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Board of Regents

Agenda Book

AUGUST 13, 2026

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BOARD OF REGENTS

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Finance and Investments (FI):
Tim Culp (Chair) and Don Sinclair (Vice Chair)

[NOTE: All eight board members serve as voting members of each committee.]

AGENDA

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Open Session Meeting Location:
Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor,
System Administration Building,
1508 Knoxville Avenue,
Lubbock, Texas

Executive Session Meeting Location:
Regents Conference Room (106), First Floor,
System Administration Building,
1508 Knoxville Avenue,
Lubbock, Texas

Abbreviated Agenda with Approximate Times*

SWEARING-IN OF NEW STUDENT REGENT

8:45 am	Ceremonial swearing-in of newly appointed student regent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE CARR SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

(*Shown for informational purposes only.*)

8:50 am (or immediately following the swearing-in ceremony)	Call to Order; convene Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Carr Scholarship Foundation
9:05 am	Adjournment

MEETING OF THE BOARD

9:05 am — Call to Order; convene as Meeting of the Board and Committee of the Whole Board

- Introductions and Recognitions
- Approval of minutes
- Approval of Consent and Information agendas
- 2026 and 2027 BOR meeting schedule
- SGA President Reports

9:30 am — Recess

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 am (or upon recess of the Meeting of the Board)	Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee
9:45 am (or upon adjournment of the ACS Cmte. meeting)	Audit Committee
10:05 am (or upon adjournment of the Audit Cmte. meeting)	Facilities Committee
10:25 am (or upon adjournment of the Facilities Cmte. meeting)	Finance and Investments Committee

MEETING OF THE BOARD

11:00 am (or adjournment of the last committee meeting)	Call to Order; reconvene as Meeting of the Board and Committee of the Whole Board
11:00 am	Executive Session
4:00 pm	Following Executive Session, reconvene into Open Session as Committee of the Whole • ES Motions, if any • Announcements
4:15 pm	Adjournment

*For general information. All open session meetings of the Board of Regents will take place in the Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. Any executive session meetings that should occur throughout the day will take place in the Regents Committee Room (106), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. The times listed are estimates, with periodic recesses. The Meeting of the Board and related committee meetings will take place over the course of one day, on Thursday, August 13, 2026. Prior to the start of the day's meetings, at 8:45 am, a ceremonial swearing-in of the newly appointed student regent will take place. Following the swearing-in ceremony, at approximately 8:50 am, the Carr Scholarship Foundation meeting will take place. Upon adjournment of the Carr Scholarship meeting, the Meeting of the Board convene, at approximately 9:05 am, to act on various matters as a Committee of the Whole after which the Meeting of the Board will recess. Committee meetings will commence sequentially upon recess of the Meeting of the Board at approximately 9:30 am. The Meeting of the Board will reconvene after the last committee of the day adjourns (or whenever deemed necessary) to convene into Executive Session. The Meeting of the Board is expected to adjourn on Thursday, August 13, 2026, on or before 4:15 pm; however, if needed, the meeting may continue beyond 4:15 pm until completed. The full board agenda is detailed on pages 6 through 9. The agenda for each session of the board meeting or a meeting of a committee of the board is detailed behind the appropriate divider tab.

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Ceremonial swearing-in of newly appointed student regent: Before the start of the day's meetings, the newly appointed student regent will participate in a ceremonial swearing-in.

Board of Trustees of the Carr Scholarship Foundation: This meeting will take place upon completion of the swearing-in ceremony; refer to agenda provided by the Chief Financial Officer's Office.

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IV. Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the Board

V. Executive Session: The Board will convene into Executive Session, in the Regents Committee Room (106), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, to consider matters permissible under Chapter 551 of the *Texas Government Code*, including, for example:

A. Consultation with attorney regarding privileged communications, pending or contemplated litigation and settlement negotiations – Section 551.071

B. Deliberations regarding real property: The purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property – Section 551.072

C. Deliberations regarding prospective gifts – Section 551.073

D. Personnel matters: Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employees – Section 551.074

E. Deliberations regarding security devices—deployment of security personnel or devices – Section 551.076

VI. **Open Session:** The Board will convene into Open Session in the Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

A. Consideration of appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session

B. Chairman's Announcements

VII. Adjournment

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/ MEETING OF THE BOARD

MEETING OF THE BOARD/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 9:05 am (or upon adjournment of the Board of Trustees meeting of the Carr Scholarship Foundation)

Place: Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

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Ceremonial swearing-in of newly appointed student regent: Before the start of the day's meetings, at approximately 8:45 am, the newly appointed student regent will participate in a ceremonial swearing-in.

Board of Trustees of the Carr Scholarship Foundation: This meeting will take place upon completion of the swearing-in ceremony at approximately 8:50 am; refer to agenda provided by the Chief Financial Officer's Office.

AGENDA

I. **Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; convene into Open Session of the Board.** The Board will convene in Open Session and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board..Chairman Campbell

A. Introductions and Recognitions.......................Chancellor Creighton, President Hawkins, President Haynie, President Schovanec President Rice-Spearman, and President Lange

B. Approve minutes of the board meeting held on May 7, 2026 ....Chairman Campbell

C. Committee of the Whole...............................Vice Chairman Womble

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D. Schedule for Board meetings:
November 11, 2026, Lubbock
February 25-26, 2027, Lubbock
May 6-7, 2027, Lubbock
August 12-13, 2027, Lubbock
November 11-12, 2027, Lubbock .... Keino McWhinney

E. Student Government Association Reports .... Kaleb Lankford, Rory Rucker, Grayson King, Sahil Tonk, and Isabella Zambrano

II. Recess ....Chairman Campbell

III. Meeting of Standing Committees: Conducted sequentially and separately from the Meeting of the Board beginning upon recess of the Meeting of the Board at approximately 9:30 am—refer to agenda for each respective committee meeting.

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1. ASU, MSU, TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso, TTUSA and TTUS: Approve Consent Agenda; acknowledge review of Information Agenda.

Presenter: Vice Chair Womble Presentation Time: 2 minutes
Board approval required by: Sections 01.02.7.d(4)(b) and 01.02.07.d(4)(c), *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor recommends that the Board of Regents (i) approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting of August 13, 2026, as listed on Pages 51-94; and (ii) acknowledge its review of the Information Agenda, as listed on Pages 95 to 107.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 01.02.6.b(2), *Regents' Rules,* the Board of Regents approves certain administrative actions.

This action is required to authorize the various officers and officials of Texas Tech University System to perform the tasks and duties delineated in the policies of the Board of Regents. This action also confirms the authority to prepare reports, execute contracts, documents, or instruments approved within the Consent Agenda and further confirms that such authority has been delegated to the officer or official preparing and/or executing the said item.

ACADEMIC, CLINICAL, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

ACADEMIC, CLINICAL, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 9:30 am (or upon adjournment of the Meeting of the Board)

Place: Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Sweatt (Chair); Sinclair (Vice Chair) and McLelland (Student Regent)
(The Academic, Clinical, and Student Affairs Committee consists of all eight board members and the student regent.)

AGENDA

III.A. Consideration of items to be recommended by the Academic, Clinical and Student Affairs Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System ("TTUS") for and on behalf of Angelo State University ("ASU"), Midwestern State University ("MSU"), the TTU System Administration ("TTUSA"), Texas Tech University ("TTU"), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC"), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso")

- Approve minutes of committee meeting held on May 7, 2026

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1. ASU: Approve the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Video Game Art and Animation.

Presenter: President Ronnie Hawkins, Jr. Presentation Time: 3 minutes
Board approval required by: 04.09.01, *Regents' Rule;* and Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter F, *Texas Administrative Code.*

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends and the chancellor concurs that the Board of Regents approve the new degree program request for the Bachelor of Fine Arts ("BFA") in Video Game Art and Animation within the College of Arts and Humanities and authorize submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board seeking its approval for this program and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for its review. Implementation of this new program will begin in fall 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The new face-to-face BFA in Video Game Art and Animation in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts will prepare students for creative and technical careers in the rapidly growing video game, interactive media, and digital entertainment industries. Emphasizing visual development 2D and 3D animation game asset creation and collaborative production workflows, the degree leverages Angelo State University's ("ASU") strengths in the arts while responding to strong regional and national workforce demand. The proposed program aligns with ASU's mission to provide highly competitive graduates to the global marketplace by delivering quality programs in a values-focused and student-centered teaching and learning environment and to support economic and cultural development in West Texas and beyond.

The video game and interactive entertainment industry is one of the fastest growing sectors of the creative economy with expanding demand for skilled artists and animators proficient in digital tools and collaborative production environments. The gaming market is expected to grow by $269 billion (2025) to more than $435 billion by 2030 (Mordor Intelligence). Games are no longer isolated entertainment products as they intersect with education, healthcare, film animation, simulation, and virtual reality industries. In 2025, Texas state legislators passed a $1.5 billion program to incentivize the film and video game industry (Houston Public Media). As Texas continues to grow as a hub for digital media and creative technology, ASU is well positioned to offer a specialized degree that prepares students for these fields.

Currently, students interested in game art and animation often must pursue degrees outside the region or enroll in general art or computer science programs that do not fully integrate artistic practice with game specific production pipelines. Establishing a BFA in video game art and animation will address this gap, retain talented students in the region, and attract new students drawn to creative technology disciplines. Along with preparing students for professional careers, this degree would strengthen ASU's connection to the region by promoting collaborative projects with local and regional schools, community organizations, and small businesses. The program will focus on the artistic and aesthetic aspects of game development, rather than just programming, complementing but not duplicating computer science offerings. Students will develop expertise in concept art, digital illustration, 3D modeling, texturing, animation, environment design, and character development, culminating in professional quality capstone projects with which to build their portfolio.

The proposed BFA in video game art and animation represents strategic investment in ASU's academic portfolio. It builds on institutional strengths in the arts, responds to clear workforce demand, and enhances ASU's ability to serve students seeking creative, future-facing careers. The approval of this program will position ASU as a leader in digital arts education.

No new projected costs are associated with the first five years of the proposed program. Existing program funding and current equipment and supplies will be sufficient to support its implementation. Personnel costs will be covered through the reallocation of current positions to support program operations. The five-year funding model includes anticipated formula funding beginning in years three through five, as well as projected revenue from tuition and fees.

BUDGET FOR THE PROPOSED BFA IN VIDEO GAME ART AND ANIMATION

Five-Year Enrollment Projections*

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Total New Students	3	6	9	12	15
Attrition	1	2	3	3	3
Cumulative Headcount	3	8	15	24	36
FTSE (fall)	3	8	15	24	36
Graduates	0	0	0	3	6

* Attrition is applied at the beginning of the following year

Five-Year Costs and Funding

Cost Descriptions	Cost Amounts
Personnel (faculty, administration, and clerical/staff salaries)	$0
Facilities and Equipment	$0
Supplies and Materials	$0
Student Support (Scholarships)	$0
Total Costs	**$0**

Funding Descriptions	Funding Amounts
Reallocation of Existing Resources	$0
Anticipated New Formula Funding	$274,380
Special Item Funding	$0
Tuition and fees	$681,348
Total Funding	**$955,728**

2. TTUHSC: Approve appointment of Grover E. Murray Professor.

Presenter: Dr. Darrin D'Agostino   Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 04.01.1, *Regents' Rules*; HSC OP 10.06

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends and the chancellor concurs that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Rodney B. Young, MD, FAAFP (School of Medicine), as a Grover E. Murray Professor.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Grover E. Murray Professorship is the highest honor the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC") may bestow on a professor in recognition of national and international distinction for outstanding teaching, research, or clinical practice. Rodney B. Young, MD, FAAFP, meets the criteria for such a distinction.

Dr. Young joined the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in 2000 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He currently serves as Professor and Regional Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine in Amarillo, a position he has held since 2003. A graduate of the TTUHSC School of Medicine and its Family Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Young has devoted more than 25 years to advancing the institution's missions of patient care, education, scholarship, and service.

Recognized across Texas and nationally as a leader in family medicine and graduate medical education, Dr. Young's scholarly contributions include more than 30 peer-reviewed publications, including research recognized with the Rufus A. Lyman Award for the most outstanding research paper published in the American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education. He has delivered invited presentations for regional, national, and international audiences and has provided leadership through election to the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees, service as Chair of the Texas Medical Association Council on Medical Education, and leadership roles within the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical Association.

For more than 23 years as Regional Chair, Dr. Young has led the growth of Family and Community Medicine in Amarillo while advancing undergraduate and graduate medical education. He has received the TTUHSC Dean's Clinical Teaching Award and multiple teaching awards selected by students and residents. Since 2009, he has helped lead the Family Medicine Accelerated Track, an innovative program designed to increase the number of primary care physicians serving Texas communities.

Beyond TTUHSC, Dr. Young has influenced physician workforce development through leadership in organized medicine and legislative advocacy. Working through the Texas Medical Association and Texas Academy of Family Physicians, he helped develop recommendations that were incorporated into state legislation, contributing to an approximately 45% increase in graduate medical education funding. He also helped develop model legislation that improved licensure pathways for international medical graduates and proposals that formed the basis for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Graduate Medical Education Expansion Grant Program.

Throughout his career, Dr. Young has exemplified the values of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center through exceptional clinical care, educational excellence, visionary leadership, dedicated service, and unwavering integrity. His sustained record of achievement in patient care, medical education, organized medicine, public policy, scholarship, and institutional leadership makes him exceptionally deserving of the distinction of being named a Grover E. Murray Professor.

Faculty members who have been previously named Grover E. Murray professors are:

- Volker Neugebauer, MD, PhD, 2024, *Active Faculty*
- Billy U. Philips, PhD, MPH, 2023, *Retired*
- Thomas J. Abbruscato, PhD, 2023, *Active Faculty*
- Sherry Sancibrian, 2022, *Active Faculty*
- Thomas W. Hale, PhD, RPh, 2022, *Retired*
- Steven L. Berk, MD, 2020, *Deceased*
- Michael Evans, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, FAAN, 2019, *Retired*
- Vadivel Ganapathy, PhD, 2017, *Retired*
- Surendra Varma, MD, 2016, *Active Faculty*
- Sharon Decker, PhD, RN, 2016, *Retired*
- Cynthia L. Raehl, PharmD, FASHP, 2016, *Retired*
- Afzal Siddiqui, PhD, 2013, *Active Faculty*
- Quentin Smith, PhD, 2009, *Retired*
- Neil A. Kurtzman, MD, 2004, *Retired*
- John M. Orem, PhD, 2002, *Retired*
- Abraham Verghese, MD, 2001, *No longer at TTUHSC*
- Douglas M. Stocco, PhD, 1997, *Retired*
- Gabor B. Racz, MD, 1996, *Deceased*

3. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve the Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Executive Leadership.

