

AGENDA

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Texas Southern University - Library Learning Center, 5th Floor, 3100 Cleburne Street,
Houston, TX 77004

Chair: Brandon L. Simmons
Vice Chair: James M. Benham
Second Vice Chair: Vacant
Secretary: Marilyn A. Rose

I. Call to Order

- The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as listed below.
- Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.
- Unless removed from the consent docket for separate consideration at the request of a Regent, items identified within the consent docket will be acted on at one time.

II. Roll Call

III. Prayer

IV. Open Forum

V. Conflict of Interest

VI. Chairman's Comments

VII. Board Business

VII.A. Approve Minutes for past meetings of the Board of Regents

Action Requested: Approval

VII.B. Board of Regents' Committee Assignments

Action Requested: Approval

VII.C. Oath of Office Administered to Regent Lauren A. Gore

Action Requested: Information

VII.D. Oath of Office Administered to Regent Benjamin C. Kohlmann

Action Requested: Information

VIII. Consent Docket (Standing Committee Recommendations)

VIII.A. Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute the Purchase of a Motor Coach Bus (56 Passengers)

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.B. Purchase Blanket Automobile, Directors & Officers, Employers Legal Liability, & Crime Insurance

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.C. Request Approval to Renew Microsoft Corporation Products

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.D. Request to Contract with TouchNet Information Inc. for Credit Card Processing Services

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.E. Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contracts for Master Lease Agreements

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.F. Request Approval for Executive Search Firm Services

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.G. Request Approval to Purchase Four SUVs from the Department of Public Safety

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.H. FY25 Operating Budget Amendment

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.I. Request Approval for Water Treatment Services

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.J. Request Approval to Purchase Auditorium-Style Seating in Charles P. Rhinehart Music Auditorium

Action Requested: Approval

VIII.K. Request Approval for FY 2025 Annual Internal Audit Plan

Action Requested: Approval

IX. President's Report

X. Executive Session

X.A. Texas Government Code - Section 551.071 - Consultation with University Attorneys on any matter in which the duty of the attorneys to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act, including any matter listed on this notice/agenda, pending or contemplated litigation, and proposed settlement agreements.

X.B. Texas Government Code - Section 551.072 - Deliberations concerning Purchase, Lease or Value of Real Property.

X.C. Texas Government Code - Section 551.073 - Deliberations about Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations.

X.D. Texas Government Code - Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters: Deliberations Concerning the Appointments, Employment, Compensation, Duties, Responsibilities, Evaluations and/or Dismissal of Personnel (including but not limited to the Regents, President, General Officers, and Executive Management Employees).

XI. **Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Actions on Executive Session Items as Necessary**

XII. **Adjourn**

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Board Business

ITEM: Approve Minutes for past meetings of the Board of Regents

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

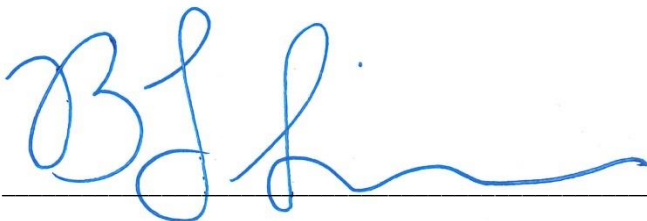
SUMMARY:

- Standing Committee/Regular Meeting on August 15, 2024
- Special Called Meeting on August 26, 2024

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:** Draft Minutes

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval



BOARD CHAIR

Brandon L. Simmons

10/9/24

DATE



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
STANDING COMMITTEES/REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 15, 2024**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Regular Board meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. The meeting convened at Texas Southern University, Library Learning Center, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004.

II. Roll Call

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Pamela A. Medina

Other Attendees: President James Crawford III, Michael Adams, Bill Brown, Darlene Brown, Charlie Coleman, Raijanel Crockem, Carl Goodman, Lisa McBride, Charlie Nhan, John Pittman, Georgia Provost, Faith Ruiz, James White, Chris Wilson

III. Prayer

Chairman Simmons invited Ms. Georgia Provost to announce that Minister Dana Thomas would deliver the prayer. Minister Thomas proceeded to lead the attendees in a spoken prayer.

