

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Development and Legislative Affairs

ITEM: Request Approval to Update the Rhinehart Music Auditorium 10-Year Designation to the Smith-Rhinehart Music Auditorium

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

The Administration recommends approval to designate the existing Rhinehart Music Auditorium as the Smith-Rhinehart Music Auditorium for a ten-year term in recognition of Dr. Harry Smith's \$1,000,000 philanthropic commitment to Texas Southern University. The proposed designation is consistent with the University's Naming Policy (MAPP 07.02.01) and reflects the University's commitment to recognizing transformational philanthropy that advances its academic mission.

The Administration further recommends granting Dr. Smith a right of first refusal for the naming opportunity associated with any new music auditorium constructed during the ten-year naming period that replaces or succeeds the current Rhinehart Music Auditorium. This provision recognizes Dr. Smith's enduring investment in the University while preserving the Board of Regents' exclusive authority to approve future naming designations in accordance with the University's naming policy then in effect.

Upon approval by the Board of Regents, the University will redesignate the facility as the Smith-Rhinehart Music Auditorium and install appropriate signage and donor recognition consistent with University policy.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: Naming Opportunity Packet (Under Separate Cover)

FISCAL IMPACT: Positive Revenue Impact – \$1,000,000 Philanthropic Gift | BOA0001701

ACTION REQUESTED: Administration recommends approval of this item

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulation.



GENERAL COUNSEL

07/14/2026

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Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note shown above details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this proposal will achieve.



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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James Crawford (Jul 14, 2026 21:03:28 CDT)

PRESIDENT

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