Presenter: Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A. Presentation Time: 2 min
Board approval required by: Section 04.09.1, *Regents' Rules* and Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 2, Sub-chapter G, *Texas Administrative Code*

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends and the chancellor concurs that the Board of Regents approve the new degree program request for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice ("DNP") in Executive Leadership within the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing ("GGHSON") at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso"). The Board further authorizes submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ("THECB") seeking its approval and to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges ("SACSCOC") for its review. Implementation of this new program is projected to begin in fall, 2028.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed DNP is a 36-semester credit hour degree plan in advanced nursing designed to provide graduates with the specialized knowledge and practical skills required for contemporary DNP practice. The program will lead to a doctorate degree in nursing practice focused on executive leadership and job enhancement.

Need for the Program: El Paso is a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area, with a nurse to population ratio significantly lower than the Texas state average. There is a critical shortage of nurses in the region, with only 1,219 in Texas holding a doctorate in 2024 per the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies. Yet a 29% growth in health services administrator positions are expected from 2023 to 2033, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor in 2025. Individuals interested in pursuing their DNP in Executive Leadership encounter limited options for obtaining their degree. The two DNP programs in the region include the DNP in Population Health Leadership from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM, which is 45 miles from El Paso. The second is the DNP from the University of Texas at El Paso, which only admits nursing professionals with an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse certification as a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Therefore, the limited access forces students to pursue the DNP in Executive Leadership outside the region resulting with additional costs for travel and lodging if attending a hybrid program. This degree supports positions in administration and academics.

Program Structure and Modality: The curriculum is built on a five semester, 36 semester credit hour degree plan model. Instruction will be delivered in on-line fashion at the TTUHSC El Paso campus, and practice at affiliated clinical sites. The program also requires completion of 504 experiential practice hours and presentation of a scholarly project at a scheduled oral seminar.

Five-Year Enrollment Projection*

DNP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5
Total New Enrollment	5	5	5	5	5
Potential Attrition	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
Cumulative Headcount	5	9	9	9	9
Graduates	0	4	4	4	4

**Attrition will be applied at the beginning of the following year*

Five-year Costs and Funding**

Cost Descriptions	Cost Amounts
Personnel (administration and salaries)	$311,550
Facilities and Equipment	$0
Supplies and Materials	$10,000
Other	$9,500
Total Costs	$331,050

Funding Descriptions	Funding Amounts
Tuition	$98,710
Anticipated New Formula Funding	$264,613
Fees	$137,451
Other	$0
Total Funding	$500,774

***The program is projected to be self-sustaining by year three*

Conclusion: In conclusion, offering a DNP in Executive Leadership is based on the following institutional and accreditation rationales:

- Evaluate and utilize best practices, based on evidence-based knowledge, from various disciplines to improve outcomes, policy development, and support innovative ethical healthcare.
- Lead multidisciplinary teams in complex organizational systems to support the acquisition, distribution of resources, advance nursing practice, and nurture optimal outcomes for multifaceted populations.

- Transform healthcare through the practice of scholarship, leading teams in performing quality improvement, and innovation initiatives to promote a culture of safety.
- Create and role-model a culture of interprofessional practice using team dynamics and executive leadership principles.
- Evaluate health information infrastructures to inform leadership and drive decision-making.
- Critique one’s own professional identity through reflective practice to foster resiliency, promote the acquisition and assertion of executive leadership

AUDIT

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 9:45 am (or upon adjournment of the Academic, Clinical, and Student Affairs Committee meeting)

Place: Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Cash (Chair) and McReaken (Vice Chair)
(The Audit Committee consists of all nine board members.)

AGENDA

III.B. Consideration of items to be recommended by the Audit Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System ("TTUS") for and on behalf of Angelo State University ("ASU"), Midwestern State University ("MSU"), the TTU System Administration ("TTUSA"), Texas Tech University ("TTU"), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC"), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso")

- Approve minutes of committee meeting held on May 7, 2026

NOTE: All members of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents serve as members on the Audit Committee. Action taken by this committee is final and does not require a report to the Full Board.

1. TTUS: Certify compliance with Chapter 51B, Texas Education Code, relating to higher education research and protection.

Presenter: Ms. Amy Cook Presentation Time: 10 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 51B.301(a), *Texas Education Code*

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is that the Board of Regents certifies its compliance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 51B, Texas Education Code, during state fiscal year 2026, and authorize the chair, or the chair's designee, to execute and submit the required report and related documents to the Governor, the Legislature, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Higher Education Research Security Council before the expenditure of state fiscal year 2027 appropriations.

House Bill 127, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, added Chapter 51B, Texas Education Code, relating to higher education research and protection. Chapter 51B establishes requirements applicable to institutions of higher education concerning foreign gifts and contracts, certain international academic partnerships and student organizations, screening of certain foreign researchers, employment-related foreign travel, and prohibited foreign-adversary education software. Section 51B.301(a) provides that, beginning with state fiscal year 2027 appropriations, an institution of higher education may not spend state-appropriated funds until its governing board submits to the Governor, the Legislature, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Higher Education Research Security Council a report certifying the governing board's compliance with Chapter 51B during the preceding state fiscal year.

CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

To support the Board's required certification, the presidents of Angelo State University ("ASU"), Midwestern State University ("MSU"), Texas Tech University ("TTU"), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC"), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso") have submitted signed certifications to the Board confirming their respective institutions' compliance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 51B in effect during state fiscal year 2026. Each component institution has also prepared a compliance summary and supporting documentation, which will be maintained by the Texas Tech University System Research Security Office for audit and recordkeeping purposes.

Pursuant to Section 51B.301(a), and based on and in reliance upon the certifications made to the Board by the presidents of the five TTUS component institutions, the Board hereby certifies and acknowledges its compliance with the applicable requirements of Chapter 51B during state fiscal year 2026. The Chair of the Board of Regents, or the Chair's designee, is authorized, on behalf of the Board, to execute and submit the required report and any related transmittal documents to the Governor, the Legislature, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Higher Education Research Security Council before the expenditure of state fiscal year 2027 appropriations. The report shall reflect that the Chair's certification is made based on the component institution presidents' certifications and shall include the specific certifications required by the Higher Education Research Security Council and a summary of the institutional actions supporting compliance.

2. TTUS: Approve 2027 annual audit plan for the Texas Tech University System.

Presenter: Ms. Teresa Jack Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 01.02.8, *Regents' Rules*; Section 07.02.6, Re*gents' Rules*; Chapter 2102, *Texas Government Code*; and Audit Committee Charter

RECOMMENDATION

The chief audit executive recommends that the Board of Regents approve the 2027 annual audit plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The *Regents' Rules* and the Texas Internal Auditing Act require that the Board of Regents approve the annual audit plan. The projects included in the 2027 annual audit plan have been selected as a result of an enterprise-wide risk assessment process.

3. TTUS: Report on audits.

Presenter: Ms. Teresa Jack Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Report to Board required by: Section 07.02.7, *Regents' Rules*; and Audit Committee Charter

Ms. Teresa Jack, Chief Audit Executive, will present a report on the System's audit projects.

FACILITIES

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 10:05 am (or upon adjournment of the Audit Committee meeting)

Place: Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Acosta (Chair) and Cash (Vice Chair)
(The Facilities Committee consists of all nine board members.)

AGENDA

III.C. Consideration of items to be recommended by the Facilities Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System ("TTUS") for and on behalf of Angelo State University ("ASU"), Midwestern State University ("MSU"), the TTU System Administration ("TTUSA"), Texas Tech University ("TTU"), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC"), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso")

- Approve minutes of committee meeting held on May 7, 2026

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1. TTU: Approve the total project budget of the Texas Tech Semiconductor Cleanroom project and authorize an amendment to the Construction Manager-At-Risk Agreement for construction.

Presenters: Mr. Billy Breedlove — Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 08.01, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends and the chancellor concurs that the Board of Regents authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to:

(i) Increase the budget by $15,011,897 for a total project budget of $28,000,000.
(ii) Report the project to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ("THECB").
(iii) Amend the Construction Manager-At-Risk ("CMAR") Agreement for construction.

The total project budget, which includes the previously approved $12,988,103, will be funded through the Revenue Finance System ("RFS"), repaid with a grant from the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund, Higher Education Funds ("HEF"), gift funds, and the Texas University Fund ("TUF") for equipment.

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 is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the System for prior project expenditures. The maximum principal amount of debt obligations to be issued for the Project is $28,000,000.

The president further requests authorization to negotiate and execute all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies, and other entities required to complete the project successfully.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This approval authorizes the execution of the Texas Tech Semiconductor Cleanroom project with a total project budget of $28,000,000. The total project budget will be funded through the Revenue Finance System ("RFS") and repaid with a grant from the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund, Higher Education Funds ("HEF"), gift funds, and the Texas University Fund ("TUF") for equipment.

This project represents a strategic investment in expanding research capacity and workforce development in semiconductor technologies. The proposed project renovates approximately 8,350 gross square feet ("GSF") within the Engineering Technology Labs Building (Building #210), a 20,974 GSF facility constructed in 1961, to establish a state-of-the-art Semiconductor Nanotechnology Cleanroom.

The renovation will create approximately 5,600 net assignable square feet ("NASF") of specialized research and instructional space, designed to meet stringent environmental control standards for semiconductor fabrication, micro- and nano-device prototyping, and advanced materials research. The existing facility lacks the infrastructure necessary to support modern semiconductor research, limiting opportunities for scientific discovery, innovation, and workforce preparation in one of the nation's fastest-growing strategic industries.

The cleanroom will house advanced fabrication and analytical equipment supporting photolithography, thin-film deposition, etching, metrology, microscopy, packaging, wet-bench processing, and related operations. These capabilities will
provide an integrated research environment that supports the full micro- and nanofabrication process, enabling faculty, students, and research partners to design, fabricate, assess, and characterize next-generation semiconductor technologies.

The project represents a strategic investment in expanding the university's research infrastructure and strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration across engineering, physics, chemistry, materials science, and related STEM disciplines. Students will gain firsthand experience using industry-standard fabrication technologies while faculty expand opportunities for externally sponsored research, technology commercialization, and partnerships with industry and government.

By modernizing an existing facility to support emerging semiconductor technologies, the project will strengthen the university's competitiveness for research funding, attract outstanding faculty and graduate students, and prepare a highly skilled workforce to meet growing state and national demand for semiconductor research and advanced manufacturing. This renovation transforms underutilized space into a critical research asset that advances scientific discovery, economic development, and long-term institutional excellence.

In May 2026, the Board of Regents authorized an additional expenditure of $10,690,560 for the procurement of Bid Package I – Tool & Equipment Package for the Semiconductor Cleanroom project. The total current expenditure of $12,988,103 will be funded through the RFS and repaid with a grant from the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund, HEF, gift funds, and the TUF for equipment.

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In November 2025, the Board of Regents approved the award of a CMAR Agreement and authorized preconstruction activities associated with the planning and design process, i.e., project evaluation; site analysis; constructability review; value engineering; scheduling; cost control; and development of a GMP.

In August 2025, the Board of Regents approved the concept and authorized $2,276,162 in expenditures for the Texas Tech Nanotechnology Semiconductor Cleanroom project, with an anticipated project budget of $24,000,000. It authorized the award of a Design Professional ("DP") Agreement and DP Stage I and Stage II design services. Additionally, it approved the waiver of the use of a Construction Manager Agent ("CMA"), the Board-directed fee for landscape enhancements, and the Board-directed fee for public art.

The senior vice president of finance and operations has verified the source of funds. The vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the TTU System also acknowledge the source of the funds for this project.

2. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve concept and authorize expenditure of the Dental Oral Health Clinic Expansion project for Design Professional Stage I and Stage II design services and Construction Manager-At-Risk for preconstruction services..

Presenter: Mr. Billy Breedlove Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 08.01, Section 08.01.3.e, Section 08.02.4.a, and Section 08.02.6, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends and the chancellor concurs that the Board of Regents authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to:

(i) Approve the concept and authorize implementation of the Dental Oral Health Clinic Expansion project.
(ii) Approve the expenditure of $1,357,174 to provide the Design Professional ("DP") Stage I and Stage II design services for the Dental Oral Health Clinic Expansion project, with an anticipated project budget of $11,500,000.
(iii) Waive the use of a Construction Manager Agent ("CMA").
(iv) Waive the Board-directed fee for landscape enhancements.
(v) Waive the Board-directed fee for public art.
(vi) Award a Design Professional ("DP") Agreement and authorize DP Stage I and Stage II design services.
(vii) Award a Construction Manager-At-Risk ("CMAR") Agreement and authorize CMAR preconstruction services.

The expenditure will be funded with local institutional funds.

The president further requests authorization to negotiate and execute all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies, and other entities required to complete the project successfully.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This approval authorizes the Dental Oral Health Clinic Expansion project, with an anticipated total budget of $11,500,000. Also, it approves waiving the use of a CMA, the Board-directed fee for landscape enhancements, and the Board-directed fee for public art. Award a DP Agreement and authorize DP Stage I and Stage II design services. Award a CMAR Agreement and authorize preconstruction services.

This project will renovate approximately 13,750 gross square feet within the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine Oral Health Clinic. The renovation will convert former campus support office space into specialty clinical, instructional, and administrative areas that support the continued growth of the dental education program and increasing demand for patient care services.

