

## MINUTES

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

August 22-23, 2019\*

Karsten Creek Golf Club  
1800 South Memorial Drive  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074

*Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on August 15, 2019.*

The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges convened in a Retreat/Study Session on Friday, August 23, 2019, in the Board Room of Karsten Creek Clubhouse, 1800 South Memorial Drive, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Present: Mr. Tucker Link, Chairman; Mr. Rick Davis, Vice Chairman; Mr. Calvin J. Anthony; Mrs. Blayne Arthur; Mr. Douglas E. Burns; Mr. Jarold Callahan; Mr. Joe D. Hall; Dr. Trudy Milner; and Mrs. Lou Watkins.

Absent: None.

Others present: Mr. Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Burns Hargis, President, Oklahoma State University and OSU System; Ms. Kyla Eldridge, Executive Administrative Associate, and (remotely) Jenni Washington with Passageways.

At approximately 7:45 a.m., Board Chairman Link called the meeting to order.

A copy of the agenda, as posted, is identified as ATTACHMENT A and considered a part of these minutes.

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

**Discussion of strategic initiatives that best prepare the OSU/A&M institutions to meet the needs of Oklahoma Higher Education and the Oklahoma workforce.**

Chairman Link began the Retreat by discussing his goals for the morning session. He shared that his desire is for the Board to be proactive about its plans for the future. Situations have been seen recently where some have been put in a spot that they have not planned for potential change. This Board has the opportunity to plan for upcoming changes.

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\* *This was strictly an informal Retreat/Study Session for those Regents who could attend and OSU President Burns Hargis and spouses/guests. On Thursday, August 22, 2019, a Reception and Dinner were held beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Karsten Creek Clubhouse. On Friday, August 23, 2019, a Breakfast and Board Retreat were held beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room of Karsten Creek Clubhouse.*

Chairman Link expressed his thanks to the committee chairs and all Board members for the time and effort that they put into this work. He specifically thanked Regents Anthony and Callahan for their work on the Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Review Committee which has already been working over the summer.

Regent Anthony mentioned that he is representing the Regents on the search committee for a new leader of the Oklahoma State University Foundation (OSUF). The search is underway and they are receiving applications. Regent Hall commented that Oklahoma State University (OSU) and OSUF are much better aligned today than they were prior to the relationship that has been established between OSU President Burns Hargis, OSUF President Kirk Jewell, and the OSUF board leadership.

Chairman Link mentioned another important area for planning ahead is with regard to members of this Board of Regents. As members go off the Board, it would be helpful for the Regents to think about potential appointees that can be suggested for consideration. Some key issues to consider are: Qualifications, Diversity, Gender, and Geography.

OSU President Burns Hargis joined the meeting. He shared that one recent highlight is the granting of Carnegie Tier 1 status for Oklahoma State University. It was found that OSU had really done a poor job of reporting on research that is being done that will help rankings. The opioid settlement has the potential to move OSU up significantly in research. Also, Vice President Kenneth Sewell is making a positive difference.

Chairman Link shared some ideas with President Hargis and the Board with regard to opportunities for the University's future. These include what type of leaders the University should be looking for going forward, potential for enhanced offerings in Tulsa, endowed chairs, and OSUIT and OSU-OKC meeting workforce needs.

President Hargis then left the meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM (2)**

Discussion related to succession planning in higher education and at institutions governed by the A&M Board.

The Board continued with a brainstorming session on several topics including leadership succession, growth of online programs, coordination of healthcare programs, and strategic planning for the future.

### **AGENDA ITEM (3)**

Executive Session, if so approved by the required number of Regents present, for the purpose of considering evaluation/assessment and other information relevant to the employment of institutional presidents under the governance of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges. (Oklahoma Open Meeting Act §307B.1.)

No executive session was needed.

**AGENDA ITEM (4)**

Interactive presentation of new portal for Board meeting materials and other Board business.

Kyla Eldridge, Executive Administrative Associate, joined the meeting and connected remotely with Jenni Washington, a representative with Passageways, in order to conduct a training session for the Board related to the implementation of AGB OnBoard, a new Board management software.

Adjournment

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Chairman Link adjourned the meeting.

**ATTACHMENT A**

A G E N D A

RETREAT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA  
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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019**

*(Karsten Creek Clubhouse)*

*6:00 p.m & 6:45 p.m. – Reception & Dinner*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019**

**(Board Room, Karsten Creek Clubhouse)**

**7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Breakfast and Board Retreat**

**(No Board action will be taken)**

Items to be discussed:

1. Discussion of strategic initiatives that best prepare the OSU/A&M institutions to meet the needs of Oklahoma Higher Education and the Oklahoma workforce.
2. Discussion related to succession planning in higher education and at institutions governed by the A&M Board.
3. Executive Session, if so approved by the required number of Regents present, for the purpose of considering evaluation/assessment and other information relevant to the employment of institutional presidents under the governance of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges. (Oklahoma Open Meeting Act §307B.1.)
4. Interactive presentation of new portal for Board meeting materials and other Board business.

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Tucker Link 09/17/2019 15:30 Central Daylight

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L. Tucker Link, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jason Ramsey 09/19/2019 11:10 Central Daylight

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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 September 13, 2019.



Shari Brecht 09/12/2019 11:15 Central Daylight

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Shari Brecht, Executive Assistant to the CEO