

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS  
FULL BOARD MINUTES  
February 16, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:**

**Present Full Board Members:**

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

**Present Administrators:**

Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President; Ms. Katherine A. Antwi, General Counsel, Secretary to the Board of Regents, and Chief Compliance Officer; 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, Interim Vice President for University Advancement; and Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

**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 **9:01 a.m.** Regent McDavid welcomed attendees to the Denton campus.

**II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of November 10, 2023**

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

The minutes of the Full Board Meeting of **November 10, 2023** 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 Hyde motioned and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Item A. Recommend Approval of Archiving Regent Policy B.20050: Exemptions and Waivers**

**Item B. Recommend Approval of Releasing Restrictions on Endowment Purposes**

**Item C. Recommend Approval of Student Housing Contract Awards**

- Item D. Recommend Approval of Graduate Tuition Increase**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Oklahoma Non-Resident Tuition Rate**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of University Services Fee Increase**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item H. Recommend Approval of Honorary Degree Nomination**

As a result of the vote, Ms. Glenda M. Payne was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters (h.c.).

#### **IV. Presentation**

##### **Item A. Introduction of the Texas Woman’s University Dallas Campus President**

Mr. Christopher Johnson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Chief of Staff, introduced Campus President Monica Christopher to the Board. Mr. Johnson began his presentation by explaining the reasoning for hiring Campus Presidents and the connection of hiring leadership to TWU System’s Strategic Plan. He then detailed Campus President Christopher’s outstanding experience and qualifications. Campus President Christopher presented information to the Board regarding her experience so far at TWU and that she is looking forward to “Boldy Go” for the Dallas Campus.

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

#### **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 Wright motioned and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

##### **Item A. Report on Texas Woman's University Athletics**

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, introduced Ms. Sandee Mott, Director of Athletics, who provided an update on TWU Athletics. Ms. Mott provided information related to the 2023 Hall of Fame, 2023 Fall academic information for student-athletes, upcoming championship events, and updates on the Artistic Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, Gymnastics, and Softball teams. Ms. Mott then introduced Mr. Babak Abouzar, Soccer Head Coach, to the Board. Mr. Abouzar shared with the Board the success of the 2023 Soccer season. He then highlighted the season’s achievements of the following student-athletes: Ms. Erica Brelove, Ms. Alyssa Valdez, and Ms. Amanda Farris. He concluded his report with an announcement of the new Assistant Soccer Coach, Ms. Jazmine Navarro, who is a TWU alumna and former TWU student-athlete.

##### **Item B. 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 updates related to recent events held on TWU’s campus. He then explained the importance of voting in the primary elections.

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

Mr. Christopher Johnson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Chief of Staff, presented to the Board on behalf of Chancellor Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President. Mr. Johnson provided information related to enrollment initiatives at TWU and challenges facing higher education broadly. He then read from The Chronicle of Higher Education interview with Mr. Charles Welch, President of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, related to investing in higher education. Mr. Johnson concluded his report with a thank you to the Board.

## **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 engage in Consultation with Counsel Regarding Legal Matters, Including Pending, Threatened, and Contemplated Litigation and Settlement Offers.

The meeting adjourned at **9:46 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 McDavid reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **10:04 a.m.** Regent McDavid stated the Board would take any possible action regarding matters discussed in Executive Closed Session.

## **IX. Future Business**

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

## **X. Regents' Remarks**

Regent Coleman extended her condolences to the family of Mr. Scott Gibson, Principal of Argyle Middle School, who was a TWU alumnus. Regent Wilson sent her thoughts to Chancellor Feyten.

Regent McDavid told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for May 16 and 17, 2024 on the Dallas Campus.

## **XI. Adjourn Full Board Meeting**

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