The expanded clinic will include dedicated Orthodontic, Ambulatory Surgical, and Special Needs clinics, along with associated administrative and support spaces. These additions will complement the existing dental oral health clinic completed in 2021 and provide the specialized clinical environments necessary to support advanced dental education, comprehensive patient care, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The project is planned to connect directly with the future Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine Building, creating an integrated academic and clinical environment that enhances the efficiency of instructional, clinical, and research operations. Co-locating general and specialty clinics adjacent to future academic laboratories and educational spaces will improve access to shared resources, strengthen collaboration among faculty, students, and healthcare professionals, and support the continued evolution of team-based dental education.

Expanding the Dental Oral Health Clinic will increase clinical capacity and improve access to comprehensive and specialized oral healthcare services for patients throughout the Paso del Norte border region. The clinic serves both pediatric and adult patients and is committed to providing care regardless of a patient’s circumstances, making it an essential community healthcare resource. The renovation will support growing patient demand, provide contemporary clinical environments that advance dental education, enhance faculty and student recruitment, and strengthen the institution’s academic mission. By maximizing the use of existing campus facilities and preparing for future program expansion, the project represents a cost-effective investment to improve access to oral healthcare, enhance patient outcomes, and expand educational and clinical opportunities.

Section 08.01.3,e, *Regents’ Rules*, major construction projects (those in excess of $4 million), requires the projects to be managed by Facilities Planning and Construction (“FP&C”) with the assistance of a CMA per Section 51.781, Texas Government Code, or an alternative method recommended by FP&C, the institution’s president, and the chancellor and approved by the board.

Section 08.02.4.a, *Regents’ Rules*, each project shall include a statement from the chancellor and/or president on whether public art is applicable based on the project’s scope, campus location, and proximity to other public art. If applicable, up to one percent (1%) or a maximum of $500,000, whichever is less, of the original board-approved total project budget of each major construction project, as defined in Section 08.01.3, will be allocated for the acquisition of the original works of public art, unless an exception is approved by the board.

Section 08.02.6, *Regents' Rules*, each project shall include a statement from the chancellor and/or president on whether landscape enhancement is applicable based on the project's scope, campus location, and proximity to other landscaping. If applicable, up to one percent (1%) or a maximum of $500,000, whichever is less, of the original board-approved total project budget of each new major construction project will be allocated to the enhancement of the exterior landscape, hardscape, and waterscape features unless an exception is granted by the board.

The vice president and chief financial officer has verified the source of funds. The vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the TTU System also acknowledge the source of the funds for this project.

3. TTUS: Report on Facilities Planning and Construction projects.

Presenter: Mr. Billy Breedlove Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Report requested by: Board of Regents

Mr. Billy Breedlove, Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction at TTUS, will present a report on projects managed by Facilities Planning and Construction.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 10:25 am (or upon adjournment of the Facilities Committee meeting)

Place: Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Regents: Culp (Chair) and Sinclair (Vice Chair)
(The Finance and Investments Committee consists of all eight board members and the student regent.)

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III.D. Consideration of items to be recommended by the Finance and Investments Committee to the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System (“TTUS”) for and on behalf of Angelo State University (“ASU”), Midwestern State University (“MSU”), the TTU System Administration (“TTUSA”), Texas Tech University (“TTU”), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (“TTUHSC”), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso (“TTUHSC El Paso”)

- Approve minutes of committee meeting held on May 7, 2026

NOTE: All members of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents serve as members on the Finance and Investments Committee. Action taken by this committee is final and does not require a report to the Full Board.

1. TTUSA, TTU, ASU, MSU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Approve FY 2027 operating budgets.

Presenter: James Mauldin Presentation Time: 15 minutes
Board approval required by: 07.04.2, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The chancellor recommends and concurs with the recommendation from each respective president that the Board of Regents approve the FY 2027 operating budgets for Texas Tech University System Administration, Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Midwestern State University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso.

In addition, it is recommended that the Board appropriate the fund balances of income generating accounts for specific activities usually supported by the accounts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board is required to approve on or before September 1, 2026, budget covering operations for the ensuing fiscal year.

The FY 2027 budget has been prepared on the basis of funds appropriated by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session and in accordance with guidelines from the Texas State Comptroller's Office.

The State Auditor has requested that all fund balances be appropriated by the Board of Regents or be classified as unreserved or unallocated. It is recommended that the Board of Regents appropriate fund balances to the activities supported by the accounts.

2. TTU: Authorize president to execute a contract extension and amendment with Follett Higher Education Group for campus bookstore operations.

Presenter: Mrs. Noel Sloan Presentation Time: 3 minutes
Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.b and 07.12.3.c, *Regents' Rules*

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends and the chancellor concurs that the Board of Regents authorize an extension and amendment to the previously approved contract with Follett Higher Education Group ("Follett") to provide campus bookstore operations. This request will extend the current contract for 3 year(s) and amend the contract to include an additional five-year renewal option.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval was granted to Texas Tech University ("TTU") to contract with Follett for campus bookstore operations at the February 2021 meeting. The original contract began July 1, 2021, and expired June 30, 2026. The contract is currently in an agreed-upon extension period through June 30, 2028.

This request will extend the contract for a three-year period ending June 30, 2031, and amend the contract to include an additional option to renew for one five-year term. The current contract permits TTU to terminate the agreement for convenience with 120 days' prior written notice.

Under the terms of the proposed extension, Follett will provide an additional $650,000 investment for facility enhancements and renovations (including a completely refreshed upper level organized into six destination zones around open circulation, a tech-enabled lower-level learning hub, elevated event and campus-living spaces, and a custom shoe lab), a $300,000 one-time signing bonus, and a guaranteed annual income of $900,000 (paid as the greater of earned commission or the guarantee).

The TTU Chief Procurement Officer has verified the solicitation and purchasing method, and the contractor selection process complies with state law and TTU system policies. The Chief Procurement Officer also confirms there are not any anticipated issues that may arise in the solicitation, purchasing, or contractor selection process.

Section 07.12.3.b., *Regents' Rules,* requires Board of Regents' approval of any amendment, extension, or renewal of a contract with a value that exceeds 25% of the value of the original contract approved by the board or that increases the value of the original contract to more than $1,000,000 per annum.

Section 07.12.3.c., *Regents' Rules*, requires each contract for the purchase of goods and services, with a value exceeding $5,000,000 that the Chief Procurement Officer for the applicable component institution or the TTU system must submit to the board:

(1) verification that the solicitation and purchasing method and contractor selection process comply with state law and TTU system policies; and

(2) information on any potential issue that may arise in the solicitation, purchasing, or contractor selection process.

3. TTUS: Revenue Financing System Update.

Presenter: Mr. James Mauldin   Presentation Time: 5 minutes
Report required by: Section 07.05.2.c.(4), *Regents' Rules*

Mr. James Mauldin, Vice Chancellor and CFO, will present a report on the status of the Revenue Financing System ("RFS") obligations of the Texas Tech University System.

4. TTUS: Investment Performance Update.

Presenter: Mr. Tim Barrett Presentation Time: 10 minutes
Report requested by: Board of Regents.

Mr. Tim Barrett, Chief Investment Officer, Office of Investments, TTUS, will provide an update on the performance of TTUS investments.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/ MEETING OF THE BOARD

MEETING OF THE BOARD/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Time: 11:00 am (or upon adjournment of the last committee meeting of the day)

Place: Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

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IV. **Meeting of the Board—Call to Order; reconvene into Open Session of the Board.** .... Chairman Campbell

V. **Executive Session:** The Board will convene into Executive Session in the Regents Committee Room (106), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, to consider matters permissible under Chapter 551 of the *Texas Government Code*, including, for example: .... Chairman Campbell

A. Consultation with attorney regarding privileged communications, pending or contemplated litigation and settlement negotiations – Section 551.071

B. Deliberations regarding real property: The purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property – Section 551.072

C. Deliberations regarding prospective gifts – Section 551.073

D. Personnel matters: Discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of employees – Section 551.074

E. Deliberations regarding security devices—deployment of security personnel or devices – Section 551.07

VI. **Open Session:** The Board will reconvene in the Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, and meet as a Committee of the Whole and Meeting of the Board to consider and act on:

A. Consideration of appropriate action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session .... Vice Chairman Womble

B. Chairman's Announcements .... Chairman Campbell

VII. Adjournment ....Chairman Campbell

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a. ASU: Approve appointment with tenure (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; ASU Operating Policy 06.23

The request is to approve granting tenure to the individual as listed below, concurrently with their appointment. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Khaled Aboulnasr, Ph.D., new Dean of the Norris-Vincent College of Business, and Professor of Marketing, Norris-Vincent College of Business. Dr. Aboulnasr will assume his duties on August 1, 2026. He has served as Chair of the Department of Marketing at Florida Gulf Coast University since 2014, where he was promoted to Professor in 2024 after previously serving as Associate Professor from 2010 to 2024 and Assistant Professor from 2006 to 2010. He was also an Assistant Professor at Fairfield University from 2004 to 2006.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The faculty member whose name appears above has been judged by the appropriate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of academic tenure and appointment as Professor and Dean. The procedure established by OP 06.23: Tenure and Promotion Standards and Procedures has been carefully followed.

Approval of this individual brings the number of tenured faculty at Angelo State University to 140. After this appointment, the percentage of tenure-track faculty who have been awarded tenure will be 71 percent. The number of full-time non-tenure or non-tenure track faculty is 89.

b. ASU: Approve conferral of emeritus appointments (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules*, and ASU OP 02.03.

The request is to approve conferral of the titles of Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus to the following individuals for their long and faithful service to Angelo State University (ASU): William A. Kitch, PE, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor Emeritus; John E. Irish, D.M.A., Distinguished Professor Emeritus; and John M. Wegner, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Dr. William A. Kitch, Professor of Engineering, joined the university in 2015 as the founding chair of the David L. Hirschfeld Department of Engineering, and since has played a pivotal role in building and advancing the program. He led the hiring of nine faculty and four staff members, oversaw the acquisition of approximately $7 million in laboratory facilities and equipment, and guided the department through two successful ABET accreditation cycles. His scholarly accomplishments include significant externally funded research and numerous publications. Dr. Kitch earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with Honors from the University of Illinois in 1982, a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1983, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin in 1994. He has received numerous professional honors, including ASU's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 2021

Dr. William A. Kitch, will retire from ASU on August 31, 2026.

Dr. John E. Irish, Professor of Music, joined the faculty in 1999 and has made lasting contributions through innovative teaching, student mentorship, international performance opportunities, scholarly and creative activity, and extensive community engagement. His efforts have strengthened both the university and the broader region through outreach initiatives and artistic achievement. Dr. Irish earned Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Throughout his career, he has been recognized through numerous awards, grant opportunities, and nominations for ASU's President's Awards.

Dr. John E. Irish will retire from ASU on August 15, 2026.

Dr. John M. Wegner, Professor of English and Modern Languages, joined ASU in 1997, and since has contributed extensively through teaching, scholarship, and leadership roles including Faculty Senate President, Interim Chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages, Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research, Director of the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Initiative, and Dean of the Freshman College. His work has had a lasting impact on student success, faculty development, and the academic mission of the university. Dr. Wegner earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Sociology and a Master of Arts in World Literature from Sam Houston State University, followed by a Doctor of Philosophy in American Literature from the University of North Texas in 1997.

Dr. John M. Wegner will retire from ASU on August 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Emeritus appointments shall be honorary and without a stipend. The appointments are given at retirement and are intended to recognize long and faithful service or very distinguished service to the university. The individuals named above qualify for the emeritus appointment in accordance with the ASU OP 02.03 and Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules*.

c. ASU: Approve and acknowledge actions relating to low-producing degree programs (ACS).

Board approval required by Sec. 04.09.2, *Regents' Rules*; Sec. 61.0512, *Texas Education Code*; and Title 19, Chapter 4, Subchapter R, *Texas Administrative Code.*

The request is to acknowledge the retention of two degree programs which were deemed to be "low producing" by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board ("THECB"). The proposed response to the THECB recommendations is to retain the integrated BBA/MPAc in Professional Accountancy and retain the B.S. in Food Animal Science and Marketing. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per state law and THECB rules, the THECB may recommend the consolidation or closure of degree programs it deems to be low-producing. A program is considered to be low-producing if the number of graduates over the past five years is below the following thresholds:

- for undergraduate programs, fewer than 25 degrees awarded;
- for master's programs, fewer than 15 degrees awarded; and
- for doctoral programs, fewer than 10 degrees awarded.

In response to such a THECB recommendation, the options include retaining the program with appropriate actions to remedy its low-producing status, consolidating the program with another degree program, or eliminating the program.

If a program identified by the THECB as low-producing is retained, the institution's next Legislative Appropriations Request ("LAR") must identify it as one that was recommended for consolidation or elimination.

The THECB recommended the consolidation or closure of the following Angelo State University ("ASU") programs:

- BBA/M.P.Ac. in Professional Accountancy
- B.S. in Food Animal Science and Marketing

The following rationale is provided for continuing the programs:

BBA/MPAc in Professional Accountancy

The Professional Accountancy BBA/MPAc. program at ASU has been flagged as "low-producing" based on reported graduate counts. However, this designation does not accurately reflect the program's true productivity or student outcomes due to the integrated structure of the degree pathway. The integrated program does not confer a standalone degree under a single program CIP or award code. Instead, students earn two separate credentials – BBA in Accounting and Master of Professional Accountancy ("MPAc"). As a result, the program appears to have "0 graduates" across multiple years, even though students are actively completing both degrees. ASU is actively working with THECB to reconcile this discrepancy and ensure future reports accurately reflect institutional data.

When the appropriate degree-level data is reviewed, the program shows steady and meaningful production of graduates:

	AY 23	AY 24	AY 25
BBA ACCT	31	29	33
MPAc	11	15	9

This demonstrates a stable undergraduate pipeline and sustained graduate output, confirming that the program is producing graduates at both levels and should be retained.

B.S. in Food Animal Science and Marketing

The B.S. in Food Animal Science and Marketing program at Angelo State University has been flagged as "low-producing" based on reported graduate counts. This degree serves as a specialized pathway for students pursuing careers in the food production industry. While enrollment is relatively small, the program does not require dedicated staffing or additional instructional resources, as all courses are either required or elective options within other Agriculture majors. As a result, discontinuing the program would not produce any meaningful cost savings. Graduates from this program are highly employable and are also competitive candidates for admission into graduate programs, demonstrating the program's academic and workforce relevance. The program continues to provide value to students and the university and should be retained.

d. MSU: Approve appointment with tenure (ACS).

