

TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

FULL BOARD MINUTES

February 13, 2026

TWU Denton Campus

Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom and Room 2238

Roll Call:

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Wright (Chair), Amir Khan, Coleman, Hyde, Shepard, Wu, and Jennings (Non-Voting)

Absent Full Board Members:

Regents McDavid and Wilson

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President; Dr. Monica Williams, Houston Campus President; 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; Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel; Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life; Ms. Jaime Porter, Interim Vice President for University Advancement & Alumni Engagement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Henry Torres, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Mr. Tucker Maberry, Secretary to the Board of Regents.

I. Call to Order

With a quorum being present, Regent Wright, Chair of the Board of Regents, called the meeting to order at **9:04 a.m.**

Regent Wright 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 Wright acknowledged that Mr. David Jennings had been appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired 2025–2026 Student Regent term.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of November 13, 2025

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

The minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of **November 13, 2025**, were approved as submitted.

III. Consent Agenda

Regent Wright noted that **Consent Agenda Item G.** had been amended following actions in the Academic Affairs Committee meeting. She stated that all other Consent Agenda items were unchanged.

Motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented in their respective Committees:
 Regent Hyde motioned and Regent Coleman seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Item A. Recommend Approval of Oracle Student Financial Planning Project**
- Item B. Recommend Approval of Athletic Complex Project Budget Revision**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of the Seventeenth Supplemental Resolution to the Master Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds, in One or More Series**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Emeritus Faculty**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of Faculty for Tenure**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Formation of General Education Review Committee Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 51.315, and the Proposed Members of the General Education Review Committee, Subject to Further Review and Revision, as Appropriate**

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

EMERITUS FACULTY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Timothy Hoye	Social Sciences and Historical Studies	Professor of Political Science Emeritus

TENURE FACULTY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Amy Koerber	English, Rhetoric, and Spanish	Professor with Tenure Upon Arrival

As a result of the vote, the following individuals were appointed to the General Education Review Committee as noted below.

GENERAL EDUCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title and Affiliation</u>
Ms. Angela Griffin	Dietetics Program Director and Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Health Sciences

Dr. Sarah McMahan	Associate Professor, College of Professional Education
Dr. Ken Boonme	Associate Professor, College of Business and Entrepreneurship
Dr. Joy Spadachene	Associate Professor, College of Nursing
Dr. Ann Wheeler	Professor, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Brian Fehler	Professor, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Angela Bauer	Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dr. Nancy Chick	Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship
Dr. Brandi Falley	Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies
<i>To Be Determined</i>	<i>Community Leader</i>
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IV. Presentations

Item A. Presentation of Emeritus Faculty

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, highlighted Dr. Timothy Hoye, who was awarded the status of Professor of Political Science Emeritus.

Item B. Presentation of Tenure Faculty

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, highlighted Dr. Amy Koerber, the incoming Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who was awarded the status of Professor with Tenure Upon Arrival.

Item C. Recognition of Service of Dallas Campus President Monica Christopher

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, recognized outgoing Dallas Campus President Monica Christopher for her exemplary work as the inaugural Dallas Campus President. Chancellor Feyten commended President Christopher for her collaborative approaches to fundraising, academic program expansion, and strategic planning.

Chancellor Feyten then unveiled a portrait of President Christopher to be hung at the Dallas Campus. Chancellor Feyten noted that Mr. Christopher Johnson, Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Chief of Staff, will step into the role of Interim Dallas Campus President. Regents Wright, Amirkhan, Coleman, Shepard, and Wu all expressed their gratitude for President Christopher.

V. Full Board Agenda

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

Item A. Report on the Status of the Bezos Academy

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, introduced Mr. Will Nash, Director of Partnerships at Bezos Academy, who provided an update on the status of the Bezos Academy at TWU Denton. Mr. Nash noted that construction and furniture set up is complete. He stated that applications have opened for new students and a Head of School has been hired. Mr. Nash previewed upcoming milestones, including hiring teachers and assistant teachers this spring before opening for students in Fall 2026.

Regent Coleman commended the Bezos Academy and TWU for bringing a preschool back to the TWU campus. Regent Wu thanked Mr. Nash for partnering with TWU. Chancellor Feyten thanked the City of Denton for partnering on the project to expand its physical and programmatic footprint.

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 reported on recent developments in TWU Athletics. Ms. Mott noted TWU Athletics' exemplary grades, with a department grade point average (GPA) of 3.468, resulting in 87 consecutive semesters of a 3.0+ GPA. She briefly reviewed the fantastic seasons for the volleyball, STUNT, artistic swimming, wrestling, dance, softball, gymnastics, and basketball teams. Ms. Mott highlighted the TWU Athletics Hall of Fame class of 2026 inductees.

Ms. Mott introduced Mr. Babak Abouzar, Head Soccer Coach, who oversaw a historic 2025 soccer season with a program-best 16 wins and first-ever NCAA tournament win in program history. Mr. Abouzar was joined by soccer team members Ms. Jaida Arizmendi, Ms. Giselle Gutierrez, and Ms. Brianna "Bri" Luna.

Regents Amirkhan, Coleman, and Wright commended Ms. Mott for the athletic department's continued success.