IV. Open Forum

Chairman Simmons reminded the speakers that the Open Forum rules are governed by the Board Bylaws and reiterated the significance of being respectful.

The following individuals participated in the Open Forum:

- Ms. Katelayn Vault, Student Government Association President
- Dr. Rasoul Saneifard, Faculty Senate Chair
- Ms. Isoke Frank-Williams, Staff Council Chair
- Ms. Taylor Hall, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Student Bar Association President
- Mr. Khamisie Green, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Student
- Dr. Valery Piedra, United Negro College Fund, Inc.

V. Conflict of Interest Statement



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Chairman Simmons addressed the matter of conflict of interest with the Board members, inquiring if any member had a conflict of interest to disclose regarding the items on today's agenda. Observing no such disclosures, he proceeded with the agenda.

VI. Special Announcements

Chairman Simmons invited Regent Getwood to present and recognize student leaders from Student Government Association, University Program Counsel, and Royal Court. He reported on insights during the student leader's training during the summer.

VII. Good News

- Chairman Simmons proceeded to ask the fellow Regents to provide any good news regarding recent happenings at TSU which included:
- Regent Getwood reported on his experience during his recent student regent orientation where he had lunch that was attended by past student regents.
- Regent Benham shared about the Air Force Cadet training highlighting that TSU is tied for the number one completion rate in the nation.
- Regent Johnson ended with the recent collaboration between Rice University and the University of Houston.

VIII. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 9:49 A.M.

IX. Reconvene and Recall

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 2:09 P.M. with a roll call.

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Ms. Pamela A. Medina
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

X. Board Business

- Item A: Approval for past meeting minutes of the Board of Regents
[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]
- Item B: Fiscal Year 2025 Board of Regents Meeting Calendar



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[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

XI. Committee Reports

Personnel and Litigation – Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley

Chairman Simmons presented on behalf of Regent Hurley.

- Item A: Request Approval to Appoint the Chief of Staff

[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

- Item B: Request Approval of Settlement of Pending Lawsuit: Prestige Building Group LLC v. Texas Southern University

[Motion to approve by Chairman Simmons; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

Academic Affairs, Research & Student Life – Dr. Richard Johnson

Provost Goodman presented information on the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Approve Multiple Awards for Aircraft Maintenance Services

[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]

Dr. Raijanel Crockem presented the following information item:

- Item B: A Review of Student Completion Data

Administration & Finance – Mr. James Benham

Mr. John Pittman presented the following items for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval for the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]

- Item B: Request Approval to Renew the Contract with Atlanta Consulting Group Advisors, LLC for Investment Management Services

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]

- Item C: Request Approval for Staff Augmentation to Support the Office of Information Technology with Columbia Advisory Group

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]

- Item D: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute the Contract for Strategic Plan Consulting Services

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]

- Item E: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Services for an Executive Search Firm

[Administration requested this item be presented as an information item.]



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- Item F: Request Approval for the Renewal of Natural Gas Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item G: Request Approval Regarding the Annual Update to the Debt Policy
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item H: Request Approval of Endowed and Non-Endowed Investment Policies Annual Update
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item I: FORVIS Final Audit and FY23 Annual Financial Report Updates
[Item was pulled by Administration]

Mr. Chris Wilson presented the following information item:

- Item J: Endowment Performance Updates as of June 30, 2024

Physical Facilities – Dr. Richard Johnson

Mr. John Pittman presented the following item for approval:

- Item A: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute General Contracting Services to Renovate W.R. Banks Child Development Laboratory
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]
- Item B: Request Approval to Establish Contracts for Building Envelope Services
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]
- Item C: Request Approval for the Rebuild of Chillers 3 and 4 - Central Plant
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes]
- Item D: Request Approval of the Renewal of Campus-Wide Elevator Maintenance Service Contract
[Motion to approve by Regent Johnson; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]

Mr. Bill Brown from Tellepsen presented the following information item:

- Item E: Updates on the Capitol Construction Assistance Project (CCAP)

Development and Legislative Affairs – Mr. James Benham

Mr. Charlie Coleman presented the following items:

- Item A: Acceptance of \$680,000 Major Gift Request for the Purchase of a Cessna 172S Plane
[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Johnson; Motion passes]
- Item B: Acceptance of \$2,134,500 Gift in Kind for Thurgood Marshall School of Law Repairs



