

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

FULL BOARD MINUTES

MAY 7, 2026

TWU Denton Campus

Hubbard Hall – Southeast Ballroom and Room 2238

Roll Call:

Present Full Board Members:

Regents Wright (Chair), Amirkhan (Vice Chair), Coleman, Hyde, McDavid, Shepard, Wilson, Wu, and Jennings (Non-Voting)

Absent Full Board Members:

None

Present Administrators:

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Interim 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, Vice President for University Advancement & Alumni Engagement; Mr. Jason Tomlinson, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration; Dr. Henry Torres, 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 **3:31 p.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.

II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of February 13, 2026

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

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of **February 13, 2026**, were approved as submitted.

III. Consent Agenda

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

Item A.	Recommend Approval of Jones Hall Project – Phase III
Item B.	Recommend Approval of Denton Campus Steam Infrastructure Improvements
Item C.	Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy F.60200: Compensation and Benefits
Item D.	Recommend Approval of Archival of Regent Policy G.70010: Student Tuberculosis Screening and Case Management
Item E.	Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants
Item F.	Recommend Approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Sports Management Degree
Item G.	Recommend Approval of Awards for Faculty Development Leave for Academic Year 2026–2027
Item H.	Recommend Approval of Emeritus Faculty
Item I.	Recommend Approval of Faculty for Promotion and Tenure

As a result of the vote, the following faculty were approved for emeritus, promotion, and/or tenure status.

EMERITUS FACULTY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Carolyn Da Silva	School of Physical Therapy – Houston	Professor of Physical Therapy Emerita
Dr. Noralyn Pickens	School of Occupational Therapy – Denton	Associate Dean and Professor of Occupational Therapy Emerita

PROMOTION AND/OR TENURE FACULTY

College of Arts and Sciences		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Dayna Averitt	Biology	Professor
Dr. John Beatty	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Arts and Sciences		
Dr. Vivienne Born	Political Science	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Christopher Brower	Biology	Professor
Ms. Otter Day	Psychology	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Elisa De la Rosa	Dance	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. David Gardner	Computer Science	Professor
Dr. Karen Goodwin	Biology	Lecturer II
Dr. Julie Herbstrith	Psychology	Associate Professor with Tenure Upon Arrival
Dr. Sara Ishii-Bear	Visual Arts	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Gage Jeter	English	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Wendi Johnson	Psychology	Professor/Executive Director
Dr. Zane Lybrand	Biology	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Marta Mercado-Sierra	Social Work	Tenure
Dr. Della Molloy-Daugherty	Music	Associate Professor with Tenure
Ms. Zigwai Odukamaiya	Fashion Design and Merchandising	Lecturer II
Dr. Maria Serrano	Biology	Lecturer II
Dr. Sushmita Sinha	Biology	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Danielle Woolery	Music	Professor
Dr. Venkata Yanambaka	Computer Science	Associate Professor with Tenure
Mr. Steven Young	Theatre	Professor

College of Business and Entrepreneurship		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Lee Brown	Management	Professor/Associate Dean
Dr. Won Seok Choi	Finance	Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Business and Entrepreneurship		
Dr. Yuree Lim	Finance	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. He Ren	Finance	Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Health Sciences		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Hope McCarroll	Occupational Therapy – Denton	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Michael Welsch	Health Promotion and Kinesiology	Professor/Chair with Tenure Upon Arrival

College of Nursing		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Shalawn Harris	Nursing – Denton	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Elif Isik	Nursing – Houston	Associate Professor with Tenure

College of Professional Education		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dr. Kristen Becker	Library and Information Studies	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Melissa Brown	School of Human Sciences	Professor
Dr. Jerry Burkett	School of Education	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Kathryn Cantrell	School of Human Sciences	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Heather Cato	School of Education	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. JaNiece Elzy-Palmer	School of Education	Associate Professor with Tenure
Mr. Kerol Harrod	Library and Information Studies	Associate Clinical Professor
Dr. Aaron Norton	School of Human Sciences	Professor/Director

College of Professional Education		
Dr. Maria Peterson-Ahmad	School of Education	Professor/Associate Dean
Dr. Azucena Verdin-Peralta	School of Human Sciences	Associate Professor with Tenure
Dr. Vyacheslav Zavalin	Library and Information Studies	Associate Professor with Tenure

IV. Presentations

Public Testimony

Pursuant to *URP 01.100: Public Testimony at Regular Meetings of the TWU Board of Regents*, Regent Wright recognized Ms. Alyssa Flores to provide public testimony. Ms. Flores reflected on her time serving as Student Regent during the Fall 2025 semester.

Item A. Presentation of Emeritus Faculty

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented on the many years of service to TWU from Dr. Carolyn Da Silva and Dr. Noralyn Pickens, the recipients of emeritus status. Regent Coleman reflected on her learning under Dr. Pickens.

Item B. Presentation of Tenure Faculty

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, presented the faculty members approved for promotion and/or tenure. She highlighted one faculty member from each college. Regent Coleman commended how many STEM professors were promoted.

Item C. Recognition of Service of Student Regent and Student Regent Report on Service

Regent Wright commended Student Regent Jennings' performance on the Board. Student Regent Jennings reflected on his time serving on the Board, noting the support he received from faculty and staff while balancing being a new father with juggling academic responsibilities. He expressed gratitude for the many connections he made with students during his term.