Board approval required by Section 04.02, Regents' Rules; MSU Operating Policy 02.21

The request is to approve the granting of tenure for the following faculty member of Midwestern State University (MSU) concurrently with their respective appointment. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Philip Barker, Ph.D., joined Midwestern State University on August 1, 2026, as the Dean of the Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Barker comes from Keene State College, where he was a tenured professor in the Department of Political Science. He received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2018, with promotion to Professor in 2023. At Keene State, Dr. Barker served as the Director of the Morris-August Honors Program and chair of the Political Science Department. He earned a Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from the University of Colorado, Boulder; a B.A. in History and Political Science from Texas A&M University; and a Graduate Certificate in Data Science from the University of New Hampshire. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Malta and is a Cohen Institute Specialist providing campus and community leadership on genocide and atrocity-prevention education, and has led nine international study tours (eight to Europe and one to China). Before working at Keene State, he was on the faculty at Centenary College of Louisiana and Austin College.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The faculty member whose name appears above has been judged by the respective departmental faculty, appropriate committees, and administrative personnel as worthy of appointment with tenure.

Approval of tenure of this individual will bring the number of full-time tenured faculty at Midwestern State University in fall 2026 to 131. There are 235 full-time faculty at MSU, which includes 58 tenure-track and 56 non-tenure-track. After the approval of this item, the percentage of full-time faculty who are tenured will be 51 percent, and the percentage of full-time faculty who are tenured or tenure-track will be 76 percent.

e. MSU: Approve emeritus appointments (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to grant emeritus status to the individuals listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Dr. Steve Garrison retired from MSU on May 31, 2026, as Associate Professor of Political Science, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences after 22 years of service. He was a faithful Jayhawk and earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Kansas. Dr. Garrison began his career at MSU in 2002, where he taught first-year political science courses and a first-year honors seminar. Dr. Garrison's research focused on civil war onset, third-party intervention, and foreign policy. He served as department chair of Political Science for 12 years and as Director of the Redwine Honors Program for 8 years. In addition, he served as the faculty director of the MSU Model UN team for 12 years, helping lead the team to multiple delegation and individual awards at the annual Model United Nations Conference in New York.

Dr. Sally Henschel will retire from MSU on August 31, 2026, as Associate Professor of English and Interim Dean of the Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences after 26 years of service. She received her B.A. and M.A. in English from Midwestern State University and a Ph.D.In Technical Communication and Rhetoric from Texas Tech University. Dr. Henschel specialized in developing and teaching courses that embraced new directions in English, including Technical Writing, Rhetoric for Visuals and Infographics, and Digital and New Media Rhetoric. Her research focused on digital storytelling and its potential to develop 21st-century communication skills. Her service at the university includes several campus leadership positions, including English Graduate Coordinator and Chair of the Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy. She also served at the state level on the THECB English Language and Literature Field of Study Advisory Committee and College and Career Readiness Initiative Faculty Collaborative.

Dr. Mary (Mitzi) Lewis retired from MSU on May 31, 2026, as Professor of Mass Communication in the Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts after 20 years of service. Dr. Lewis received her B.U.S. in University Studies and M.A. in Communication at the University of New Mexico, and her Ph.D. in Educational Research from the

University of North Texas. Dr. Lewis specialized in courses in multimedia, emerging media, social media, and website design. Prior to becoming faculty at MSU, Dr. Lewis worked at Vernon College as a retention specialist and student success center coordinator. Her research focused on data, survey research, and conducting effective interviews, and was frequently conducted in collaboration with students. Her honors include being named the Hardin Professor in 2021, the highest award given to MSU faculty.

Dr. Terry McDonald retired from MSU on March 31, 2026, as Professor of Mathematics in the McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering after 20 years of service. He received his B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Texas at Tyler, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics from Texas A&M University. Dr. McDonald taught foundational courses to majors and non-majors in Mathematics to support the department's service to programs across the university. He specialized in courses for students seeking K-12 teaching certification in mathematics, helping them gain a fundamental understanding needed to serve in the classroom. His research included work on irreducible polynomials and using strategy and research into pedagogy to improve outcomes in middle- and high-school teaching, for which he received grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation. Dr. McDonald provided valuable service to the department, including establishing a chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon at MSU.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to the *Regents' Rules,* emeritus appointments shall be honorary and without stipend. The appointments are given at retirement and are intended to recognize long and faithful service, or very distinguished service to the university.

The named individuals qualify for emeritus appointment under the policy of the Board of Regents.

f. MSU: Approve and acknowledge actions relating to low-producing degree programs (ACS).

Board approval required by Sec. 04.09.2, *Regents' Rules*; Sec. 61.0512, *Texas Education Code*; and Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter R, *Texas Administrative Code.*

The request is to acknowledge the elimination of one undergraduate program and the retention of one graduate degree program, both deemed "low-producing" by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The proposed responses to the THECB recommendations are to eliminate the B.A. in Global Studies and retain the M.A./M.S. in English, with a rationale provided. The request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per state law and THECB rules, the THECB may recommend the consolidation or closure of degree programs it deems to be low-producing. A program is considered to be low-producing if the number of graduates over the past five years is below the following thresholds:

- for undergraduate programs, fewer than 25 degrees awarded;
- for master's programs, fewer than 15 degrees awarded; and
- for doctoral programs, fewer than 10 degrees awarded.

In response to such a THECB recommendation, the options include retaining the program with appropriate actions to remedy its low-producing status, consolidating the program with another degree program, or eliminating the program.

If a program identified by the THECB as low-producing is retained, the institution's next Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) must identify it as one that was recommended for consolidation or elimination.

The THECB recommended consolidating or closing the following two MSU programs.

- B.A. in Global Studies
- M.A./M.S. in English

The following rationale is provided to acknowledge the closure of the B.A. in Global Studies, and to request the continuation of the M.A./M.S. in English.

B.A. in Global Studies (formerly International Studies)

The B.A. in Global Studies has no staffing or instructional costs directly related to the degree. This interdisciplinary degree uses courses in Political Science, Economics, and History.

The closure of Global Studies major was recognized by THECB on 5/1/2026 and approved by SACSCOC on 5/15/2026.The college is currently working to teach out the few remaining students and admitting no further students to the major. The program currently is and will continue to be available to all students as a minor.

M.A./M.S. in English

MSU paused admissions to the M.A. in 2021, allowing students to complete their studies before retooling the program. In 2022, the program added the M.S. and moved 100% online. The first online students were awarded degrees in May 2024.

MSU requests to continue the program based on growth after a significant program redesign. MSU conferred four English graduate degrees in 2025-26. The program has grown from 5 students in 2021-22, before the redesign, to 16 students as of 2025-26. The strong growth is indicative of positive student response to the program redesign. MSU’s program is one of only two online English M.S. programs in Texas. The M.S. program is designed for educators and to meet a workforce need for credentialing individuals to teach dual-credit English throughout Texas.

g. MSU: Approve gift-related naming of academic unit—Diaz W. Murray Center for Farm, Ranch & Rangeland Management (ACS).

Board approval required by: *Regents' Rules*, Section 13.02.1

This request to approve the naming of the Diaz W. Murray Center for Farm, Ranch & Rangeland Management, an academic center within Midwestern State University, in honor and recognition of a generous donation from Laura and Diaz Murray. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Laura and Diaz Murray ("Donors") made a generous commitment of $2.5 million to the Midwestern State University Foundation, Inc. (the "MSU Foundation"), for the benefit of Midwestern State University (the "University") and the establishment of the University's Center for Farm, Ranch & Rangeland Management (the "Center"). Donors' generous gift shall be divided and utilized to benefit the University in two ways, with a portion applied to the costs incurred by the University to establish and operate the Center for a period of three (3) years, beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, and the remainder designated as an endowment held by the MSU Foundation for the benefit of the Center and its needs.

In honor and recognition of the gift, the University desires to name the Center the "Diaz W. Murray Center for Farm, Ranch & Rangeland Management."
The Center, housed within the Dillard College of Business Administration, is dedicated to enhancing the economic profitability and financial visibility of production agriculture and fostering healthy rangeland ecosystems through practical, research-based knowledge and support that emphasizes hands-on application to enable individuals to learn and implement best practices.

Namings of an academic unit resulting from a private gift and that recognizes or otherwise honors an individual . . . must be approved by the Board of Regents, per section 13.02.1.a., *Regents' Rules*.

h. TTU: Approve appointments with tenure (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; TTU Operating Policy 32.01.

The request is to approve the granting of tenure for the faculty as listed below concurrently with their appointment. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Souparno Ghosh, Ph.D., will join the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University as professor effective September 1, 2026. Dr. Ghosh earned his doctorate in Statistics from Texas A&M University in 2009. He served as a postdoctoral associate at Duke University from 2009 to 2012 before joining Texas Tech University as an assistant professor in 2012. He was promoted to associate professor and was awarded tenure in 2018. In 2019, Dr. Ghosh joined the University of Nebraska–Lincoln as a faculty member in the Department of Statistics and was promoted to professor in 2025.

Sandeep Kumar, Ph.D., will join the Department of Plant and Soil Science in the Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources as a professor and chair effective September 1, 2026. Dr. Kumar earned his doctorate in Soil Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He earned his Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Soil Physics from Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University. Most recently Dr. Kumar served at the National Program Leader, for USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Prior to working for USDA Dr. Kumar was on faculty at South Dakota State University from 2012 to 2021. He received tenure in 2018.

William Lutterschmidt, Ph.D., will join the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University as Professor and chair effective December 1, 2026. Dr. Lutterschmidt currently serves as a distinguished professor at Sam Houston State University. He joined Sam Houston State University as an assistant professor in 1998, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2004 and attained the rank of professor in 2010. Dr. Lutterschmidt earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from DeSales University, a Master of Science in Biological Sciences from Southeastern Louisiana University, and a doctoral degree in Integrative Biology from the University of Oklahoma.

Seth M. Porter, D.P.A., joined Texas Tech University as Professor and Dean of Libraries effective August 1, 2026. Prior to joining Texas Tech, Dr. Porter served as Dean of the Kraemer Family Library and Chief Innovation Officer at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, a position he held since 2021. During his time in that role, he was awarded tenure and oversaw faculty promotion and tenure processes within the library system. Dr. Porter earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Wyoming, a Master of Library and Information Science from San José State University, a Master of Science in Public Affairs and Policy from the University of Alabama, and a Doctor of Public Administration from West Chester University.

Paul Vita, Ph.D., will join the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University as Professor and will serve as Dean of Texas Tech University Costa Rica, effective September 1, 2026. Dr. Vita currently serves as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at American University of Nigeria, a position he has held since 2025. Prior to that, he served as Vice President, Director and Dean of the Madrid Campus of Saint Louis University from 2001 to 2023. Dr. Vita earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Yale University and both a Master of Arts and a doctorate in English from Columbia University.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The faculty members whose names appear above have been judged by their respective department faculty, appropriate committees and administrative personnel as worthy of tenure. University procedures (OP 32.01) for recommending the tenure of qualified members of the faculty have been carefully followed.

Approval of these 5 faculty members will bring the number of full-time tenured faculty at Texas Tech University to 821. There are 1,168 full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty. After these appointments, the percentage of tenure-track faculty who have been awarded tenure will be 70.1%, and tenured faculty represent 42.1% of all faculty (including part-time). Together, tenured and tenure-track faculty represent 60.1% of all faculty, and 68.9% of all full-time faculty.

i. TTU: Approve emeritus appointments (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to grant emeritus status to the individuals listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Peter Barta	Professor College of Arts and Sciences (24 years)
Howard Curzer	Professor College of Arts and Sciences (38 years)
Clifton Ellis	Professor Tommie J. Huckabee College of Architecture (24 years)
William Lindquist	Professor and Former Dean College of Arts and Sciences (11 years)
Laura Lowe	Associate Professor College of Arts and Sciences (21 years)
Olga Murova	Associate Professor Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (21 years)
Mark Vaughn	Associate Professor Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering (26 years)
Xiaochang Wang	Professor College of Arts and Sciences (36 years)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules*, emeritus appointments shall be honorary and without stipend. The appointments are given at retirement and are intended to recognize long and faithful service, or very distinguished service to the university.

j. TTU: Approve faculty development leaves of absence (ACS).

Board approval required by Section 4.05.1, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to approve the leaves of absence as listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

College of Arts & Sciences

Faculty development leave with full salary for Jessica Smith, Associate Professor of Practice in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period of January 2027 to May 2027. The purpose of this leave is to accommodate a highly competitive Fulbright US Scholar award during which Dr. Smith will be the Fulbright Writer-in-Residence at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland, completing a poetry collection that explores themes of cultural memory, witness, and language and identity within the Polish context. Dr. Smith's collection, titled *The Quiet Water Tears the Riverside*, will combine creative writing with literary research and artistic immersion, drawing on Poland's rich poetic tradition. Dr, Smith's selection for the prestigious Fulbright Writer-in-Residence at Adam Mickiewicz University, with its internationally respected Faculty of Polish and Classical Philology and its robust programs in comparative literature, is noteworthy and augments the excellent reputation of Texas Tech University's Department of English internationally.

Faculty development leave with half salary for Allison Whitney, Professor of Film and Media Studies in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences, for the period of September 2026 to May 2027. The purpose of this leave is to accommodate a highly competitive Fulbright US Scholar award during which Dr. Whitney will serve as Fulbright Canada Distinguished Chair in Arts and Social Sciences in Canada and North America. As the Fulbright Canada Distinguished Chair, Dr. Whitney will be in residence Carleton University, where she will collaborate with archivists and curators at the National Archives of Canada, the Canada Science and Technology Museum, and the Canadian History Museum, all in the Ottawa area. During the period of leave, Dr. Whitney will conduct research on the technological, artistic, and cultural origins of IMAX cinema, and then use that material to complete a book project on the history and aesthetics of the medium. Dr. Whitney will also undertake research trips to Montreal and Toronto for the purposes of conducting interviews with IMAX filmmakers and others connected to that history, and consulting archival collections, notably at the National Film Board of Canada ("Montreal") and IMAX Corporation ("Toronto"). The publications arising from Dr. Whitney's leave should significantly augment existing scholarship in film and media studies and will and bolster the university's international reputation.