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[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Medina; Motion passes]

Dr. James White presented the following item:

- Item C: Legislative Appropriations Request

[Motion to approve by Regent Benham; 2nd by Regent Rose; Motion passes]

Audit – Ms. Marilyn Rose

Ms. Darlene Brown presented the following item:

- Item A: Internal Audit Activities and Updates

XII. President’s Report

President Crawford spoke about his transition phases, transition activity, outcomes, and objectives.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting by Chairman Simmons at 3:56 P.M.; 2nd by Regent Benham; Motion passes.

SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the regular board meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held in Houston, Texas on August 15, 2024.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

October 17, 2024

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
RETREAT**

Monday, August 26, 2024

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held a Retreat on Monday, August 26, 2024. Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:54 AM. The meeting convened at Texas Southern University, President's Lounge, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004.

II. Roll Call

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Ms. Pamela A. Medina
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Ben C. Kohlmann

Other Attendees: President James Crawford III, Lisa McBride, Angie Dunlap, Raijanel Crockem, Carl Goodman, John Pittman, Faith Ruiz, Michael Savage, James White

III. Welcome Remarks from Chairman Simmons

Following the roll call, Chairman Simmons began by asking Regent Nellons-Paige to share the recent good news at the Texas on the Vineyard event. Regent Benham followed with sharing St. Mary's Church service and lunch with the Head Football Coach, Cris Dishman, and what a successful event that was with several football players. President Crawford closed out the good news portion by reflecting on his first experience at the Battle of the Bands.

IV. Board Retreat Items

After the Welcome Remarks/good news portion of the agenda, the retreat proceeded with an informational item from Administration and Finance.

- Item A: FORVIS Final Audit and FY23 Annual Financial Report Updates.

Mr. John Pittman introduced Ms. Angie Dunlap from FORVIS to give the report.

V. Executive Session



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
RETREAT**

Monday, August 26, 2024

The Board entered into Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 10:22 AM.

VI. Reconvene and Roll Call

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:31 PM with another roll call.

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Ben C. Kohlmann
Ms. Pamela A. Medina

After confirming a quorum, Chairman Simmons continued with the agenda.

- Item B: Legislative Appropriations Request

President Crawford, Dr. White, and Dr. Goodman presented on the State of Texas Initiatives: Aerospace, Education, Health Care, and Innovative Technology. Dr. Crockem followed by presenting the Instructional Support Outcome Measures. President Crawford concluded the presentation clearly defining the Exceptional Leader's Principles.

- Item C: Objectives and Key Results (OKR)

The Board of Regents work collaboratively with President Crawford on creating newly committed OKRs for this fiscal year.

VII. Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session for a discussion on specific matters as outlined in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 through 551.074 at 1:00 PM.

VIII. Reconvene and Roll Call

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:04 PM with another roll call.

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:



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Mr. Brandon L. Simmons, Chairman
Mr. James M. Benham, Vice Chair
Ms. Stephanie D. Nellons-Paige, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley
Mr. Taylor L. Getwood, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

The following Board Members were absent:

Dr. Richard A. Johnson III
Mr. Ben C. Kohlmann
Ms. Pamela A. Medina

IX. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Retreat by Chairman Simmons at 4:05 PM; 2nd by Regent Benham; the motion passes.

SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the Retreat of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held in Houston, Texas on August 26, 2024.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

August 17, 2024

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Board Business

ITEM: Board of Regents' Committee Assignments

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: 1/12/2024

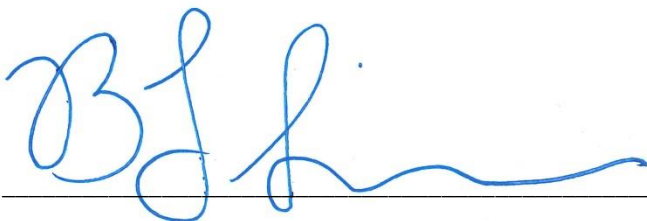
SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (a) in the Board of Regents' Bylaws, the Texas Southern University Board of Regents must ratify the Board committee assignments.

