

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

May 16, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on May 10, 2016.

The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges convened a meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016, in Conference Room 216A, Public Safety Training Center, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, 3501 W. Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Present: Joe D. Hall, Chairman; Lou Watkins, Vice Chair; Calvin J. Anthony; Douglas E. Burns; Rick Davis; Tucker Link; Trudy Milner; and Jim Reese.

Absent: None

Others present: Mr. Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Jarold Callahan; Mr. Joe Weaver, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, Oklahoma State University; Ms. Kathy Elliott, Associate Vice President and Controller, Oklahoma State University; (telephonically—Derek Smith and Jim Belshe of Huron Consulting Group); Dr. Jeff Hale, President, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; Dr. Tim Faltyn, President, Connors State College; Dr. Kent Smith, President, Langston University; Mr. Burns Hargis, President, Oklahoma State University and OSU System; and Ms. Shari Brecht, Executive Assistant to the CEO.

At approximately 10:05 a.m., Board Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hall welcomed Jarold Callahan, a Regent appointee who will begin his official duties as a Regent later this week but has graciously decided to share the day with the Board. At his request, Mr. Callahan provided information regarding his personal and academic life and professional career. Chairman Hall thanked Mr. Callahan, expressed appreciation for his commitment to service, and indicated that the Regents look forward to working with him.

#### **AGENDA ITEM (1)**

##### **Approval of Agenda.**

The Agenda for this Special Board Meeting, as posted, is attached and considered a part of these minutes.

**AGENDA ITEM (2)**

Receive information and a possible recommendation from Huron Consulting Group regarding shared services by the institutions governed by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

Chairman Hall said he previously appointed a Task Force—the same membership as the Board’s Planning & Budgets Committee that is chaired by Calvin Anthony with voting members being Trudy Milner and Tucker Link and non-voting ex-officio members being himself and Jason Ramsey—to work with the institutions under the governance of this Board regarding strategic planning in an effort to look into a more efficient operation of the services of OSU and the A&M institutions and the possibility of combining some of those to generate efficiency, cost reduction, and uniformity. OSU engaged Huron Consulting Group, a national company that has done this type of work around the nation, to explore such efficiencies at the OSU/A&M institutions.

Chairman Hall said today the findings of Huron Consulting Group are being shared with the full Board of Regents. Representatives of Huron consulted the appropriate staff members at the campuses of Connors State College, Langston University, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and Oklahoma State University; gathered information; and provided the findings to Vice President Weaver and his staff. Representatives of Huron Consulting Group are joining the meeting today by phone. Chairman Hall said he, Calvin Anthony, and Jason Ramsey got a preview of this information in a recent meeting with the A&M Presidents. He expressed his belief that this effort is starting to get very meaningful with some real numbers. In the current budget circumstances, there is not only a hunger on the part of the A&M institutions to do something different, but also a need for OSU to take a more active role. OSU currently provides assistance, when requested, to the A&M institutions through existing OSU personnel and at considerable cost.

The report prepared by Huron Consulting Group and two spreadsheets outlining low and high savings scenarios are, collectively, on file in the Board of Regents’ Office as Document No. 1-5-16-16.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the information shared, Board members expressed support for a shared services model for OSU and the A&M institutions and encouraged proceeding to accomplish that end.

**AGENDA ITEM (3)**

Executive Session, if so approved by the required number of Board members present, for the purpose of considering evaluation/assessment and other information relevant to the employment of Oklahoma A&M institutional presidents. (Oklahoma Open Meeting Act §307B.1.)

**ACTION:** At approximately 11:20 a.m., Regent Davis moved that the Board convene in Executive Session for the stated purpose of considering evaluation/assessment and other information relevant to the employment of Oklahoma A&M institutional presidents. Regent Anthony seconded the motion.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

(At approximately 11:42 a.m., Regent Reese left the meeting. At approximately 3:28 p.m., Regent Reese rejoined the meeting.)

(At approximately 12:45 p.m., the Board moved to Classroom 204, Public Safety Training Center, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, 3501 W. Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and continued over lunch; then, at approximately 1:45 p.m., the Board returned to Conference Room 216A.)

#### Open Session

**ACTION:** At approximately 5:40 p.m., Regent Burns moved that the Board reconvene in Open Session. Regent Milner seconded the motion.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

#### AGENDA ITEM (4)

Consider or take any action with reference to the matters contained in the immediately preceding item.

**ACTION:** Regent Davis moved that the Board authorize the Board Chairman to approach Dr. Ronald S. Ramming to serve as Interim President of Connors State College effective June 1, 2016, at a salary of \$120,000. Regent Burns seconded the motion.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

#### AGENDA ITEM (5)

Consider information and a possible recommendation concerning the methodology used for evaluation/assessment of institutional presidents under the governance of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

Chairman Hall asked if there was discussion regarding the evaluation/assessment process. A few of the Regents commented that they believed it had been a good process.

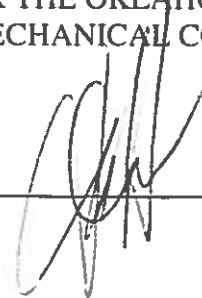
#### Adjournment

**ACTION:** At approximately 5:45 p.m., Regent Anthony moved that the Board meeting be adjourned. Regent Davis seconded the motion.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Burns, Davis, Hall, Link, Milner, Reese, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

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Joe D. Hall, Chairman



ATTEST:

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Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer

Certified correct minutes subject to the approval of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on June 17, 2016.

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Shari Brecht, Executive Assistant to the CEO

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3501 W. Reno Avenue  
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Business to be discussed:

- (1) Approval of Agenda.
- (2) Receive information and a possible recommendation from Huron Consulting Group regarding shared services by the institutions governed by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.
- (3) Executive Session, if so approved by the required number of Board members present, for the purpose of considering evaluation/assessment and other information relevant to the employment of Oklahoma A&M institutional presidents. (Oklahoma Open Meeting Act §307B.1.)
- (4) Consider or take any action with reference to the matters contained in the immediately preceding item.
- (5) Consider information and a possible recommendation concerning the methodology used for evaluation/assessment of institutional presidents under the governance of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.

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\* The Board will continue meeting over lunch in Classroom 204, Public Safety Training Center, OSU-OKC.