College of Media & Communication

Faculty development leave with half salary for Ioana Coman, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Relations & Strategic Communication Management in the College of Media & Communication, for the period of September 2026 to May 2027. The purpose of this leave is to accommodate a highly competitive Fulbright US Scholar award during which Dr. Coman will examine how generative Artificial Intelligence ("AI") is reshaping health information seeking, behavior, and communication in Romania. It integrates three goals: research on AI-mediated health communication, teaching courses with experiential, context-specific learning, and building networks to seed a transnational hub for strategic health communication, technology, and public engagement. By connecting Romanian and U.S. scholars, students, industry partners, and communities, the project aims to strengthen digital and AI literacy, foster cross-sector collaboration, and create sustainable academic and public health partnerships.

Faculty development leave with half salary for T.J. Martinez, Associate Professor of Public Relations & Strategic Communication in the Department of Public Relations & Strategic Communication in the College of Media & Communication, for the period of September 2026 to May 2027. The purpose of this leave is to accommodate a highly competitive Fulbright US Scholar award during which Dr. Martinez will teach production-focused courses in nonfiction storytelling at Tainan National University of the Arts, emphasizing observation, creative constraints, and community engagement. Alongside his teaching, he will pursue exploratory documentary projects in Taiwan, in collaboration with TNNUA students and faculty. This project will foster cross-cultural exchange and create lasting connections between TNNUA and Texas Tech University, furthering the reputation of Texas Tech University internationally.

k. TTU: Approve exception to nepotism policy (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 03.01.11, *Regents' Rules*; TTU Operating Policy 70.08

This request is to approve an exception to the nepotism policy in the instances listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Ms. Anastasia Gianiodis, daughter of Eileen Gianiodis, Assistant Vice President for Marketing & Communications, was selected for the position of Content Specialist following a competitive search process. She began employment on June 1, 2026. The applicant pool included more than 60 candidates. Ms. Gianiodis advanced as one of five finalists, and ultimately one of three candidates selected for the role based on qualifications and performance in the selection process. Ms. Gianiodis reports directly to Elizabeth Davidson, Senior Director of Digital Communications. Supervisory authority, including performance management, compensation, and any employment actions, resides with Ms. Davidson, with oversight from Matt Dewey, Vice President for Marketing & Communications. To mitigate any potential conflict of interest, Eileen Gianiodis will have no direct or indirect involvement in matters related to Anastasia's supervision, evaluation, compensation, promotion, or continued employment. This arrangement will be reviewed annually to ensure appropriate separation of authority and effective management of any potential conflicts of interest. Adjustments will be made as necessary to maintain compliance with university policy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per Section 03.01.11, *Regents' Rules*, and TTU OP 70.08 prohibit a person related to an administrator by a prohibited degree to have an initial appointment to a position in an area of responsibility over which the administrator has appointive authority, in whole or in part, regardless of the source of funds from which the position's salary is to be paid. Furthermore, no employee may approve, recommend, or otherwise take action with regard to the appointment, reappointment, promotion, salary, or supervision of an individual related to the employee within a prohibited degree. If an appointment, reappointment, reclassification or promotion of an employee places the employee under an administrative supervisor who is related within a prohibited degree, all subsequent personnel and compensation actions affecting the employee shall become the responsibility of the next higher administrative supervisor.

I. TTU: Approve and acknowledge actions relating to low-producing degree programs (ACS).

Board approval required by Sec. 04.09.2, *Regents' Rules*; Sec. 61.0512, *Texas Education Code*; and Title 19, Chapter 4, Subchapter R, *Texas Administrative Code.*

The request is to retain five degree programs, four graduate and one undergraduate that were deemed to be "low producing" by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The proposed responses to the THECB recommendations are to retain the Ph.D. in Land Use Planning, Management & Design, the Ed.D. in Instructional Technology, the M.Ed. in Language & Literacy Education, the M.A. in Art History, and the B.A. in Arts and Media Technology with specified actions to increase enrollment and graduation for these programs. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per state law and THECB rules, the THECB may recommend the consolidation or closure of degree programs it deems to be low producing. A program is considered to be low-producing if the number of graduates over the past five years is below the following thresholds:

- fewer than 25 degrees awarded for undergraduate programs;
- fewer than 15 degrees awarded for master's programs; and
- fewer than 10 degrees awarded for doctoral programs.

In response to such a recommendation, Texas Tech University's options include retaining the program with appropriate actions to remedy its low-producing status, consolidating the program with another degree program or eliminating the program.

If a program identified by the THECB as low producing is retained, the institution's next Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) must identify it as one that was recommended for consolidation or elimination.
The THECB recommended the consolidation or closure of the following Texas Tech programs:

- Ph.D. in Land Use, Planning, Management and Design
- Ed.D. in Instructional Technology
- M.Ed. in Language & Literacy Education
- M.A. in Art History
- B.A. in Media and Technology

The following rationale is provided for continuing the programs and actions being taken to increase enrollment in these programs.

Ph.D. in Land Use Planning, Management, and Design

The Ph.D. program in Land Use Planning, Management, and Design (LPMD) was established as an interdisciplinary program and approved by the THECB in 1974. Originally housed within the College of Architecture, the program's ability to evolve and meet changing demands in the field was constrained by the college's modest research enterprise.

To address these limitations, the LPMD program was transitioned to the interdisciplinary programs umbrella of the Graduate School. This realignment has enhanced the program's ability to address complex land-use challenges through an interdisciplinary lens, strengthened its alignment with the university's strategic priorities, and increased opportunities to expand the university's research enterprise. The move has also broadened the program's appeal to students and faculty from diverse disciplines and ensured its continued relevance to workforce needs.

Since joining the Graduate School, the program has undergone significant improvements, including enhanced visibility and marketing, a revised and modernized curriculum, an expanded roster of faculty to supervise students, increased funding to attract top-quality applicants, and the addition of a dedicated advisor to assist students with registration and degree progression.

These efforts have yielded positive results. At the beginning of the academic year (AY) 2023-24, LPMD enrollment stood at 24 students. Six new students were admitted for AY 2024-–25. The projected enrollment for the AY 2026-27 is 26, which includes six newly admitted students. Six doctoral students are projected to graduate this coming academic year.

The program has significantly improved its graduation rates, increasing from three graduates over five years, to five graduates over three years and five graduates in the AY 2025-26. With these consistent graduation rates, the total number of graduates from fall 2021 through summer 2026 is 12. For the next review period, the program will meet the threshold to be removed from the LPP list.

These trends reflect the program's strengthened structure, increased appeal and improved ability to meet academic and workforce demands.

Ed.D. in Instructional Technology

The Educational and Instructional Technology (EDIT) program was moved in 2020 to the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) in the College of Education.

The program expanded to offer a fully online format in AY 2022-23, a new tenure-track faculty member was hired the same year. The program is currently supported by four faculty members, including two full professors, one associate professor and one assistant professor, all of whom are actively engaged in supervising graduate students. In the on-campus program, nine doctoral students are currently in the dissertation stage, with an additional four completing their qualifying exams. Four students graduated from the on-campus program in AY 2025-26.

The EDIT program has 20 on-campus doctoral students with four new students admitted for fall semester 2026, and the online program has 21 students currently enrolled. Four doctoral students graduated in AY 2025-26 and five are projected to graduate in AY 2026-27. Both the residential and online options of the Ed.D. program continue to experience steady enrollment growth. With these consistent enrollments and graduation rates, the total number of graduates AY 2021-22 through AY 2025-26 is 11. In the next review period, the program will meet the threshold to be removed from the LPP list.

M.Ed. in Language & Literacy Education

The M.Ed. in Language and Literacy (L&L) was dormant in 2014, transitioning to a concentration within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I). Between 2021 and 2023, 22 C&I graduates completed their degrees with an L&L concentration.

In 2022, the program received approval to offer the L&L master's degree fully online. Since then, a marketing plan has been implemented to increase both residential and online enrollment, including the introduction of recruitment scholarships during the first two terms of new student enrollment. As part of these efforts, the marketing team updated promotional materials for the L&L master's program and has distributed them throughout the spring semester. Recruitment scholarships were awarded to four new students who entered the program. A targeted digital marketing campaign continues.

These recruitment and marketing initiatives show positive results. There are 31 students enrolled in the program. In AY 2025-26, 10 students graduated from the program. With the steady progression of enrollments and graduation rates, the program will meet the threshold to be removed from the LPP list during the next review cycle.

M.A. in Art History

The Master of Arts in History degree program curriculum was revised in 2022, and two new faculty members were hired to replace three faculty who retired in the same academic year. Additionally, a new degree coordinator was appointed to oversee the program, which now operates as a distinct administrative responsibility. The program also launched a more comprehensive marketing campaign and expanded personal outreach efforts to prospective students. As part of these efforts, the program committed to enrolling at least six new students in AY 2025-26 and met this goal. The program had a total of 10 students in Fall 2026. For AY 202627, the program enrolled three new students with two still in

the recruitment phase. The faculty remains committed to the enrollment target of six new students each year; however, it noted that several potential students were international and are struggling to secure visas to be on campus for the fall semester.
The program is projected to graduate four students in AY 2025-26 and another four students in AY 2026-27. If the upward enrollment trend and graduation rates continue, the program will achieve (or exceed) the THECB five-year graduation threshold by AY 2028-29.

B.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts Studies
This degree program was originally established in AY 2018–19 as the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Arts Studies. Between 2021 and 2023, the curriculum was redesigned to focus on media and technology, reflecting both student interests and evolving state workforce needs. The official name change to the Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Media and Technology was approved in Spring 2024. As a result, this program was significantly restructured in Fall 2024 to better align with student demand and industry expectations, creating strong potential for future growth. The program is now housed within the Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and has access to more resources including a dedicated program coordinator. The program leverages the college's existing recruitment staff to promote the degree.

These changes have generated positive results, and the degree is the fastest growing degree by proportion within the J.T. and Margaret Talkington College of Visual and Performing Arts. Incoming first-year student enrollment for Fall 2026 is 18 (confirmed as of early June), and more are projected to enroll throughout the summer.

Projected degree completions are as follows: three in AY 2025-26, nine in AY 2026-27, 21 in AY 2027-28. Based on these projections and ongoing program enhancements, the department is confident the degree will be removed from the low-producing list with the 2029 LPP review.

m. <u>TTUHSC: Approve change in academic rank (ACS).</u>

Board approval required by: Section 04.02, *Regents' Rules*; HSC Operating Policy 60.01

The request is to approve changes in academic rank for the faculty member as listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Brian Schroeder, MD, associate professor to professor, School of Medicine.

Dr. Schroeder earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch, completed his residency at Michigan State University, and earned an MBA from the University of Michigan. Dr. Schroeder joined TTUHSC in 2023 as an Associate Professor and later served as Assistant Dean of Faculty Recruitment and Development. He is a retired U.S. Air Force Reserve colonel and served in the Directorate of the Command Surgeon General at the Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters at Robins AFB, Georgia. Dr. Schroeder was appointed Regional Dean of the Permian Basin Campus, effective May 1, 2026.

Dr. Schroeder's promotion application was reviewed in accordance with the School of Medicine's established promotion and tenure policies and procedures. The School of Medicine Promotion and Tenure Committee recommended approval of his promotion to Professor.

<u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>

The member of the faculty whose name appears above has been judged by the respective department and faculty, appropriate committees, and administrative personnel as worthy of the promotion for which they have been recommended. The procedure used in recommending members of the faculty for promotion has been followed carefully.

n. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve emeritus appointment (ACS).

Board approval required by: Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules* and HSCEP OP 10.12

The request is to grant emeritus status to the individual listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

Victor A. Sandoval, DDS, MPH retired from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC") El Paso, Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine ("WLHSDM"), on May 31, 2026, following more than nine years of distinguished service as Professor and Assistant Dean. Dr. Sandoval joined TTUHSC El Paso in 2017 during the formative stages of the WLHSDM to help lead its development and accreditation. As a senior academic leader, he played an instrumental role in establishing the school's educational framework and preparation for its accreditation. His extensive expertise in curriculum design, accreditation and academic administration was essential to the successful launch of the school and its continued growth and maturation.

Dr. Sandoval is a highly respected dental educator, administrator, and accreditation leader whose distinguished career spans more than five decades in dentistry, dental education, and dental public health. Prior to joining TTUHSC El Paso, he attained the academic rank of Professor and held numerous leadership positions at academic institutions across the United States. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advancing oral health through excellence in education, scholarship, leadership, and public service.

Nationally recognized for his contributions in dental education, Dr. Sandoval served as President of the American Dental Education Association ("ADEA"), the premier organization representing dental education in North America. He also served as a curriculum consultant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation ("CODA") and as a member and Vice Chair of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. His expertise has encompassed dental school accreditation, curriculum development, academic administration, faculty development, educational quality improvement, and dental workforce and public health policy. Through these influential leadership roles and professional contributions, Dr. Sandoval has advanced the quality and excellence in dental education on a national scale.

Dr. Sandoval's accomplishments and service have brought significant recognition to TTUHSC El Paso and enhanced the reputation of the WLHSDM within the academic dental community. His leadership, professionalism, and dedication to dental education have left a lasting legacy at the institution. In recognition of his outstanding service and enduring contributions to the university, Dr. Sandoval is deserving of appointment as Professor Emeritus.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per Section 04.01.2, *Regents' Rules,* emeritus appointments shall be honorary and without stipend. The appointments are given at retirement and are intended to recognize long and faithful service, or very distinguished service to the university.

The named individual qualifies for emeritus appointment under the policy of the Board of Regents.

o. TTU: Approve expenditure of the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources building project to amend the Design Professional Agreement and accept the Construction Manager At Risk GMP for Bid Package One: Demolition (F).