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:** New Committee Assignments

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval



BOARD CHAIR

Brandon L. Simmons

10/9/24

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**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Officers		
Brandon Simmons - Board Chair James Benham - Vice Chair Stephanie Nellons-Paige - 2 nd Vice Chair Marilyn Rose - Secretary		
Committee	Chair	Members
Administration & Finance	James Benham	Richard Johnson Lauren Gore
Academic Affairs, Research & Student Life	Marilyn Rose	Pamela Medina Caroline Baker Hurley
Development & Legislative Affairs	Richard Johnson	James Benham Marilyn Rose
Personnel & Litigation	Ben Kohlmann	Richard Johnson Lauren Gore
Physical Facilities	Stephanie Nellons-Paige	Caroline Baker Hurley Richard Johnson
Audit	Lauren Gore	James Benham Ben Kohlmann
Athletics	Caroline Baker Hurley	Pamela Medina Stephanie Nellons-Paige
Bylaws and Policies (Ad Hoc)	Pamela Medina	Ben Kohlmann Marilyn Rose

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Board Business

ITEM: Oath of Office Administered to Regent Lauren A. Gore

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

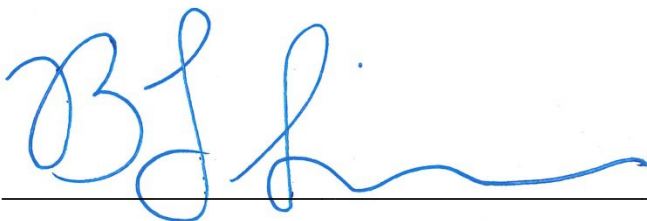
SUMMARY:

Administer the Oath of Office to Regent Lauren A. Gore as a member of the Texas Southern University Governing Board.

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:** None

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval



BOARD CHAIR

Brandon L. Simmons

10/9/24

DATE

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Board Business

ITEM: Oath of Office Administered to Regent Benjamin C. Kohlmann

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

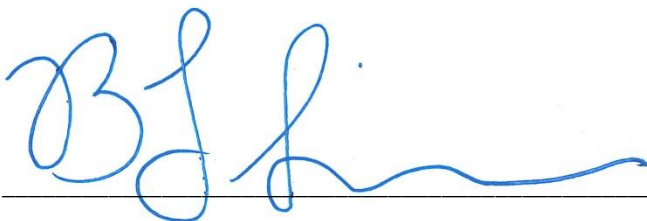
SUMMARY:

Administer the Oath of Office to Regent Benjamin C. Kohlmann as a member of the Texas Southern University Governing Board.

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:** None

FISCAL NOTE: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval



BOARD CHAIR

Brandon L. Simmons

10/9/24

DATE

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

COMMITTEE:

ITEM: President's Report

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

President's Report

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: PowerPoint Presentation

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

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

10/07/2024

DATE

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



INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

10/08/2024

DATE



James Crawford (Oct 10, 2024 10:47 CDT)

