Minutes

Board of Regents
January 22, 2020

Wednesday, January 22, 2020.—The members of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System convened in a special-called meeting by teleconference at 10:02 am on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in the Board of Regents Committee Room (106), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.—

Regents present by telephone were Ron Hammonds; Christopher “Chris” M. Huckabee, Chair; J. Michael Lewis, Vice Chairman; Mickey L. Long; John D. Steinmetz; and John B. Walker.

Regents present in person were Mark Griffin; Sean Lewis, Student Regent; and Dusty Womble.

Regent Ginger Kerrick was unable to participate.

Administration and staff present via telephone during the meeting were Dr. Tedd Mitchell, Chancellor, TTUS; Dr. Lawrence Schovanec, President, TTU; Mrs. Noel Sloan, Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, TTU; and Mrs. Kendra Burris, Deputy Chancellor, Chancellor’s Office, TTUS.

Administration and staff present in person during the meeting were Mr. Keino McWhinney, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Regents, TTUS; Mr. Ben Lock, Advisor to the Board of Regents and Chancellor, TTUS; Mr. Eric Bentley, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, TTUS; Mr. Gary Barnes, Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, TTUS; Mr. Billy Breedlove, Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Planning and Construction, TTUS; Dr. Guy Loneragan, Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, TTU; Mrs. Theresa Drewell, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities, Planning and Construction, TTUS; Mr. Dailey Fuller, Chief of Staff, TTUS; Mr. Scott Lacefield, Executive Director, Communications, Chancellor’s Office, TTUS; and Mrs. Christina Martinez, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents, TTUS.

I. MEETING OF THE BOARD—CALL TO ORDER; CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD.—Chairman Huckabee announced a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
A. ROLL CALL—Chairman Huckabee called on Board Secretary Keino McWhinney to establish who was on the call and present in the Board Room.

B. TTU: APPROVE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET FOR NEW SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AMARILLO CAMPUS LOCATED IN AMARILLO, TX (GMP BID PACKAGE 2)—The Board authorized the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to (i) accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price (“GMP”) for construction of Bid Package 2 for the new School of Veterinary Medicine Amarillo Campus located in Amarillo, TX; (ii) increase the budget by $69,100,165 for a total project budget of $90,000,000; (iii) waive the board directed fees for landscape enhancements and public art; (iv) report the project to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (“THECB”); and (v) amend the Construction Manager At Risk (“CMAR”) Agreement. The increase will be funded through the Revenue Finance System (“RFS”) repaid with gift funds. The total project budget includes the previously board authorized expenditures from RFS repaid with gift funds ($20,899,835).

The Board reasonably expects to incur debt obligations for the design, planning and construction of the project, and all or a portion of the debt proceeds are reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the System for project expenditures previously expended. The maximum principal amount of debt obligations to be issued for the Project is $90,000,000.

The Board also authorized the president to negotiate and execute any and all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies and other entities required to successfully complete the project.

This approval waives the board directed fees for landscape enhancements and public art, and approves construction of an 185,200 GSF, two-story academic building for the new School of Veterinary Medicine Amarillo Campus located in Amarillo, TX, with a total project budget of $90,000,000.

The facility is comprised of two learning wings with a central double-height lobby. The lobby serves as the “front door” of the program and is designed to also serve as a gathering space to foster collaboration and interaction between faculty, students, and visitors. This space will provide opportunities for donors to be highlighted, have a strong Texas Tech atmosphere, and connect the entry to the courtyard. The courtyard offers additional seating areas and an outdoor classroom.

The program of this new two-story facility is divided amongst two learning wings. The east wing houses three large classrooms, one of which offers tiered seating to accommodate 400 students, break out rooms, and office
suites to serve student affairs on level one. On the second floor, the east wing contains additional leadership and faculty offices as well as graduate study and work rooms. The majority of lab and research spaces for the school are allocated to the west wing. Separated via controlled access, the west wing contains locker rooms, specialty labs, surgery suites, and small animal housing on level one. Teaching labs and support rooms for Anatomy and Pathology will be temperature-controlled spaces, linked together by a monorail conveying system. To enhance clinical and professional skills development in small animal medicine and surgery, a receiving area for animal drop-off by partners will open into exam rooms, holding areas, and surgery. Twenty additional labs designated to research are located on level two of the west wing; ten of those labs will be shelled for future development.

The TTU Approve total project budget for the new School of Veterinary Medicine Amarillo Campus located in Amarillo, TX (GMP Bid Package 2) PowerPoint is included herewith as Attachment No. 1.

B.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION.—At approximately 10:16 am, the Board recessed and convened into Executive Session as authorized by Chapter 551.0741, 551.072, 551.073 AND 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

B.2. OPEN SESSION.—At 10:31 am., the Board reconvened in open session to consider items from Executive Session.

B.2.A. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Chairman Huckabee announced that there was one motion resulting from Executive Session.

B.2.A.1. Chairman Huckabee moved that the Board authorize Presidents Lange and Rice-Spearman to conclude the negotiations and execute contracts between their respective institutions and the University of Texas System Administration for the transfer of appropriated funds to implement mental health initiatives through the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium...under the terms and conditions set forth in Executive Session. Regent Griffin seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.—There were no announcements.

II. ADJOURNMENT.—Chairman Huckabee adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am.
INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1  TTU Approve total project budget for the new School of Veterinary Medicine Amarillo Campus located in Amarillo, TX (GMP Bid Package 2) PowerPoint

I, Keino McWhinney, the duly appointed and qualified Secretary to the Board of Regents, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents meeting on January 22, 2020.

Keino McWhinney
Secretary to the Board of Regents

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