



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR**  
**THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES**  
**AUGUST 24, 2021**

*Notice of this special meeting was filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State on July 19, 2021.*

The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges met for a retreat in the Conference Room of Karsten Creek Golf Club, 1800 S. Memorial Drive, Stillwater, Oklahoma. The Agenda for this meeting is attached as ATTACHMENT A and considered a part of these minutes.

Board members in attendance: Dr. Trudy Milner, Chair; Mr. Jarold Callahan, Vice Chair; Mr. Calvin Anthony; Mr. Rick Davis; Mr. Joe Hall; Mr. Jimmy Harrel; Mr. Billy G. Taylor; and Mr. Rick Walker.

Absent: Mrs. Blayne Arthur

Others in Attendance: Mr. Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Kayse Shrum, President, Oklahoma State University and OSU System; Ms. Brandee Hancock, Deputy General Counsel/Interim Chief Legal Officer; Dr. Johnny Stephens, Interim President, OSU-Center for Health Sciences/Interim Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; Mr. Chad Weiberg, Vice President, Athletic Programs/Director, Intercollegiate Athletics; and Mr. Kyle Wray, Interim Senior Vice President for Executive Affairs.

**1. Discussion related to Board of Regents priorities for the 2021 and 2022 academic year, which will include discussion with Oklahoma State University President Kayse Shrum and possibly other university administrators.**

Chair Milner opened with comments related to the goals of the retreat session. She shared that in preparing for the retreat, key areas were identified that the Board and OSU President Kayse Shrum are focused on as Dr. Shrum begins her first semester as OSU President. Chair Milner recognized President Shrum to address those topics of discussion.

President Shrum shared an update regarding her efforts since being named OSU President. She has conducted listening sessions with individuals throughout the OSU System and other key stakeholders. She has visited with members of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma Governor Kevin J. Stitt, and legislative leaders regarding higher education funding needs. Based on those conversations, she is hopeful that there will be additional support for OSU and higher education in the future.

She provided a general update regarding the OSU leadership team and specifically shared that, pending Board approval in September, Mr. Jerome Loughridge will be joining the team as Senior Vice President of Operations. He will be positioned to improve coordination between the OSU branches and the Stillwater campus, and be involved in the strategic planning process for the university.

Mr. Kyle Wray reported that fall enrollment for OSU-Stillwater looks very strong. This will be the second largest freshman class in OSU history. Transfer enrollment is way up as well. OSU should expect freshmen classes of at least 4,200 students. Applications for fall of 2021 are already up 18 percent.

President Shrum acknowledged the opportunity to improve OSU's academic standing while remaining true to its mission. Focused efforts will be made to help students succeed academically while moving on to great opportunities following graduation.

President Shrum and Dr. Johnny Stephens also gave a report related to COVID-19. A committee is meeting weekly to evaluate the situation on the OSU campuses. Dr. Stephens and Brandee Hancock are also meeting with the A&M Presidents on a weekly basis to assist with any needs they may have. President Shrum shared that she would be having a virtual Town Hall meeting with the campus on Thursday, August 26. Efforts to encourage vaccinations and masking continue on all campuses.

**2. Executive Session, if approved by the required number of Regents present, for the purposes of: (1) considering evaluation/assessment and other information relevant to the employment of institutional presidents, executive leadership team, vice presidents, and deans under the governance of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1); and/or (2) conferring on matters pertaining to Oklahoma State University's opportunities for economic development where public disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(C)(11).**

Regent Anthony moved and Regent Callahan seconded that the Board convene in Executive Session for the stated purpose.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Callahan, Davis, Hall, Harrel, Milner, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Arthur. The motion carried.

#### Open Session

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Regent Davis moved and Regent Callahan seconded that the Board reconvene in Open Session.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Callahan, Davis, Hall, Harrel, Milner, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Arthur. The motion carried.

**3. New business unforeseen at the time agenda was posted.**

None.

**4. Meeting adjournment**

At approximately 12:46 p.m., Regent Anthony moved and Regent Callahan seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Callahan, Davis, Hall, Harrel, Milner, Taylor, and Walker. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Arthur. The motion carried.

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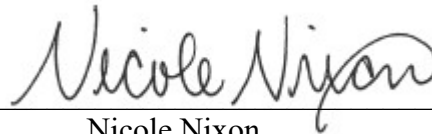
By: Trudy Milner 09/13/2021 10:25 CDT  
Trudy Milner, Chair

ATTEST:



Jason Ramsey 09/10/2021 15:52 CDT  
Jason Ramsey, Chief Executive Officer

Certified correct minutes subject to approval of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on September 10, 2021.



Nicole Nixon  
Administrative Associate



**AGENDA**  
**OSU/A&M Board of Regents**  
**Annual Retreat**

**August 23-24, 2021\***  
**Karsten Creek**  
**1800 S. Memorial Dr.**  
**Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074**

Monday, August 23, 2021

6:30 p.m. – Reception

7:00 p.m. – Dinner

Karsten Creek Clubhouse Dining Hall

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – Annual Retreat Session  
Conference Room

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

**BOARD OF REGENTS' ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT ANNUAL RETREAT SESSION**

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*\*This is strictly an informal retreat/study session for those Regents who can attend and OSU President Kayse Shrum and spouses/guests. No Board action will be taken.*