PRESIDENT

10/10/2024

DATE

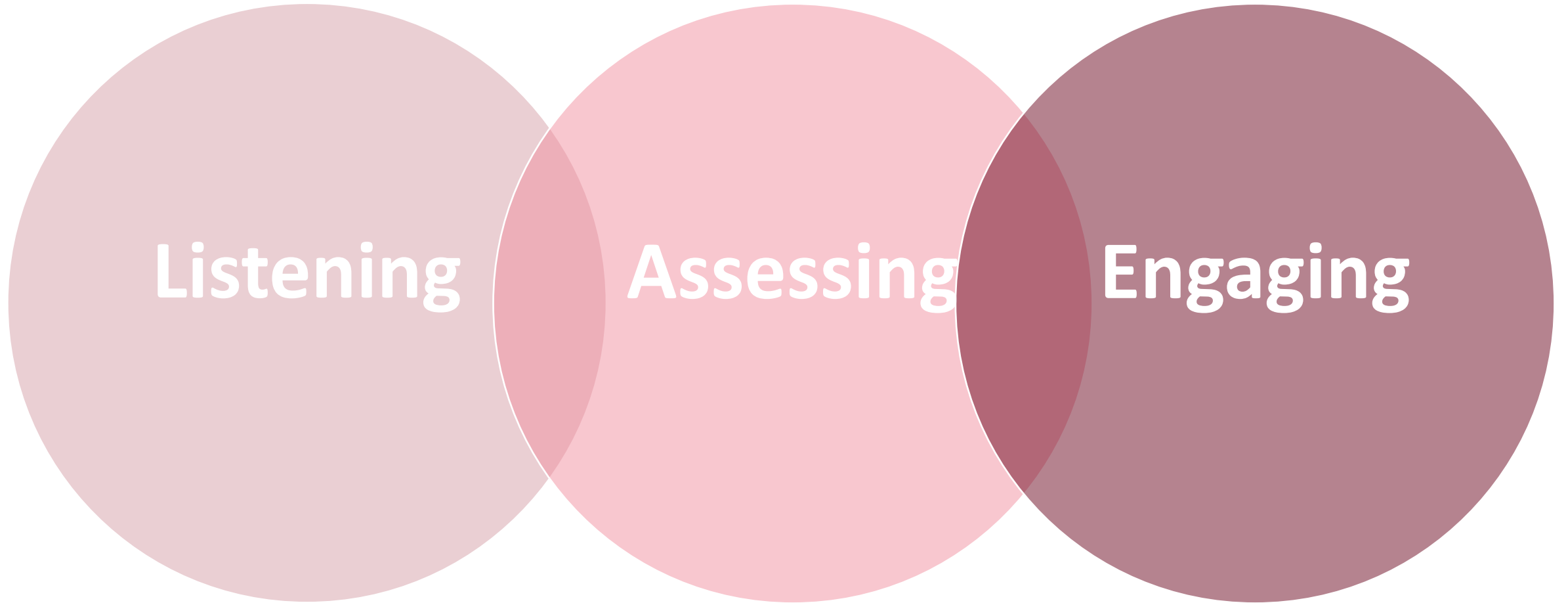


Presidential Report

October 17, 2024