Item C. Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, provided an update on governmental and legislative affairs. He noted that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has been releasing guidelines to operationalize laws passed by the 89th state legislature. Mr. Crusier thanked Congressman Al Green for securing funding for TWU Houston's simulation lab in the recently approved federal budget. Mr. Crusier previewed TWU's efforts to pass the healthcare workforce fund in the upcoming state legislative session. He noted that certain economic and political factors — including declining oil and gas prices, proposals to eliminate property taxes, and education savings accounts — may reduce future state government budgets, which could lead to decreased future appropriations to TWU. Mr. Crusier concluded by emphasizing the importance of the upcoming March 3rd primary election, which could change the state and federal elected officials representing TWU's campuses.

Item D. Report on the Office of the Dallas Campus President

Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President, presented the proposed partnership with Come to Believe (CTB). She explained that CTB is a two-year associates program embedded in the university tailored to high-achieving students who are interested in college but face financial and logistical barriers. She stated that the model helps students gain college experience and "come to believe" that they can

obtain a four-year degree — which 80% go on to do. Ms. Christopher explained how the CTB partnership could boost enrollment, retention, and academic offerings, all of which are priorities of the Dallas Campus Strategic Plan. She stated that the TWU Design Team is currently gathering data and synthesizing a plan, with the potential to present the final partnership plan to the Board at the August 2026 Board meeting, with implementation following in Fall 2027.

Regent Coleman applauded TWU’s “private school feel with a public school price” and noted how the CTB partnership fits nicely into that identity.

Item E. Report on the Office of the Houston Campus President

Dr. Monica Williams, Houston Campus President, Mr. Christopher Johnson, Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Chief of Staff, and Mr. Garrett Landry, CEO and Founder of Steady State Impact, presented the final Houston Campus Strategic Plan. President Williams reviewed the Strategic Plan timeline, process, and steering committee. Mr. Landry presented the top strategic priorities, including raising the campus’ visibility; expanding academic opportunities; growing the campus’ physical footprint; deepening community connectedness; and enhancing the faculty, staff, and student experience. Mr. Johnson previewed options for growing the campus footprint via space rental, lease, or acquisition. President Williams explained the academic programs targeted for expansion or creation, emphasizing the alignment with workforce needs.

Item F. Report on Veteran Student Services

Dr. Monica Mendez-Grant, Vice President for Student Life, introduced Ms. Amy O’Keefe, Executive Director of the Campus Alliance for Resource Education (CARE), who presented a report on Veteran Student Services. Ms. O’Keefe noted that TWU has been recognized as a Silver-level Military Friendly School due to its integrated support network for veterans, active duty military, and military spouses. Ms. O’Keefe explained that TWU currently has 256 students who are veterans or active duty military. She noted that TWU has also been recognized as a Military Friendly Spouse School. Ms. O’Keefe highlighted support available for veteran and active duty military students, including priority registration, scholarships, and dedicated staff at CARE offices.

Ms. O’Keefe introduced Mr. Joshua “JC” Boliek, an undergraduate theatre major and U.S. Navy veteran. Mr. Boliek explained his role as the Vice President of the Student Veterans Association (SVA), where he helps connect veterans to resources and support one another with the transition to college.

Regent Coleman expressed her admiration for the TWU theatre program and noted how many other veterans like Mr. Boliek have become actors. Responding to a question from Regent Hyde, Dr. Mendez-Grant explained that TWU has a partnership with the U.S. Air Force to provide aeronautical training, and the students in that program have the opportunity to participate in SVA.

VI. Chancellor and President’s Report

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, reflected on changes to higher education in the past ten years. She noted that higher education continues to be shaped not only by workforce preparation, but also a sense of belonging, leadership, and the institutional mission. Chancellor Feyten noted that the national conversation has shifted to questioning the value of higher education. She explained that the COVID-19 pandemic, the emergence of artificial intelligence, and changing cultural currents have all necessitated a revised approach to addressing student needs. Chancellor Feyten noted that universities are more systemized and there has been an emergence of “regional flagships” specializing in certain fields. She concluded by stating that the future of higher education will be defined by remaining nimble and innovative in the face of continued cultural and technological changes.

Regents Wu and Amrikhan commended Chancellor Feyten’s leadership and willingness to adapt.

VII. Recess Full Board Meeting into Executive Closed Session

Regent Wright then announced that the Board would recess into Executive Closed Session for Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Specifically, she stated the Board would engage in Consultation with Attorney.

Regent Wright stated that Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel, would join the Executive Closed Session to provide information regarding this item.

Regent Wright also announced that the Board would recess into 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 would deliberate on the Chancellor’s leadership milestones and associated personnel matters.

The meeting recessed at **11:04 a.m.**

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

Regent Wright, Chair of the Board of Regents, reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **11:31 a.m.**

IX. Future Business

Regent Wright asked if there were any comments or requests from Regents regarding future issues or subjects to discuss. Regent Shepard expressed her enthusiasm for Project Thrive and requested regular updates to the Board on the project.

X. Regents’ Remarks

Regent Coleman recognized the recent passing of Dr. Mary Frances “Francie” Baxter, a professor of occupational therapy at TWU Houston.

Regent Wright told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2026, at TWU Denton.

XI. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Wright adjourned the Board of Regents meeting at **11:34 a.m.**