Chancellor Feyten and Regent Shepard commended Student Regent Jennings for his service to the Board and for bringing a spotlight to students who are parents. Chancellor Feyten presented Student Regent Jennings with a gift on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Emarely Rosa-Dávila, Speaker of the Faculty Senate, then presented a resolution from the Faculty Senate commending Student Regent Jennings for his service to the Board.

V. Full Board Agenda

Motion to Take up Agenda Items: Regent Amirkhan 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, Executive Director of Athletics, who presented on TWU Athletics during the Spring 2026 semester. Ms. Mott

briefly summarized the successful seasons of the wrestling program, artistic swimming team, STUNT team, and softball team. She introduced Ms. Cecily Rodriguez, the new Assistant Director for Development.

Ms. Mott highlighted the basketball team, noting they had won the Lone Star Conference championship for four consecutive years, won at least 30 games for three consecutive years, and had a Sweet 16 appearance for three consecutive years. Ms. Mott introduced Ms. Averee Kleinhans, who reflected on her time playing basketball at TWU and reiterated the importance of the culture of teamwork.

Ms. Mott highlighted the Pioneer Pride dance team, whose momentous season was capped off by winning the national championship trophy in DII spirit rally in back-to-back seasons. Ms. Codi Keng reflected on the team's collaborative environment and her personal growth as an individual and a dancer.

Ms. Mott concluded by highlighting the gymnastics season, which claimed its highest score in program history in its season opener and concluded by winning the Women's Collegiate National Championship. Ms. Caroline Bowns reflected on how her teammates and coaches supported her athletically, academically, and professionally.

Regent Coleman expressed her enthusiasm attending TWU sporting events and congratulated the athletes on their successful seasons.

Item B. Report on the Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, presented on recent activities in the Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs. He introduced Ms. Suzann Woodard, Director of Government Relations, who he said will increase TWU's visibility in Austin. Mr. Crusier highlighted a recent tour of TWU Denton with state legislators to educate them about TWU's facilities and strategic priorities. He concluded by reminding the meeting attendees to vote in the upcoming primary runoff election.

Item C. Report on the Office of the Interim Dallas Campus President

Mr. Christopher Johnson, Interim Dallas Campus President, presented on recent developments at TWU Dallas aligned with the TWU Dallas Strategic Plan. He highlighted recent earned media placements and speaking events which grew the campus' visibility. Mr. Johnson stated that TWU Dallas is now offering business classes, the first time ever the campus has offered classes outside of the Colleges of Health Sciences and Nursing. He noted that TWU Dallas remains on the cutting edge of medical treatments in fields such as autism intervention and rotator cuff surgery.

Mr. Johnson explained new partnerships with Dallas ISD and a focus on two-year programs to increase enrollment. He explained how improvements to the student dining area, employee service awards, and digital signage has elevated the campus experience. Mr. Johnson concluded by summarizing recent success in the TWU Ventures program, which has now graduated cohorts in the medical assistant and doula programs.

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

Dr. Monica Williams, Houston Campus President, presented on recent developments at TWU Houston aligned with the TWU Houston Strategic Plan. Dr. Williams noted increased visibility of the campus due to strategically placed signage. She summarized recent collaboration with Provost Bauer and the academic deans to expand academic offerings at TWU Houston. Dr. Williams stated that TWU Foundation President John Harper will host the President's Leadership Council on May 28th.

Dr. Williams noted that Ms. Carme Williams, Senior Director of Development, has worked quickly to advance community efforts and connect with Houston-based alumni. Dr. Williams recounted the TWU Houston Spring 2026 commencement ceremony, which was held in Fort Bend Epicenter for the first time and in doing so doubled audience attendance from previous ceremonies. She highlighted the launch of TWU Ventures at TWU Houston.

Regent Coleman exited the meeting during Item D. at 4:58 p.m.

VI. Chancellor and President's Report

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, presented to the Board. Chancellor Feyten highlighted the TWU team which won first place in the recent NASA-sponsored Texas Space Grant Consortium Design Challenge. She noted the numerous TWU faculty who are on the cutting edge of artificial intelligence integration and TWU's ongoing financial strength. Chancellor Feyten underscored how the expansion of TWU's athletics programs has increased the university's visibility and attracted high-performing students who otherwise would have attended college elsewhere. She summarized a recent visit to Flatonia, Texas, where she presented the Chancellor's Endowed Scholarship to Ms. Summer Sodek. Chancellor Feyten concluded by recounting a recent luncheon held at TWU Denton with the other Texas higher education system chancellors, noting that the increased collaboration further aligns the systems' goals going into the next state legislative session.

Regent Wilson congratulated Chancellor Feyten on representing TWU on a global stage at the upcoming International Women's Forum in London.

VII. Recess Full Board Meeting into Executive Closed Session

Regent Wright 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 - Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.074. Specifically, she stated that the Board would discuss personnel matters of other personnel and hold deliberations Regarding the chancellor's leadership milestones and associated personnel matters, with possible action.

The meeting recessed at **5:22 p.m.**

VIII. 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 Wright reconvened the meeting of the Full Board into open session, a quorum being present at **5:58 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 Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Other Personnel: Regent Hyde motioned and Regent Wu seconded.

Prior to taking the vote, Regent Wright noted for the record that the vote was specifically to approve the appointment of Ms. Jaime Porter as the Vice President for University Advancement and Alumni Engagement.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

IX. Future Business

Regent Wright asked if there were any comments or requests from 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 August 13 and 14, 2026, on the Denton Campus.

XI. Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Board of Regents, Regent Wright adjourned the Board of Regents meeting at **6:01 p.m.**