Board approval required by: Section 08.01., Section 08.01.3.e, and Section 08.02.4.a., *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to:

(i) Approve expenditure of $5,070,008 for a total of $11,747,158 for the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources ("CASNR") building project, with an anticipated project budget of $128,000,000.
(ii) Waive the use of a Construction Manager-Agent ("CMA").
(iii) Waive the Board-directed fee for public art.
(iv) Amend the Design Professional ("DP") Agreement and authorize additional design services.
(v) Accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP") for construction of Bid Package One: Demolition.
(vi) Amend the Construction Manager At Risk ("CMAR") Agreement for execution of Bid Package One: Demolition.

The total expenditure of $11,747,158, which includes the previously approved $6,677,150 will be funded through the Revenue Finance System ("RFS"), repaid with the Higher Education Fund ("HEF"), and gifts.

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 is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the System for prior project expenditures. The maximum principal amount of debt obligations to be issued for the Project is $128,000,000.

The chancellor further requests authorization to negotiate and execute all agreements with city, state, and county agencies, utility companies, and other entities required to complete the project successfully.

This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This approval grants authority to amend the Design Professional ("DP") Agreement for additional design services, to waive the use of a Construction Manager-Agent, and to waive the Board-directed fee for public art. This action also approves an amendment to the Construction Manager-At-Risk Agreement and authorizes execution of Bid Package One: Demolition.

This project will modernize instructional and research facilities to meet growing enrollment, research, and workforce demand. Texas Tech University is committed to preparing the next generation of global leaders in food, fiber, agriculture, natural resources, and landscape architecture, with a focus on research, education, and community outreach and engagement. The goal is to be a state-of-the-art academic and workforce development facility that supports the education and workforce preparation of future leaders. The Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources received funding from Dr. Davis and his wife to benefit future educational and research efforts within the college.

The facility will provide modern instructional spaces, laboratories, and collaborative and support spaces that foster interdisciplinary learning and prepare students to address the evolving challenges facing Texas agriculture. The project will serve multiple departments within the Gordon W. Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, providing opportunities for students to engage in experiential learning, applied research, and industry collaboration. By bringing together faculty, staff, students, and industry partners in a modern learning environment, the facility will strengthen workforce preparation and support innovation in agricultural production, sustainability, resource management, and emerging technologies.

As one of Texas's largest economic sectors, agriculture requires a highly skilled workforce to meet growing demands for food security, water resources, environmental stewardship, and technological advancement. This facility will expand the university's capacity to educate future agricultural professionals and strengthen partnerships with producers, agribusinesses, government agencies, and rural communities throughout the state. The project will enhance student success, increase instructional capacity, support research and outreach activities, and reinforce Texas Tech University's leadership in agricultural education, research, outreach, and workforce development.

The project includes demolition of the existing Fisheries and Wildlife Research Building (1961, 8,654 GSF) and the CASNR Annex Building (1951, 12,626 GSF), rerouting utilities, and constructing a new academic facility of approximately 148,000 GSF. The facility would house the Dean's office, Development Offices, the Bill Bennett Student Success Center, a Raider Red Meats store, Raider Rooms (classrooms), class labs, teaching & research labs, research facilities, collaborative areas, faculty and staff offices, and a multipurpose space that can accommodate events and conferences.

The facility's proposed location will enable a connection to the Central Heating and Cooling Plant for steam, chilled water, chilled water return, and condensate return.

Section 08.01.3,e., *Regents' Rules*, major construction projects (those in excess of $8 million), requires the projects to be managed by FP&C with the assistance of a Construction Manager-Agent ("CMA") per Section 51.781, Texas Government Code, or an alternative method recommended by FP&C, the institution's president, and the chancellor and approved by the Board.

Section 08.02.4.a. *Regents' Rules*, each project shall include a statement from the chancellor and/or president as to whether public art is applicable based on the scope of the project, campus location, and proximity to other public art. If applicable, up to one percent (1%) or a maximum of $500,000, whichever is less, of the original board-approved total project budget of each major construction project, as defined in Section 08.01.3, will be allocated for the acquisition of original works of public art, unless an exception is approved by the Board.

In February 2026, the Board of Regents authorized expenditure of $4,471,549 for the new Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources building project, with an anticipated project budget of $128,000,000 to provide an amendment for the DP Agreement to proceed with Stage II design services, including Design Development ("DD"), Construction Documents ("CD"), and Construction Administration ("CA") phases, as well as preparation of a Statement of Probable Cost. The action also authorized the award of a Construction Manager-At-Risk ("CMAR") Agreement and associated preconstruction services, including project evaluation, site analysis, constructability review, value engineering, scheduling, cost control, and development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP").

In May 2025, the Board of Regents approved the concept and authorized expenditure of $2,205,601 for the new Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources building project, with an anticipated project budget of $80,000,000 to award a DP Agreement and authorize Stage I design services through the programming and schematic design phases, provide a Statement of Probable Cost, and project schedule.

The senior vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer has verified the source of funds. The vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the TTU System also acknowledges the source of the funds for this project.

p. ASU: Authorize president to execute a contract with Apollo (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.a. *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize the president to approve and execute a contract with Apollo to provide software and service to support the Regional Security Operations Center ("RSOC") at Angelo State University ("ASU"). This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

The software and service will include, but are not limited to, identity threat protection, endpoint protection, and antivirus software for protecting RSOC customers. This agreement will be using a Texas Department of Information Resources ("DIR") contract.

The agreement is for one year, beginning on September 1, 2026, with a total cost not to exceed $3,400,000.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 07.12.3.a. *Regents' Rules,* requires Board approval of contracts exceeding $1,000,000 per annum.

Texas Education Code 51.9335 allows an institution of higher education to acquire goods or services by the method that provides the best value to the institution, including a group purchasing program such as a DIR contract.

q. MSU: Approve modification of quasi-endowment (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 01.02.8.d(3)(k), *Regents' Rules*; Section 02, Investment Policy Statement for the Long-Term Investment Fund

The request is to approve modification of the Redwine Quasi Endowment and ultimately broaden its use to support student success initiatives and scholarships at Midwestern State University ("MSU"). The modification will allow earnings from the quasi-endowment to be used for:

- Continued support of the Redwine Honors Program;
- Existing debt service for the mass communication building;
- Scholarships and other forms of student financial assistance; and
- Student success initiatives aimed at improving retention, persistence, and graduation.

This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Redwine Quasi-Endowment Fund (the "Redwine Endowment") was established by the Midwestern State University Board of Regents (the "MSU Board of Regents") in May 2009 by endowing a portion of the charitable funds received from Mr. Bruce Redwine, deceased, who left a significant portion of his Estate to Midwestern State University as an unrestricted gift. The Redwine Endowment was subsequently established to provide scholarship support at the discretion of the president.

The MSU Board of Regents subsequently approved expanded uses of the fund to support Honors Program student activities, including conference participation, research presentations, and study abroad opportunities, with an emphasis on direct student benefit.

In November 2014, the MSU Board of Regents further expanded allowable uses to include support for debt service for Mass Communications expansion in the Fain College of Fine Arts, while maintaining priority for student-focused uses when earnings were limited.

Midwestern State University seeks approval to modify the purpose of the Redwine Endowment to reflect current institutional priorities and to provide broader flexibility to support student success.

Under the proposed modification, earnings from the Redwine Endowment may be used for:

- Continued support of the Redwine Honors Program
- Existing debt service for the mass communication building
- Scholarships and other forms of student financial assistance; and

- Student success initiatives aimed at improving retention, persistence, and graduation

This modification aligns the Redwine Endowment with Midwestern State University's strategic focus on student success and ensures continued effective use of the fund to enhance student outcomes.

The current balance of the Redwine Endowment as of July 8, 2026, including the corpus and spendable is $16,930,136.00.

Per Section 01.02.8.d.(3)(k) *Regents' Rules*, the Finance and Investments Committee shall review and approve all quasi-endowments that exceed $250,000.00. Per the Investment Policy Statement for the Long-Term Investment Fund, a quasi-endowed fund is established by the Board to function like an endowment fund, which may be totally expended at any time at the discretion of the Board.

r. TTU: Approve acceptance of Gift-in-Kind benefitting Texas Tech University, J.T. and Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts, School of Art (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 06.03.2b.(3)(a), *Regents' Rules*

The request is to approve acceptance of a gift-in-kind from the James Avery Artisan Jewelry company, consisting of 55,276 assorted precious and semi-precious gems and stones, valued at $364,073.19. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

James Avery Artisan Jewelry ("James Avery") made a generous contribution to the School of Art of various precious gems valuing $364,073.19. These materials will be used by the students in the School of Art's jewelry degree program. This donation comes as the result of a long relationship between the School of Art and James Avery, with several School of Art alumni placed in key positions within the company. James Avery's provision of these materials, which are extremely costly to procure, will significantly elevate the work of the jewelry program's undergraduate and graduate students, allowing them to create more professional and exceptional pieces as part of their portfolio and beyond.

James Avery made a similar donation of materials to the School of Art in February of 2023.

Regents' Rules Section 06.03.2b.(3)(a) requires board approval of the acceptance of gifts-in-kind to any component institution valued over $250,000.00.

s. TTU: Authorize president to execute a contract extension with the City of Lubbock for bus service (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.b and 07.12.3.c, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize an increase and extension to the previously approved contract with the City of Lubbock ("Citibus") to provide on and off campus bus service routes, benefiting Texas Tech University ("TTU") students. This request will extend the current contract for one year at a cost of approximately $4,756,500. This will result in the total contract term increasing to 5 years and the cost over the 5-year term totaling $23,026,500. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval was granted to TTU to contract with Citibus for bus service at the May 2022 board meeting. The original contract began September 1, 2022, and will expire August 31, 2026. The total estimated cost of the original contract was $18,270,000.

This request is to extend the contract for one (1) year and increase the estimated total value to $23,026,500. The proposed contract extension provides bus services for one (1) year, beginning September 1, 2026, and ending on August 31, 2027. The current contract permits TTU to terminate the contract with 30 days' prior written notice. This one-year extension will allow additional time to negotiate a new contract.

During the period from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027, TTU will pay $75.50 per hour for Citibus services, for an estimated total of 63,000 hours for on-campus services and off-campus services. The total cost of services provided over the one-year extension is estimated to be $4,756,500. TTU may request additional services on an as-needed basis for an additional amount estimated to be $250,000.

The TTU Chief Procurement Officer has verified the solicitation and purchasing method, and the contractor selection process complies with state law and TTU system policies. The Chief Procurement Officer also confirms there are not any anticipated issues that may arise in the solicitation, purchasing, or contractor selection process.

Section 07.12.3.b., *Regents' Rules*, requires Board of Regents' approval of any amendment, extension, or renewal of a contract with a value that exceeds 25% of the value of the original contract approved by the board or that increases the value of the original contract to more than $1,000,000 per annum.

Section 07.12.3.c., *Regents' Rules*, requires each contract for the purchase of goods and services, with a value exceeding $5,000,000 that the Chief Procurement Officer for the applicable component institution or the TTU system must submit to the board:

(1) verification that the solicitation and purchasing method and contractor selection process comply with state law and TTU system policies; and

(2) information on any potential issue that may arise in the solicitation, purchasing, or contractor selection process.

t. TTUHSC: Authorize the president to execute a contract with Bell County to provide healthcare services to juveniles and adults in the county jail/juvenile center (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.d, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize the president, or the president's designee, to finalize negotiations, approve and execute a contract for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC") on behalf of its Office of Strategic Initiatives Division ("OSI") with Bell County ("Bell") to provide health care to juveniles and adults in custody in Bell County Loop Jail and Bell County Central Jail located in Belton, TX, and in Bell County Juvenile Services Center located in Killeen, TX, as well as those attending Bell's Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

OSI, through its health care professionals, will provide comprehensive medical and mental health services to juveniles and adults in custody in Bell County twenty-four (24) hours per day and seven (7) days a week. Services will be provided via in person visits as well as through telemedicine services as permitted by law.

The term will be for 5 years starting in October 2026 through September 2031. The financial terms of the contract for year one are based on a census up to 1528 adults and juveniles. Bell agrees to increase the yearly rate by 4% beginning with year two of the agreement and annually thereafter.

The value of the contract would be as follows:

- Year one: $8,792,230
- Year two: $9,143,919.20
- Year three: $9,509,675.97
- Year four: $9,890,063.01
- Year five: $10,285,665.53

Section 07.12.3.a, *Regents' Rules*, requires Board approval for contracts that total in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract, unless a different consideration is specified by this policy.

u. TTUHSC: Authorize president to approve consulting contract (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.e, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize the president, or the president's designee, to finalize negotiations, approve and execute a consulting agreement up to $200,000 for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC") for professional campaign management services to support the Permian Basin fundraising campaign. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

TTUHSC seeks to engage CCS Fundraising to provide comprehensive campaign management services for the Permian Basin fundraising campaign. Building upon the recommendations of the previously completed campaign feasibility study, CCS Fundraising will provide strategic counsel and day-to-day campaign management, including campaign planning and execution, volunteer leadership engagement, major gift strategy, campaign operations, and community phase planning. These services will support the successful implementation of the campaign and advance TTUHSC's philanthropic priorities in the Permian Basin.

Section 07.12.3.e, *Regents' Rules* requires Board approval for Consulting contracts with an initial consideration in excess of $100,000.

v. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve modification of endowment (FI).

Approval required by: TTUHSC El Paso Operating Policy 02.08.5

The request is to approve the modification of the criteria for the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation School of Medicine Scholarship Endowment, as listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

New criteria: “Scholarship for a medical student who is selected for residency with TTUHSC El Paso. To be awarded at the end of their fourth year after match year (mid-March) prior to graduation (the number and amount of awards may increase as funds permit).”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Paso Del Norte Health Foundation School of Medicine Scholarship Endowment (the “Endowment”) was established in 2025 through the liquidation and repurpose of Paso del North Health Foundation’s (“PDNHF”) Loan Forgiveness Fund, a grant given by PDNHF directly to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (“TTUHSC EL Paso”) in 2008.

The initial Endowment was established to provide a “minimum $22,000.00 scholarship” to a medical student who is selected for residency with TTUHSC El Paso.

PDNHF has requested to subsequently modify the terms of the Endowment to remove the minimum and singular requirement, expanding the criteria to allow for the appropriate number of scholarships that the Endowment’s spendable will permit, annually.

