

# TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

## FULL BOARD MINUTES

November 13, 2025

### TWU Houston Campus

Institute of Health Sciences – 10th Floor, Room 10307 and 3rd Floor, Room 3111

#### **Roll Call:**

##### **Present Full Board Members:**

Regents Wright (Chair), Amirkhan (Vice Chair), Coleman, Hyde, McDavid, Shepard, Wilson, and Wu

##### **Absent Full Board Members:**

None

##### **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, 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 **3:33 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. Regent Wright noted that November 11th was Veterans Day and thanked past and present service members.

#### **II. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Full Board Meeting of August 15, 2025**

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

The minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of **August 15, 2025**, were approved as submitted.

#### **III. Recess Full Board Meeting into Executive Closed Session**

**Motion to Suspend the Rules and Next Address Adjournment to Executive Closed Session:** Regent Wu motioned and Regent Amirkhan seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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.

The meeting recessed at **3:36 p.m.**

**IV. 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 **4:18 p.m.**

**V. Consent Agenda**

Regent Wright noted for the record that the title of **Consent Agenda Item H.** was amended to **“Recommend Approval for the Chancellor and President and the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to Begin the Process of Following Texas Education Code Section 51.315”** following action in the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting.

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

- Item A. Recommend Approval of Office of Audit Services Charter**
- Item B. Recommend Approval of Master Food Service Contract with Chartwells**
- Item C. Recommend Approval of Amending PNC Bank Collective Banking Resolution**
- Item D. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy E.50100: Investment Policy**
- Item E. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy E.50110: Endowment Investment and Distribution Policy**
- Item F. Recommend Approval of Acceptance of Grants**
- Item G. Recommend Approval of Emerita Staff**
- Item H. Recommend Approval for the Chancellor and President and the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost to Begin the Process of Following Texas Education Code Section 51.315**
- Item I. Recommend Approval of Emeriti Faculty**

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

#### **EMERITA STAFF**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Ms. Carolyn “Carol” Pickle	Communication Sciences and Oral Health	Senior Secretary Emerita

#### **EMERITA FACULTY**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Dr. Kenneth Shane Broughton	Nutrition and Food Sciences	Chair and Professor of Nutrition Emeritus
Ms. Elizabeth Spoons	Communication Sciences and Oral Health	Clinical Professor of Dental Hygiene Emerita

### **VI. Presentations**

#### **Item A. Presentation of Emerita Staff**

Mr. Tony Sanchez, Chief Human Resources and People Officer, highlighted the staff member who was awarded emerita status.

#### **Item B. Presentation of Emeriti Faculty**

Dr. Angela Bauer, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, highlighted the two faculty who were awarded emerita status.

### **VII. Full Board Agenda**

**Motion to Take up Agenda Items:** Regent Wilson motioned and Regent Amirkhan seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

#### **Item A. Report on Office of Governmental and Legislative Affairs**

Mr. Kevin Crusier, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, presented on governmental and legislative updates. Mr. Crusier noted that the federal government had reopened and funding for the simulation lab at TWU Houston was included in one of the budget bills. He noted that the students in the D.C. internship program had the opportunity to meet with numerous federal legislators in D.C. in recent weeks. Mr. Crusier stated that Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel, was instrumental in implementing policies responsive to Senate Bill (SB) 37 and SB 2972. Mr. Crusier concluded by stating that Congressman Ronny Jackson has written letters of support asking the federal government to reinstate some recently rescinded research grants.

## **Item B. Report on the Office of the Dallas Campus President**

Ms. Monica Christopher, Dallas Campus President, shared updates on the TWU Dallas Strategic Plan and highlighted the finalized 2025–2030 goals. She also provided an update on TWU Ventures in which she emphasized workforce development and progress made to offer numerous professional certifications in high-demand medical fields.

Responding to a question from Regent Wu, President Christopher stated that TWU Dallas plans to launch two undergraduate Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degrees, one with a healthcare focus and another with an accounting focus. Additionally, TWU Dallas will pursue teacher certifications with a focus on urban schools. President Christopher noted that recruitment efforts will focus on students from the Dallas area who are interested in the TWU System but are unable to attend TWU Denton due to cost or distance.

## **Item C. Report on the Office of the Houston Campus President**

Dr. Monica Williams, Houston Campus President, presented TWU Houston program highlights. TWU Houston faculty Dr. Patricia Bowyer, Dr. Oluchukwu Loveth Obiora, and Dr. Sandra Tyson each presented updates on projects in their fields. Dr. Bowyer discussed LoneSTAR LEND, a 10-month interdisciplinary program that trains professionals on how best to work with patients with autism or neurodevelopmental disabilities. Dr. Obiora presented on efforts to bridge the gap in lactation and postpartum health resources in rural Texas. Dr. Tyson presented on a multispecialty mobile clinic training students and delivering diabetes care to underserved communities. Dr. Williams concluded with updates on the TWU Houston Strategic Plan.

## **Item D. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy A.10000: Texas Woman’s University System Board of Regents Bylaws**

Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel, recommended approval of revisions to Regent Policy A.10000: Texas Woman’s University System Board of Regents Bylaws in accordance with SB 37. She noted these revisions update requirements related to Search Advisory Committees, faculty senates, and Board of Regents hiring decisions.

**Motion to Amend Section 1.2(b) of Regent Policy A.10000: Texas Woman’s University System Board of Regents Bylaws to read: “The Board of Regents shall conduct hiring decisions as required by applicable law.”** Regent Wu motioned and Regent Wilson seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Motion to Approve Item D. as Amended:** Regent Amirkhan motioned and Regent Hyde seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **Item E. Recommend Approval of Revisions to Regent Policy C.30010: Shared Governance Policy**

Ms. Wonny Lervisit, General Counsel, recommended approval of revisions to Regent Policy C.30010: Shared Governance Policy in accordance with SB 37. She noted this policy further delineates the roles of the Board of Regents, administrators, faculty, staff, and employees within the shared governance structure.

**Motion to Approve Item E.:** Regent Wu motioned and Regent Shepard seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **VIII. Chancellor and President’s Report**

Dr. Carine M. Feyten, Chancellor and President, summarized takeaways from the recent Cabinet retreat.

She stated her focus on “playing more offense” by proactively addressing problems and beginning new strategic initiatives. Chancellor Feyten noted TWU Dallas’ increased visibility by successfully leveraging earned media. She thanked the Board for its ongoing support.

#### **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 Coleman expressed her gratitude to Chief Garrison for allowing her woman’s club to participate in Boo at the U. She noted that many people expressed admiration for the architectural continuity, clear signage, and overall beauty across the TWU Denton campus.

Regent Wright told the Board that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for February 12 and 13, 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 **5:32 p.m.**