President J.W. Crawford, III

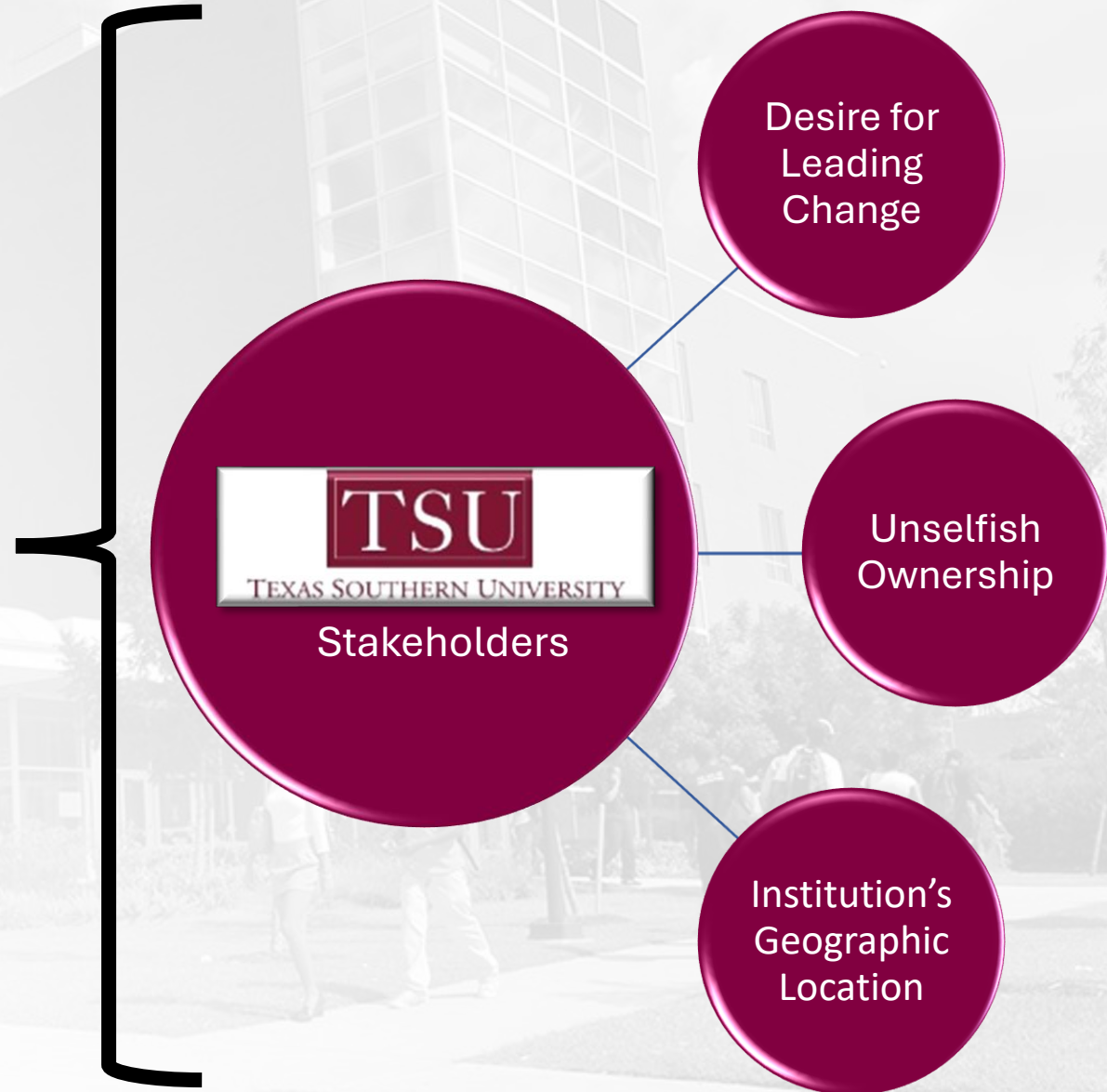
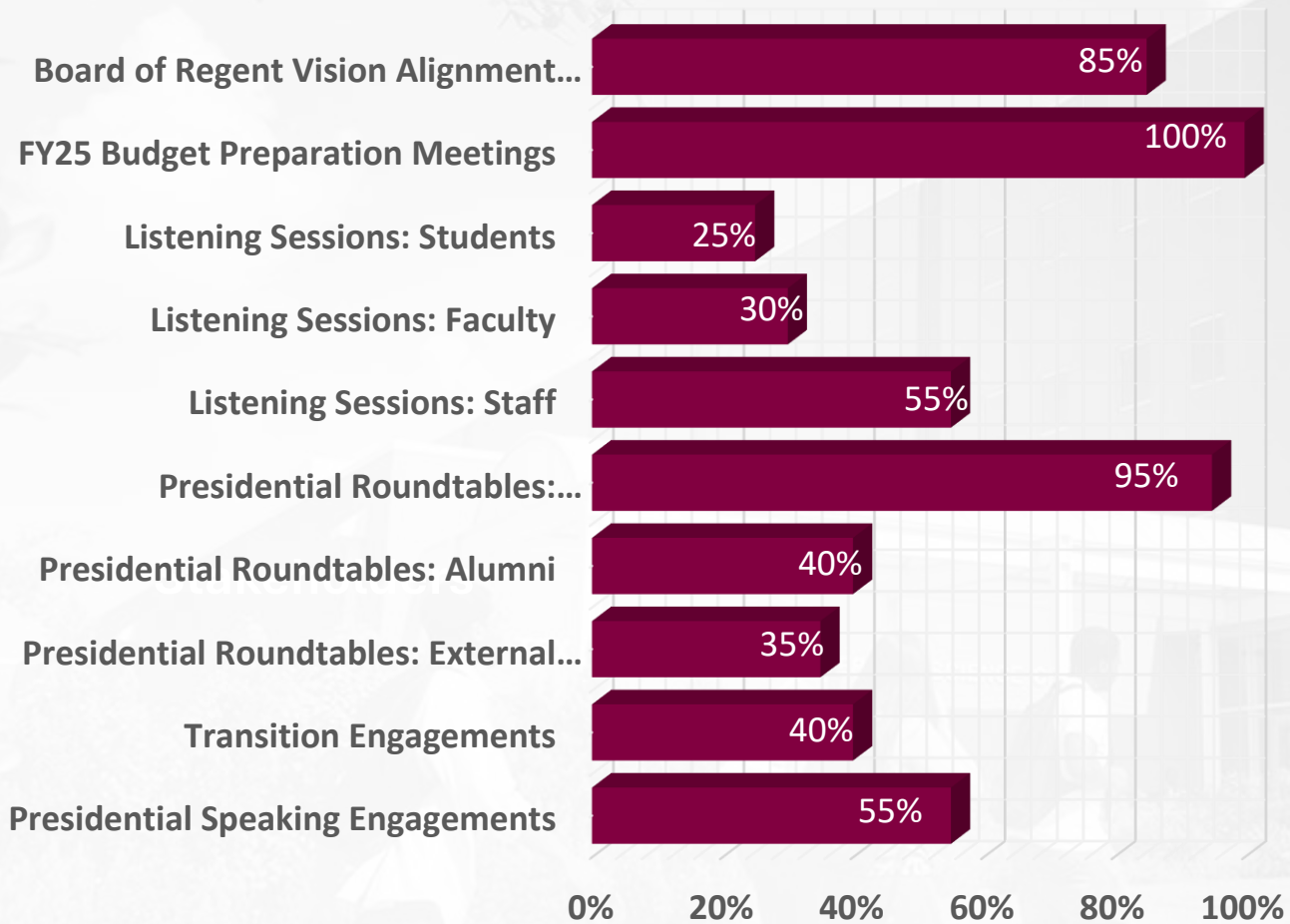
