

AGENDA

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS
Virtual Special Called Board Meeting**

Date: Monday, August 4, 2025
Time: 1:30 PM
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

II. Roll Call

III. Open Forum

IV. Conflict of Interest Statement

V. Administration and Finance

Presenters: Regent James M. Benham & Mr. John Pittman, Interim Chief Financial Officer/Vice President of Business & Administration

V.A. Request Approval for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Action Requested: Approval

VI. Executive Session

VI.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 Meeting Act, including any matter listed on this notice/agenda, pending or contemplated litigation, and proposed settlement agreements.

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

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

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

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

VIII. Adjourn

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Administration and Finance

ITEM: Request Approval Regarding Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the period September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: FY2026 Operating Budget

FISCAL IMPACT: \$522,389,499

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

07/15/2025

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.



John Pittman (Jul 17, 2025 08:00 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

07/17/2025

DATE

Internal Audit Certification: This action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable Federal, state, or local law or regulation, including specifically any state agency budgeting rules, and satisfies applicable auditing standards.



Darlene Brown (Aug 4, 2025 07:44:01 CDT)

ACTING CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE

08/04/2025

DATE



James Crawford (Aug 4, 2025 12:58:59 CDT)

PRESIDENT

08/04/2025

DATE

Texas Southern University

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Operating Budget

Source of Funds Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2025r	FY 2026	Change (pos/neg)	
	Amended Budget	Amended Budget	Proposed	Dollars	Percent
State Appropriations	111,318,682.00	\$111,318,642.00	\$122,834,729.00	11,516,087.00	10% See notes a,b and c
Tuition and Fees	71,207,148.69	\$75,890,893.17	\$69,806,429.00	(6,084,464.17)	-8% grad vs undergrad credit production
Auxiliary Funds	29,661,227.60	\$21,693,566.48	22,771,378.00	1,077,811.52	5%
All Other Funds	52,613,711.88	\$55,897,628.51	33,482,640.00	(22,414,988.51)	-40% See notes i and j
Total Operating Funds	264,800,770.17	264,800,730.16	248,895,176.00	(15,905,554.16)	-6%
Grants	52,380,379.00	52,380,379.00	180,000,000.00	127,619,621.00	244% See note d
Capital Funds	-	-	130,000,000.00	130,000,000.00	See note g
Total Sources of Revenue	317,181,149.17	317,181,109.16	558,895,176.00	241,714,066.84	76%
Uses of Funds					
Operations					
Salaries and Benefits	118,785,184.93	118,813,332.19	116,746,040.00	2,067,292.19	2%
General Operating	81,389,506.54	76,856,525.97	88,332,465.00	(11,475,939.03)	-15% See note k
Debt Service - Bonds	12,716,900.00	6,011,900.00	5,637,650.00	374,250.00	6% represents interest on debt
Scholarships	18,397,868.51	22,992,834.11	32,395,879.00	(9,403,044.89)	-41% See note l
Utilities	6,584,731.67	6,494,599.38	5,783,142.00	711,457.38	11%
Total Operational Uses of Funds	237,874,191.65	231,169,191.65	248,895,176.00	(17,725,984.35)	-8%
Grants	52,380,379.00	52,380,379.00	180,000,000.00	(127,619,621.00)	-244%
Debt Service	-	6,705,000.00	7,025,000.00	(320,000.00)	-5% represents principal on debt
Capital Funds	63,270,528.10	63,270,528.10	86,469,323.00	(23,198,794.90)	-37% See notes a,d and e
Total Uses of Funds	353,525,098.75	353,525,098.75	522,389,499.00	(168,864,400.25)	-48%
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Operational Source:	26,926,578.52	33,631,538.51	-	(33,631,538.51)	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Total Sources and U	(36,343,949.58)	(36,343,989.59)	36,505,677.00	72,849,666.59	

