. Grace Chalon	Institutional Research & Improvement	Manager of Reporting and Analysis Emerita
Ms. Elaine Cox	TWU Libraries	Senior Librarian for Health Sciences Emerita
Ms. Tammy Hood	Occupational Therapy	Coordinator of Academic Program Support Emerita
Ms. Rhonda Reed	Center for Development Design & Delivery	Senior Administrative Assistant Emerita

IV. Presentations

Item A. Introduction of the Texas Woman's University Houston Campus President

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, introduced incoming Houston Campus President, Dr. Monica Williams, to the Board. Chancellor Feyten detailed Campus President Williams' exceptional experience and qualifications. Campus President Williams then spoke about her history with TWU and stated she is looking forward to working at TWU.

Regent McDavid welcomed Campus President Williams on behalf of the Board.

Item B. Presentation of Tenure, Emeritus, and Emerita Faculty

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, highlighted faculty who were awarded tenure, Emeritus, and Emerita status.

Item C. Presentation of Emeritus and Emerita Staff

Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration, highlighted the staff that were approved for Emeritus and Emerita status.

V. Full Board Agenda

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

Motion to Take up Agenda Items as Listed: Regent Hyde motioned and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item A. Recommend Approval of the Naming of The College of Business

Ms. Lisa Rampy, Vice President for University Advancement, and Dr. Rama Yelkur, Dean, College of Business, recommended approval of the naming of the College of Business on the Denton Campus. Dr. Yelkur provided information to the Board related to the donor, Ms. Merrilee Alexander Kick, including her company that began as a capstone project when she was a student in the College of Business at TWU. Dr. Yelkur concluded her remarks by stating that this remarkable gift will open doors, allow TWU to cultivate grit, and fuel innovation in programs and offerings. Ms. Rampy then read a Resolution naming the College of Business the Merrilee Alexander Kick College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Following their presentations, the Regents engaged in additional discussion and appreciation of Ms. Kick's gift to TWU. Ms. Kick then addressed the Board and thanked Chancellor Feyten, Dr. Yelkur, Dr. Derek Crews, and Dr. Mahesh Raisinghani. She concluded her report by stating she is excited to help TWU break barriers.

Motion to Approve Item A: Regent Wilson motioned and Regent Wu seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Regent McDavid thanked Ms. Kick for this exceptionally generous and groundbreaking gift.

The meeting recessed at **9:45 a.m.**

At the conclusion of the recess, Regent McDavid reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **9:54 a.m.**

Item B. Report on Texas Woman's University Athletics

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, introduced Ms. Sandee Mott, Executive Director of Athletics, who informed the Board that TWU Athletics placed fourth in Division II community service hours. She then provided updates related to the Division II fiftieth anniversary recognitions and an alumni spotlight of Ms. Louise Ritter. Ms. Mott then introduced, Ms. Jessica Ransom, Head Volleyball Coach, who detailed her history to the Board and stated she is looking forward to a successful season.

Item C. Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, provided an update on the Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs. Mr. Crusier provided information to the Board on recent and upcoming congressional staff visits and visits from potential state representatives. Mr. Crusier then detailed the Legislative Appropriations Request process, including the requests for additional funding related to TWU's aviation program, the summer bridge program for foster students, and research in women's healthcare.

VI. Report on the Office of the Chancellor and President

Chancellor Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, presented to the Board. Chancellor Feyten reviewed her ten (10) years with TWU through pictures commemorating each year, including pictures with Dr. Mary Evelyn Blagg Huey from 2015 and the grand opening of the new student union in Hubbard Hall in 2020. She then highlighted the hiring of the inaugural Dallas and Houston Campus Presidents. Chancellor Feyten concluded her report with a video showing additional pictures from her time at TWU.

Regents McDavid, Jester, Wright, Hyde, Wilson, Coleman, and Student Regent Landgrebe made

comments regarding Chancellor Feyten’s accomplishments and performance during her time at TWU.

VII. Adjourn Full Board Meeting to Executive Closed Session

Regent McDavid then announced that the Board would recess to Executive Closed Session for Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Specifically, she stated that the Board would hear a recommendation to approve the Texas Education Code Section 51.3525 Compliance Certification.

Regent McDavid then announced that the Board would also recess to Executive Closed Session for 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. Specifically, she stated that the Board will engage in Consultation regarding TWU Administration, discuss the Chancellor and President’s Evaluation, hear a Recommend Approval of Compensation Adjustments for the Chancellor and President, and hear a Recommend Approval of the Chancellor and President’s Goals for Academic Year 2024-2025.

The meeting adjourned at **10:51 a.m.**

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

At the conclusion of the Executive Closed Session, Regent Wright, Acting Chair of the Board of Regents, reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **12:08 p.m.** Regent Wright stated the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in Executive Closed Session.

Motion to Approve Item A.1 Recommend Approval of Texas Education Code Section 51.3525 Compliance Certification: Regent Wilson motioned and Regent Amirkhan seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Regent Wright commented on the Board’s evaluation of Chancellor Feyten, stating that she has shown remarkable leadership throughout this last year and that the Board is tremendously honored to call her the Chancellor and President of the TWU System.

Motion to Approve Item B.2 Recommend Approval of No Compensation Adjustments: Regent Amirkhan motioned and Regent Hyde seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion to Approve Item B.3 Recommend Approval of Chancellor and President’s Goals for Academic Year 2024-2025: Regent Jester motioned and Regent Hyde seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IX. Future Business

Regent Wright asked if there were any comments or requests from any Regents regarding future issues or subjects to discuss.

X. Regents’ Remarks

Regent Wright told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for November 7 and 8, 2024 on the Houston Campus.

XI. Adjourn Full Board Meeting

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Wright adjourned the Board of Regents meeting at **12:13 p.m.**