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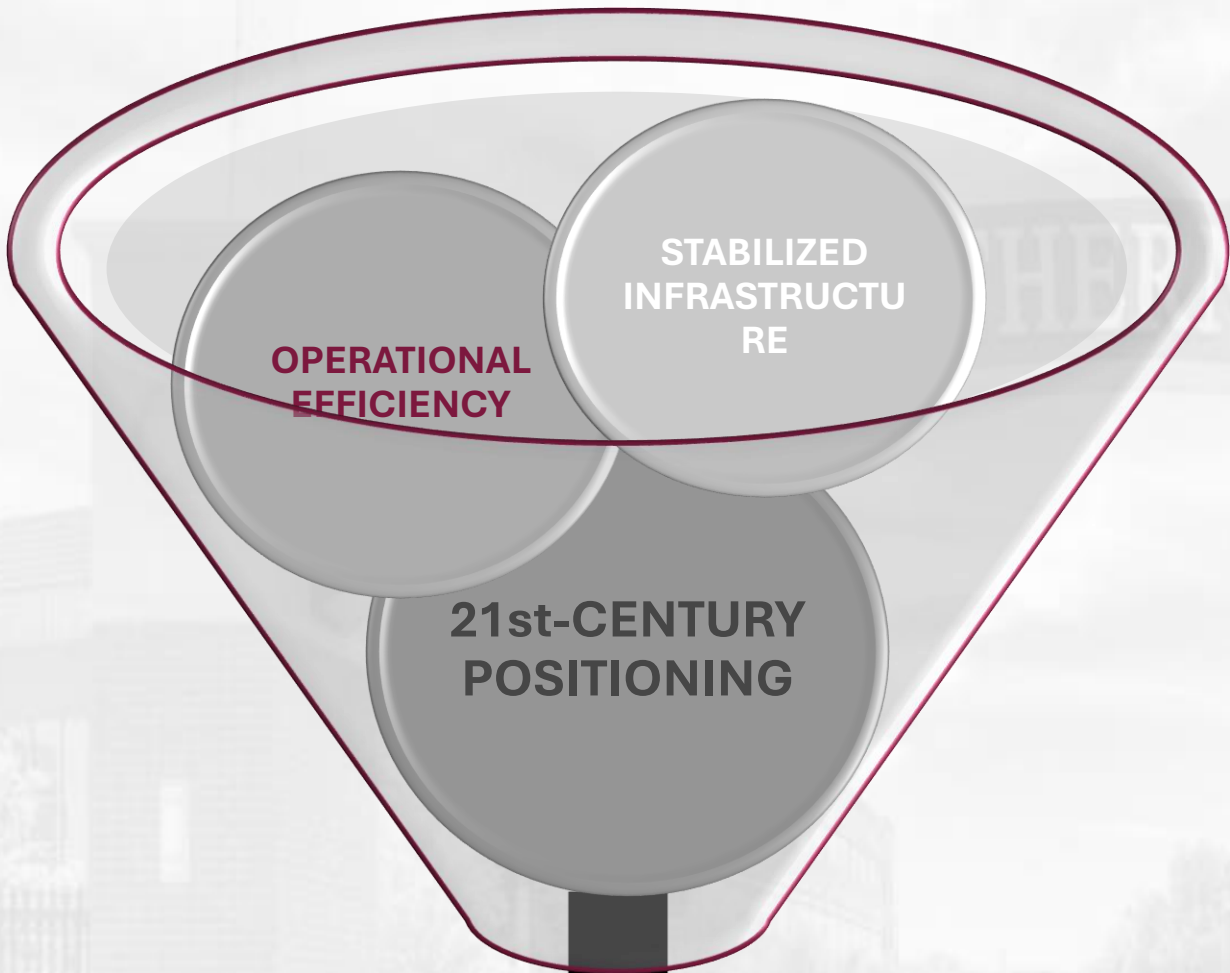