Budget Summary Notes

Major changes in budget development from FY24 to FY25

- a) FY26 state appropriations includes \$12,500,000 in capital funding for aviation enhancement and Law School study
- b) FY26 state appropriations includes an additional \$664,787 funding for pharmacy.
- c) FY26 budget includes a \$8.6M reduction in recurring formula funding.
- d) FY26 grant budget includes the life budget for all projected grants not just the annual amount. Indirect Cost Recovery is the revenue the university keeps from Grants and is estimated at \$794K in FY26 budget (under) All Under Funds.
- e) FY26 HEF funding carryover balance is expected to be \$36M. With the new appropriated amount, the total HEF funds available will be \$48M. The budget includes spending \$26.7M of the HEF funds.
- f) FY26 includes \$32.4M in CCAP construction projects
- g) FY26 capital revenues includes \$130M in new debt for the Towers renovation and new housing
- h) FY26 budget contains \$4M in contingency funds
- i) FY25 All Other Funds revenue included \$12M in settlement funds to be received. Funds actually received at the end of FY24. Should have been reduced in budget amendment.
- j) FY25 Budget included \$8M in donations to aviation program
- k) FY24 budget materially understated depreciation
- l) FY26 budget includes \$3.9M in additional state scholarships not awarded in FY25.

University Divisional Summary

Division	FY25 Budget	FY26 Proposed Budget	%Change	Comments
President	3,079,877.73	2,677,094.16	-13%	
Board of Regents	855,736.13	332,729.48	-61%	Reduction in salaries. Compliance and Internal audit moved to separate accounts.
Compliance/Internal Audit	166,474.00	1,325,855.00	696%	Compliance and internal audit payments were intermingled with the Board Budget in FY25. Compliance budget amendment extending through FY26.
General Counsel	5,907,116.82	2,927,591.42	-50%	Reduced estimate for litigation costs.
IT	10,534,872.07	11,598,515.46	10%	Increase driven by software and hardware purchases.
HR	1,781,209.78	6,447,274.90	262%	Increase driven by a shift of state benefit expenses to be processed through HR versus general institutional funds in finance.
Police	5,823,316.21	789,731.47	-86%	Increase driven by Campus Security risk assessment updates and \$1.1M in additional police and security for off campus housing units.
KTSU	1,291,619.38	851,006.84	-34%	
			56%	\$11M of state scholarships are included in this area this fiscal year. % change net of scholarships is %8.8 representing additional investments in academic advisor, coaches, recruiters and faculty.
Academic Affairs (all other areas)	24,875,519.02	38,879,486.03		
Business School	6,863,740.00	7,135,377.73	4%	Increase driven by budgeted endowed scholarships
COLAB	8,950,801.00	8,814,213.31	-2%	
College of Ed	5,545,758.00	5,861,960.79	6%	Increase driven by budgeted endowed scholarships
College of Pharmacy	8,809,209.00	8,865,845.72	1%	Assessment being done to identify specific areas of where additional investment is needed.
COSET	13,199,910.00	18,295,297.57	39%	Increase driven primarily by \$2.5M capital appropriation plus additional investment of \$1.4M; \$464K for Aviation and 960K for the college.
Law School	12,200,116.00	22,865,685.77	87%	Increase driven primarily by \$10M capital appropriation, without the appropriation there is a 4.8% increase. Personnel cost accounts for the majority of the remaining increase.
School of Comm	3,376,623.00	3,146,568.00	-7%	
SOPA	7,541,220.00	7,283,224.54	-3%	

Athletics	13,959,282.00	15,797,738.00	13% Increase driven by capital projects, resurfacing of track, baseball and softball field construction
Business and Finance	70,258,676.00	70,302,531.23	0%
Development	3,349,916.00	2,959,459.01	-12%
Marketing and Communications	2,055,654.00	1,806,304.78	-12%
Procurement and Facilities	71,716,907.00	70,232,164.35	-2%
Research	1,974,032.00	3,714,961.09	88% Increase reflects \$2M cancer prevention appropriation
Student Affairs	22,383,283.00	21,136,665.79	-6%

Comments

The majority of university departments have a reduction in funding in FY26 compared to FY25. In order to absorb the \$8.6M reduction in recurring state funding, major cuts in operating dollars were made across the board, in addition, unfilled, unposted positions were eliminated.