The balance of the Endowment as of July 8, 2026, including the corpus and spendable is $402,525.60.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Operating Policy 02.08.5 states that a modification of an endowment with a principal balance of greater than $25,000.00 requires approval of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System.

w. TTUHSC El Paso: Approve establishment of Quasi Endowment (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 01.02.8.d(3)(k), *Regents' Rules* and Section 02, Investment Policy Statement for the Long-Term Investment Fund

The request is to approve establishment of two (2) separate quasi-endowments, each with an initial investment of $1 million to support Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso ("TTUHSC El Paso") and two (2) donor-initiated professorships as listed below. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

- the Mike and Angie Rooney Endowed Professorship in Oncology; and
- the Mike and Angie Rooney Endowed Professorship in Endocrinology (the "Professorships").

The investment of $1 million to support these Professorships will be provided from the Paul L. Foster TTUHSC El Paso Endowment. The quasi-endowments match two gifts of $500,000 from John M. Rooney and will ultimately support the Professorships' activities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

John M. Rooney ("Donor") pledged an aggregate of $1 million to establish the Professorships, more specifically described as:

1. $500,000.00 to the Texas Tech Foundation, Inc., for the benefit of TTUHSC El Paso and the Fox Cancer Center, to ultimately establish the Mike and Angie Rooney Endowed Professorship in Oncology; and
2. An additional $500,000.00 to the Texas Tech Foundation, Inc., for the benefit of TTUHSC El Paso and the Foster School of Medicine, to ultimately establish the Mike and Angie Rooney Endowed Professorship in Endocrinology

The Oncology Professorship creates an endowment to support both clinical outreach and cancer research under the auspices of the Fox Cancer Center. Spendable funds may be used to support salary, travel, direct research costs and other areas as determined by the Dean of the School of Medicine and/or the Director of the Cancer Center.

The Endocrinology Professorship creates an endowment to support both clinical outreach and endocrinology research under the auspices of the Foster School of Medicine. Spendable funds may be used to support salary, travel, direct research costs and other areas as determined by the Dean of the School of Medicine.

Donor’s generous gifts were matched 1:1 by TTUHSC El Paso, with a total of $1 million moved from the Paul L. Foster TTUHSC El Paso Endowment, to ensure that the Professorships meet the minimum endowment level for a professorship as outlined in TTUHSC El Paso operating policies and procedures.

Per Section 01.02.8.d.(3)(k), *Regents’ Rules*, the Finance and Investments Committee shall review and approve all quasi-endowments that exceed $250,000. Per the Investment Policy Statement for the Long-Term Investment Fund, a quasi-endowed fund is established by the Board to function like an endowment fund, which may be totally expended at any time at the discretion of the Board.

x. TTUHSC El Paso: Authorize president to execute revenue contract with Tenet Hospitals Limited (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3.a, *Regents' Rules*

The request is to authorize the president, or his designee, to execute a Pediatric Intensive Care Coverage Services Agreement with Tenet Hospitals Limited, doing business as The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus ("THOP"). This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tenet Hospitals Limited, doing business as The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center ("TTUHSC El Paso") share a commitment to expanding access to high-quality pediatric specialty care for the El Paso region while supporting the University's clinical, educational, and academic missions.

Under this agreement, TTUHSC El Paso faculty will provide comprehensive pediatric critical care physician services beginning September 1, 2026. Services will include continuous 24-hour pediatric intensive care coverage, physician consultation, quality improvement initiatives, program development, and participation in graduate medical education and medical student instruction. The agreement will support the establishment of a new academic pediatric critical care program at THOP while enhancing access to specialized care for critically ill children throughout the Borderplex region.

The agreement will support approximately four pediatric critical care physician full-time equivalents. The anticipated initial term is two years. A separate agreement for pediatric critical care medical directorship services will be presented independently, as applicable.

In addition to direct clinical services, the collaboration will provide a foundation for regional pediatric critical care outreach, pediatric readiness initiatives, continuing medical education, and community engagement activities designed to strengthen the regional system of care for critically ill children.

Pursuant to Section 07.12.3.a, *Regents' Rules*, Board approval is required for contracts involving stated or implied consideration exceeding $1,000,000 over the term of the agreement.

y. ASU, MSU, TTU, and TTUHSC El Paso: Approve commissioning of police officers (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 51.203, *Texas Education Code*

The request is to commission the following individual as a police officer, effective on the dates below. This request has been approved administratively by the chancellor and the president of each respective component institution and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents. Commissions for this agenda item cover the period of January 1 – June 30 of this calendar year.

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY:

Zachary Villarreal, effective March 9, 2026

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY:

Daniel Elbaum, effective May 27, 2026
Thomas Moore, effective Junes 8, 2026

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY:
Lauren Anderson, effective June 1, 2026
Angela Rodriguez, effective June 1, 2026
Zachary Vargas, effective June 1, 2026
Johnathan Perrin, effective June 1, 2026
Christine Curry, effective July 1, 2026
Stanley Waters, effective July 1, 2026

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO:
Nathan Waterhouse effective January 21st, 2026

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Regents routinely takes action to commission certain employees as peace officers in accordance with *Texas Education Code*, Section 51.203.

z. TTU, TTUS, and TTUHSC El Paso: Approve purchasing contract(s) in excess of $1,000,000 (FI).

Board approval required by: Section 07.12.3*, Regents' Rules*

The request is to approve purchasing contracts in accordance with *Regents Rules* 07.12.3.a, including those contracts with a value exceeding $5,000,000 in accordance with *Regents' Rules* 07.12.3.c as listed on the following page. This request has been approved administratively by the president and the chancellor and is recommended for approval by the Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with *Regents' Rules*, the Board is routinely requested to approve purchasing contracts under which the TTUS components spend more than $1,000,000 per annum. Purchasing contracts are procured and executed in compliance with Texas Education Code §51.9335 as well as the *Regents' Rules* and TTUS component Operating Policies and Procedures.

Section 07.12.3.a, *Regents' Rules*, requires Board approval for contracts that total in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract, unless a different consideration is specified by this policy.

However, Section 07.12.3.c provides that, for all purchasing contracts that exceed a total value of $5,000,000 over the life of the contract (even if the annual amount is less than $1,000,000), the Board must be provided:

(1) verification that the solicitation and purchasing method and contractor selection process comply with state law and TTU System policies; and
(2) information on any potential issue(s) that may arise in the solicitation, purchasing, or contractor selection process.

The attached table shows: (1) purchasing contracts for which Board approval is required; and (2) purchasing contracts that exceed $5,000,000 over the life of the contract for which the special reporting is required.

TTU and TTUS: Approve Purchasing Contracts
Per Sections 07.12.3.a and 07.12.3.c, *Regents' Rules*

Com-ponent	Vendor	Service to Goods to be Provided	Estimated Per Annum Expenditures	Estimated Term Expenditures (includes renewals)	Start	End	Procure-ment Method
TTUS	(CTBD) Summus Dell/Microsoft	System-wide purchases of Microsoft products and related services	$ 3,000,000	$ 15,000,000	9/1/2026	8/31/2031	DIR
TTU	(C26009) United Airlines	Air Charter Services for Athletics (season and post-season)	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000	Execution	One year after execution	Exempt

TTUHSC El Paso: Approve Purchasing Contracts
Per Sections 07.12.3.a and 07.12.3.c, *Regents' Rules*

Component	Vendor	Service or Goods to be Provided	Estimated per Annum Consideration	Estimated Term Consideration (Including renewals)	Start Date	End Date	Procurement Method
TTUHSC El Paso	ABM Education Services LLC 25-10 PV-01 CON3774722	Custodial Services	$1,242,822	$1,242,822	9/1/2026	8/31/2027	1GPA Cooperative

INFORMATION AGENDA

INFORMATION AGENDA – Information is provided as required by Section 01.02.7.d(4)(c), *Regents' Rules* – "Material required by a provision of the *Regents' Rules* to be furnished to the Board as information will be listed in the information agenda."

> NOTE: The following are reports or other documents which, according to the *Regents' Rules* or state law, must be made available to the Board of Regents. As such, the reports below are on file in the Board Office, and their listing on the Information Agenda constitutes notice that they are available to Board members upon request.

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(1) ASU, MSU, TTU, TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Summary of Revenues and Expenditures by Budget Category, FY 2026 (as of May 31, 2026), per Section 01.02.8.d(3)(g), *Regents' Rules* – All actual expenditures will be reviewed by the Finance and Investments Committee annually and provided as information. Financial reports for the most recently completed quarter for each of the component institutions are available at: https://www.texastech.edu/offices/cfo/board-financial-reports.php

(2) TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Contracts for ongoing and continuing health-related service relationships per Section 07.12.4.c, *Regents' Rules* – "The following are excepted from the requirements of Section 07.12.3.a and Section 07.12.3.b, *Regents' Rules*, "the board delegates to the presidents of health-related institutions the authority to approve the proposals and execute and sign contracts for health related services, as specified herein. This delegation is limited to contracts with entities for which the institution has an ongoing and continuing contractual relationship, to include: revenue contracts from which the institution receives payment for health related services; participation in health provider networks; resident or faculty support; and expense contracts with healthcare providers or suppliers necessary to fulfill the obligation to provide health related services as part of a revenue contract or new health related services contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that total in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract but the per annum amount is less than $1,000,000. Before such a contract may be executed, the president shall obtain the prior review of the TTU system Office of General Counsel and the TTU system vice chancellor and chief financial officer, or their designees. A list of health-related services contracts that have been executed under this delegation of authority since the previous regular board meeting shall be provided to the board as an information item at the next regular board meeting."

TTUHSC

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Service or Goods to be Provided	Start Date	End Date	Extension/ Amendment
TTUHSC	CON3804278 University of Texas System	Participating Institution Agreement - Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium FY 26-27.	9/1/2025	8/31/2027	Extension
TTUHSC	AMEND3646126-002 Covenant Childrens Hospital	Amendment to Services and Compensation - Pediatric Hospitalist Providing Coverage at Covenant Children's Hospital	9/1/2024	8/31/2026	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3624816-001 Covenant Health System	Amendment to Term and Compensation - Physician Services	7/1/2024	6/30/2026	Amendment

		Agreement, Covenant Call			
TTUHSC	AMEND3575953-004 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Compensation - Agreement for Burn and Trauma Services	9/1/2023	6/30/2026	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3371958-017 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Compensation, Programs and Providers - Agreement for Services and Funding Support - Pediatrics Department	4/1/2022	6/30/2027	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3371958-016 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Compensation - Agreement for Services and Funding Support - Pediatrics Department	4/1/2022	6/30/2027	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3156070-012 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Staffing and Compensation - Faculty Support - Otolaryngology	7/1/2021	6/30/2026	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3053511-006 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Staffing and Compensation - Residency Program Directors	9/1/2021	8/31/2026	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3053371-018 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amend Pediatric Trauma Surgery Medical Director - Agreement for Staffing Services	7/1/2021	6/30/2027	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND3053371-017 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Staffing - Agreement for Medical Director Services	7/1/2021	6/30/2027	Amendment
TTUHSC	AMEND1592374-021 University Medical Center - UMC Lubbock	Amendment to Staffing and Compensation - Agreement for faculty support Department of Internal Medicine, Cardiology	5/15/2016	6/30/2027	Amendment

TTUHSC El Paso

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Service or Goods to be Provided	Start Date	End Date	Extension/ Amendment
TTUHSC EP	El Paso Children's Hospital Corporation (CON3801446)	Residents	07/01/26	06/30/30	Extension
TTUHSC EP	El Paso County Hospital District (CON3772510)	Residents	07/01/26	06/30/30	Extension
TTUHSC EP	El Paso County Hospital District (CON3772488)	Fellows	07/01/26	08/30/30	Extension

(3) MSU, TTUS, TTU, TTUHSC, and TTUHSC El Paso: Contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that total in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract but the per annum amount is less than $1,000,000 per section 07.12.4.a of the *Regents' Rules* – The following are excepted from the requirements of Section 07.12.3.a and 07.12.3 b, *Regents' Rules*, "the chancellor or president, or the chancellor or presidents designee, as appropriate, is delegated the authority to approve: (i) contracts that involve a stated or implied consideration that total in excess of $1,000,000 over the entire term of the contract but the per annum amount is less than $1,000,000; and (ii) any amendment, extension, or renewal of a contract originally approved by the chancellor or president, as appropriate, so long as the amendment, extension, or renewal does not cause the per annum amount of the contract to exceed $1,000,000. This requirement is applicable to both cash and non-cash considerations. Information about such contracts or contract amendments, extensions, or renewals that are approved by the chancellor or a president under this delegation of authority shall be provided to the board as an information item at the next regular board meeting."