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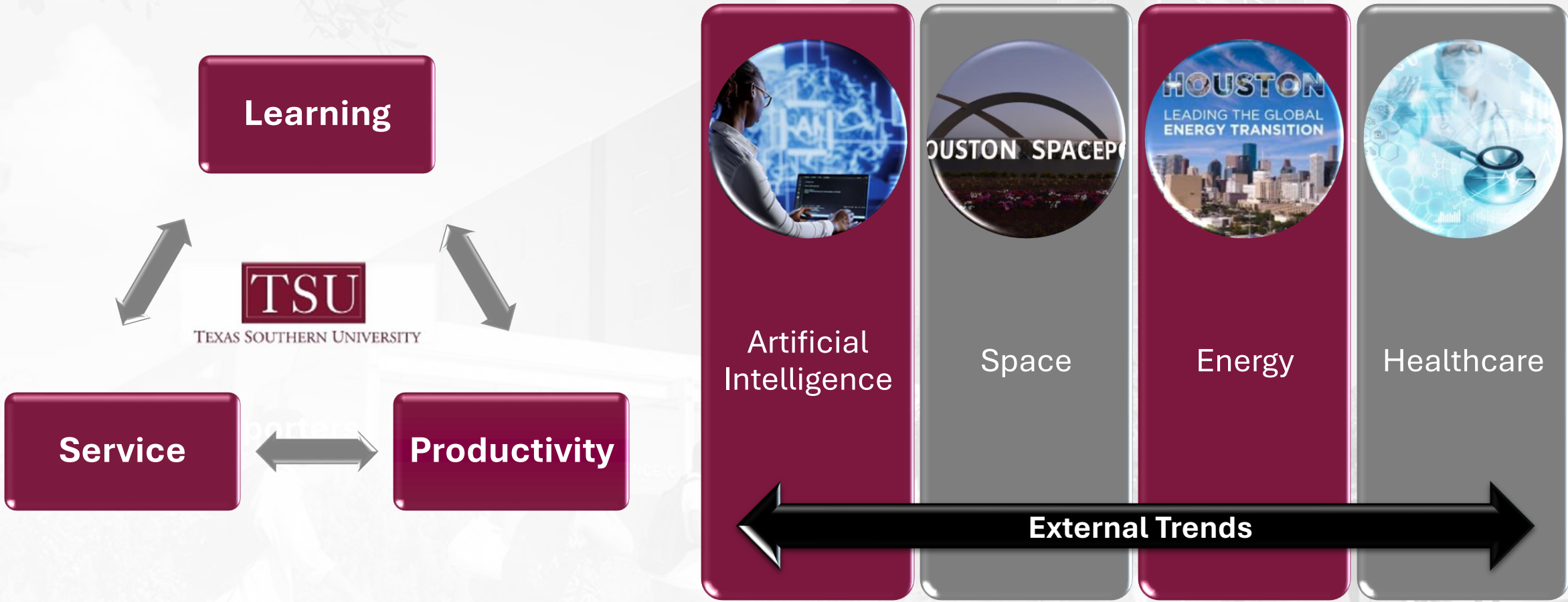
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***Thank You, TigerLand
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President J.W. Crawford III