MSU

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Service or Goods to be Provided	Start Date	End Date	New or Extension	Procurement Method
MSU	Direct Energy (P0027165)	Electricity Services (utility)	09/01/2025	08/31/2026	New for each FY but change order increased the value over $1 million	Exempt

TTUS and TTU

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Service or Goods to be Provided	Start Date	End Date	New or Extension	Procurement Method
TTUS	(CTBD) SHI Government Solutions/Adobe	System-wide purchases of Adobe products and related services	Execution	5 years after execution	New	TIPS Cooperative
TTU	(C20924) Liaison International, LLC/TargetX	Customer Relationship Management software to manage recruitment and admissions of prospective students	05/24/2024	05/23/2029	Extension	Sole Source
TTU	(C22759) Enterprise FM Trust	Comprehensive Fleet Management Leasing Services	08/30/2024	07/31/2027	Extension	TIPS Cooperative
TTU	(C26173) Johnson Controls Building Solution, LLC	Fire safety products, equipment, and related services	06/29/2026	07/31/2035	New	E&I Cooperative
TTU	(CTBD) Primitive Social	Supplemental Marketing Services	Execution	8 years after execution	New	TTU RFP
TTU	Apex Systems LLC dba Glidefast Consulting	IT-related professional services	08/01/2022	08/31/2029	Extension	State of Texas DIR
TTU	(C26091) Cypro, LLC	Software solutions and services	06/15/2026	12/31/2031	New	Omnia Partners Cooperative
TTU	(CTBD) Bailey Boiler Works	Above and Underground Utility Repair, Replacement, and Installation	Execution	8 years after execution	New	TTU RFP
TTU	(C21024) TeamWorks	Software platform and related services for TTU Athletics	09/01/2023	08/31/2033	Extension	Sole Source
TTU	(C25738) Southwest Contract Inc.	Residential Life Furnishings	04/21/2026	08/31/2033	New	E&I Cooperative

TTU	(C25807) Chem-Aqua, Inc.	Water Treatment Chemicals and Pipe Bursting Equipment	05/04/2026	03/31/2029	New	Buyboard Cooperative
TTU	(C25907) TeamDynamix Solutions, LLC	Customer Service Management and project portfolio management platform and related services	Execution	11/29/2031	New	Omnia Partners Cooperative
TTU	(CTBD) Culligan of Lubbock	Water Conditioning Parts and Services	Execution	8 years after execution	New	TTU RFP
TTU	(C25950) Mantra Health Inc.	Telehealth counseling services to TTU students	06/24/2026	06/23/2031	New	Other Institution of Higher Education RFP
TTU	(C25396) ServiceNow	Customer management and workflow software and services	03/30/2026	11/29/2029	New	Sole Source
TTU	(C25617) The Brunger Aviation Group	Air charter broker services	04/06/2026	04/05/2034	New	Exempt
TTU	(CTBD) Vue Jet	Air charter broker services	Execution	8 years after execution	New	Exempt

TTUHSC

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Service or Goods to be Provided	Start Date	End Date	New or Extension	Procurement Method
TTUHSC	CON3781794 City of Mansfield	Lease (Sublease) - Expense - Mansfield Innovation Community - 2441 Heritage Parkway - 3rd Floor - Mansfield 76063	4/1/2028	3/31/2038	New	Interlocal

TTUHSC	CON3779896 Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center	Lease - (Sublease) - 900 Don Evans Way, Midland, TX 79707	4/1/2026	3/31/2031	New	Sole Source – Instructional Hospital

TTUHSC El Paso

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Service or Goods to be Provided	Start Date	End Date	New or Extension	Procurement Method
TTUHSC EP	Rio Bravo Physician Anesthesia Services, PLLC (CON3802614)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Miguel B. Samonte, MD, P.A. (CON3802611)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Pritchard Anesthesia, PLLC (CON3802608)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Ruby N. Rubio, MD, PLLC (CON3802607)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Elizabeth Navejas, MD, PLLC (CON3802604)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Lucidity Anesthesia Services PLLC (CON3802602)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Omar Veloz, MD, PLLC (CON3802600)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Rene Muro, MD, P.A. (CON3802599)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Anesthesia Medical Services PLC (CON3802596)	Anesthesia	07/0726	07/06/30	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Goldfish Locums, LLC (CON3794134)	Locums	06/08/26	06/07/31	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	Ivan A. Ortiz, MD, P.A. (CON3784719)	Anesthesia	05/01/26	04/30/29	New	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	El Paso County Hospital District (CON3808469)	Pulmonary	07/01/26	06/30/32	New	N/A Professional Services

TTUHSC EP	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AMEND1597436-010)	Family Medicine	09/01/25	08/31/26	Extension	N/A Professional Services
TTUHSC EP	The Hospitals of Providence (CON3811232)	Gastroenterology	06/02/26	11/02/28	New	N/A Professional Services
	The Hospitals of Providence (CON3811126)	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit	08/01/26	1/31/29	New	N/A Professional Services

(4) TTUHSC and TTUHSC El Paso: Consulting contracts with an initial consideration of $100,000 or less per Section 07.12.4.e.(1), *Regents' Rules* – "(a) Board approval is not required, but the vice chancellor and chief financial officer, in consultation with the chancellor, presidents, and chief financial officers of the institutions, shall review consulting contracts of $100,000 or less prior to execution of the contract by the chancellor or president, as appropriate. (b) A report of the contract shall be provided as an Information Agenda item at the next board meeting."

TTUHSC

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Consulting Service to be Provided	Start Date	End Date
TTUHSC	CON3794451 Susan M Stein Consulting LLC	Consulting Services for Accreditation Review - Doctor of Pharmacy Program	3/1/2026	12/31/2027
TTUHSC	CON3786906 CCS Fundraising	Permian Basin - Capital Campaign Feasibility Study	4/13/2026	5/19/2026

TTUHSC El Paso

Component	Vendor (Include Contract #)	Consulting Service to be Provided	Start Date	End Date
TTUHSC EL PASO	Mahoney Education Consultants, LLC (CON3792515)	LCME Re-Accreditation	05/01/26	07/31/28

(5) TTU and TTUHSC: Contracts for Sponsored Programs Projects per Section 07.12.4.b., *Regents' Rules* – "The board delegates to the presidents the authority to approve the proposals and execute and sign contracts for sponsored program projects in excess of $1,000,000 per annum. Sponsored program projects are those grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements from either the public or private sectors that support research, instructional, and service projects. A list of such contracts for sponsored program projects in excess of $1,000,000 per annum shall be provided to the board as an information item at the next regular board meeting."

TTU:

(a) Research and Development of Wide/Ultrawide Bandgap Semiconductor Materials, Devices and Applications; Stephen Benjamin Bayne, Vice

President, Pulsed Power and Power Electronics, and Principal Investigator; Office of the Governor; $4,521,153 awarded

(b) TXDOT Texas Winter Weather Network - Phase 1: DFW; John Schroeder, Professor, Geosciences, and Principal Investigator, Texas Department of Transportation; $4,999,922 awarded

(c) TTU Center for Early Head Start Consolidated Grant Application; Stephanie Shine, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, and Principal Investigator, DHHS - Administration for Children and Families; $1,637,639 awarded

(d) US PREP National Center High-Quality, Sustainable Teacher Residency Program Technical Assistance and Network Provider (26-27); Sarah Beal, Executive Director, Education, and Principal Investigator, Region 13 Education Service Center (ESC); $1,112,597 awarded

(e) HPM Source Assessment; John Mankowski, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Principal Investigator, DOD Army Research Lab/Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc.; $1,124,328 awarded

(f) TWC Rural Initiative; Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Associate Academic Dean, Education Curriculum Instruction, and Principal Investigator, United States Department of Labor/Texas Workforce Commission; $1,000,000 awarded

TTUHSC:

(a) Scharbauer Foundation funding titled: “Funding support for start up of Pediatric Residency”; grant year 02/04/2026 through 08/31/2029; award amount $3,561,101

(b) Permian Strategic Partnership Inc funding: “Philanthropic Grant Agreement PSP - Pediatric Residency”; grant year 02/04/2026 through 08/31/2029; award amount $4,304,613

(6) TTUS: Named endowments per Section 13.02.3.a, *Regents’ Rules* – <u>“The board delegates approvals to name endowments or other gift funds established through a private gift of less than $5 million to the president of the benefitting institution, in consultation and cooperation with the chancellor and the VCIA. Notice shall be provided to the board of regents as part of the information agenda at the next board meeting.”</u>

(a) Prior to the call to order of the August board meeting, the vice chancellor for institutional advancement notified the board of regents of all named endowments and other gifts equaling $100,000.00 or more given or pledged to the component universities via agreements executed between April 20, 2026, through July 26, 2026.

(7) ASU and TTU: Exigent circumstances approval by Section 01.02.1.b, *Regents’ Rules* - <u>“Section 109.001, Texas Education Code, states that the board "by rule may delegate a power or duty of the board to an officer, employee, or other agent of the board." When an emergency or exigent circumstances exist that cannot be adequately addressed through Section 07.04.4.a(2) relating to budget adjustments, Section 07.12.3.i relating to contracts, or Section 08.01.7 relating to major construction projects, the chair – or if the chair is not available within the time required for action, the vice chair may approve a proposal submitted by the chancellor, or the chancellor’s designee, for an action that otherwise would require the approval of the board as a whole, with subsequent notification to the board as soon as practicable.”</u>

ASU

(a) On July 3, 2026, Chairman Cody Campbell granted exigent circumstances approval pursuant to Sections 01.02.1.b and 03.01.11.c, *Regents' Rules*, for approval of a nepotism exception to hire Grayson Anderson as the Strategic Outreach Manager within the Angelo State University AI Center of Excellence. Grayson is the son of Dr. Scarlet Clouse, Dean of the College of Education and Director of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Institute at Angelo State University. Grayson Anderson will report directly to Mr. Brandon Ligon, Director of AI Education and Learning Innovation, who will have full responsibility for supervision, including performance evaluations, and compensation decisions. The conflict will be further mitigated by ensuring that any concerns, grievances, or escalation requests related to this position will bypass Dr. Clouse and will be directed to Dr. Clouse's supervisor, President Ronnie Hawkins. The arrangement will be re-evaluated annually by Mr. Ligon to ensure there is effective management of the conflict of interest and to determine if any modifications are necessary.

TTU:

(a) On June 4, 2026, Chairman Campbell granted an exigent circumstances approval, pursuant to Sections 01.02.1.b and 07.12.3.e, *Regents' Rules*, authorizing Texas Tech Athletics to engage with FGS Global, a worldwide strategic communications and advisory group specializing in public relations. Authorization was necessary as the consultant services exceeded the threshold of $100,000.

(b) On July 14, 2026, Chairman Campbell granted an exigent circumstances approval, pursuant to Sections 01.02.1.b and 07.12.3.i, *Regents' Rules*, for Texas Tech University to negotiate and enter into a contract with Galaxy Digital Inc. for stadium naming rights.

(8) TTUHSC El Paso: Approval of contracts or transaction involving a sale or purchase of real property, or commitments of land per Section 07.12.4.g, *Regents' Rules* – <u>"The following are excepted from the requirements of Section 07.12.3.a and 07.12.3.d, Regents' Rules, the board delegates to the chair of the Finance and Investments Committee the authority to approve, upon the recommendation by the Chancellor or President, or their designee, as appropriate, (i) any contract or transaction involving a sale or purchase of real property, or commitments of land including without limitation leases, easements and licenses even if more than five years with a per annum amount that is less than $1,000,000; and (ii) any amendment, extension or renewal of such contract or transaction originally approved by the Board of Regents' or the chair of the Finance and Investments Committee , so long as the amendment, extension or renewal does not cause the per annum amount of the contract to exceed $1,000,000. This requirement is applicable to both cash and non-cash considerations. Any such contracts, transactions, amendments, extensions, or renewals that are approved by the chair of the Finance and Investments Committee under this delegation of authority shall be placed as an information agenda item at the next regular board meeting."</u>

(a) Three property acquisitions in El Paso. On April 30, 2026, Committee Chair Tim Culp authorized President Lange or his designee to complete negotiations and execute contracts for the acquisition of real property located in El Paso, TX.

(b) One property acquisition in El Paso. On August 5, 2026, Committee Chair Tim Culp authorized President Lange or his designee to complete negotiations and execute contracts for the acquisition of real property located in El Paso, TX.

(9) TTU: Execution of contracts related to the TTU Reese National Security Complex as delegated to the Chair of the Finance and Investments Committee per Minute Order IV.A.7(3), August 14-15, 2025 – During the August 14-15, 2025 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved Executive Session item IV.A.7(3): “(3) delegate to the chair of the Finance and Investments Committee the authority to approve execution of contracts related to this project and present them as an Information item at the next Board meeting … all under the terms and conditions set forth in Executive Session.”

On May 4, 2026, pursuant to Section 08.01, *Regents' Rules,* and the delegated authority of the Finance and Investments Committee Chairman Tim Culp, Regent Culp authorized Dr. Schovanec, or his designee, to approve additional expenditures up to $26,368,734. Total funding requested to date is $50,587,377 (including $24,218,643 approved on January 30, 2026, by a delegated approval request).

The additional expenditures include the following:

1. Negotiate and execute a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Agreement.
2. CMAR preconstruction services for $245,000.
3. CMAR General Conditions for the complete project for approximately $7.8M.
4. CMAR Fee of 5.50%
5. First phase of construction that includes CMAR mobilization, Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) Design Assist, temporary utilities, and other enabling activities.
6. Equipment purchases per Dr. Bayne/Dr. Tindle.
7. Material Testing Lab services.
8. Contingency.

The total expenditures will be covered through funding received by Texas Tech University under HB 500.

(10) ASU: Namings of a facility resulting from gifts less than $500,000.00 per Section 13.02.2.b(4), *Regents' Rules* – “Gifts of less than $500,000.00 that meet the requirements outlined in this chapter [13] for naming of a facility, as defined herein, may be approved by the component institution president, in cooperation and coordination with the VCIA. The item will be placed as an information item at the next board meeting after the public announcement.”

(a) Naming of the children's play area within 1st Community Credit Union Field in honor and recognition of the generous donation and generosity from alumnus and baseball supporter Sam Janca. The space shall notate “Janca Family Rookie Zone” in accordance with applicable component institution policies for internal signage.

(11) TTU: Exigent Circumstances approval per Section 13.05.8, *Regents' Rules* – <u>"When an emergency or exigent circumstances exist and it is not feasible or practical to convene a quorum of the board within the time in which action is needed, approval may be given for a naming proposal submitted by the chancellor and VCIA, or their designee, by verbal approval of the chair and vice chair of the board. The board, as a whole, will be made aware of the naming at the time the decision is made and, if accepted, namings approved in this manner shall be presented to the board as an information item at the next board meeting."</u>

(a) Rename the Drive of Champions (campus street segment connecting Akron Ave and Flint Ave) in honor and recognition of Wes Kittley, Head Coach of Texas Tech Track & Field - more specifically, "Wes Kittley Drive of Champions. The renaming was approved by the chair and vice chair via exigent circumstances on April 6, 2026, and was publicly announced on May 7, 2026.
(b) Naming the Rawls College of Business' Commercial Risk Management and Insurance Program the "Bill D. Henry Commercial Risk Management and Insurance Program" in honor and recognition of Bill Henry's passion for preparing young people for meaningful, impactful, sustainable careers and his family's philanthropic investment in the Rawls College of Business via a $5 million endowment. The naming was approved by the chair and vice chair via exigent circumstances on April 27, 2026.