
AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2024
TIME: 2:30 PM
PLACE: University of Houston-Clear Lake
Bayou Building, Garden Room, Room 1510
2700 Bay Area Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058

Chair: Tilman J. Fertitta
Vice Chair: Alonzo Cantu
Secretary: John A. McCall Jr.

I. **Board of Regents Meeting**

- A. Call to Order
Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta
- B. Open Forum
Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - August 22, 2024, Board of Regents Meeting
 - August 22, 2024, Special Called Board of Regents Retreat Meeting

Action: Approval
Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta

II. **Board of Regents Items**

- A. Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Senate President on "The role and representation of Faculty Senates - talking points for Legislative charges to the Higher Education Committee"

Action: Information
Presenter: Dr. Holley Love, President of the Faculty Senate

III. **Committee Reports Listing Consent Docket Items for Board Approval**

All action items considered and unanimously approved by the Endowment

Management Committee, Item A; the Audit and Compliance Committee, Item B; the Academic and Student Success Committee, Item C; the Facilities, Construction and Master Planning Committee, Item D; and the Finance and Administration Committee, Item E, held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, are listed under each Committee Report as Consent Docket Agenda items requiring final Board approval unless otherwise noted. Pursuant to Board By-Law 6.9, any regent may request that an individual item be removed from the Consent Docket Agenda and be considered by the full Board.

A. **Endowment Management Committee Report - November 21, 2024**

Presenter: Chair Durga D. Agrawal

1. Approval is requested for full liquidation of two managers to support the Fiscal Year 2024 Endowment Payout - University of Houston System

Action: Approval

2. Approval is requested for changes to the University of Houston System Endowment Fund Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies

Action: Approval

3. Approval is requested for the liquidation of the University of Houston Downtown Quasi Endowment for Freshman Success - University of Houston System

Action: Approval

4. Approval is requested for the annual review of the University of Houston System Board of Regents Endowment Management Committee Charter

Action: Approval

B. **Audit and Compliance Committee Report - November 21, 2024**

[No items were brought forward that would require further board approval]

Presenter: Chair Gregory C. King

C. **Academic and Student Success Committee Report - November 21, 2024**

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

1. Approval of Faculty Tenure - University of Houston System

Action: Approval

2. Approval of New Academic Program(s) - University of Houston System

Action: Approval

3. Approval is requested for the University of Houston System Board of Regents Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee Charter

Action: Approval

4. Presentation of Low Producing Programs Report and Approval of Program Closure – University of Houston System

Action: Approval

D. **Finance and Administration Committee Report - November 21, 2024**

Presenter: Chair Ricky Raven

1. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts exceeding \$1 million for the purchase of goods or services, excluding construction contracts, at the University of Houston System

Action: Approval

2. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute construction contracts exceeding \$1 million for projects at the University of Houston System

Action: Approval

3. Approval is requested for a One-Time Payment to Eligible Faculty and Staff at the University of Houston

Action: Approval

4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the design and construction for the expansion of the Student Center North Building

Action: Approval

5. Approval is requested of the annual update to the University of Houston-Downtown Master Plan

Action: Approval

6. Approval is requested for the annual review of the University of Houston System Board of Regents Finance, Facilities and Administration

Committee Charter

Action: Approval

IV. **Committee Report Item(s) not Addressed in the Consent Docket but requiring Final Board Approval**

[No items were brought forward from the Committees requiring final Board approval]

Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta

V. **Board of Regents Item(s) cont'd**

- A. Approval is requested of proposed revisions/updates to the University of Houston System Board of Regents Policies 6

Action: Approval

Presenter: Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs, General Counsel

- B. Dismissal of a tenured faculty member- University of Houston System 7

Action: Approval

Presenter: Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs, General Counsel

- C. Annual Report on Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Houston 8

Action: Information

Presenter: Eddie Nunez, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics

- D. Review of Legislative Agenda Priorities – University of Houston System 9

Action: Information

Presenter: Jason Smith, Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Relations

- E. Election of FY2024-2025 Officers for the UH System Board of Regents

Action: Approval

Presenter: Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs, General Counsel

VI. **Chancellor's Report: System Profile and Accomplishments**

Presenter: Chancellor Renu Khator

VII. **Executive Session**

Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta

A.

1. Consultation with System Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.071

- Pre-litigation and Litigation Status Update
- Other pending legal and contract matters, potential legal claims, updates, discussion and advice from General Counsel

2. Deliberations regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Sale or Value of Real Property

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.072

- Real Estate Matters

3. Deliberation Regarding a Prospective Gift

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.073

4. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees including but not limited to the Chancellor, Presidents, Vice Chancellors, in the Division of Athletics and members of the Board of Regents

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.074

- Discussion regarding contractual matters

5. Confidentiality of government information related to security or infrastructure

issues for computers

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 552.139

VIII. **Report and Action from Executive Session**

Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta

IX. **Adjourn**

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ITEM: Approval is requested of the proposed revisions/updates to the University of Houston System Board of Regents Policies

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested for proposed revisions to BOR Policy.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Redline Copy of proposed updated Board of Regents
Clean Copy of proposed updated Board of Regents

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

COMPONENT: University of Houston System

Renu Khator

CHANCELLOR

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ITEM: Dismissal of a tenured faculty member – University of Houston System

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

In accord with Board of Regents policy 21.07 - Faculty Dismissal, and the provisions of the University of Houston Faculty Handbook, dismissal of a tenured faculty member must be presented to the Board for action.

In keeping with the UH-Victoria Faculty Handbook, the annually elected Grievance Committee held a full and open hearing via Zoom where both sides had an opportunity to present evidence and arguments. Based on the information and arguments presented, the Tribunal Committee recommended that Professor Gilb should be dismissed for cause. See Attachment 2 -Faculty Grievance Committee recommendation (October 8, 2024). The Committee's decision was reviewed by Interim Provost Joann S. Olson, who agrees with the recommendation. See Attachment 3 - Provost's recommendation (October 23, 2024). Upon the recommendation of President Glenn, on which I concur, my recommendation to the Board is to dismiss Professor Gilb for adequate cause.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

1. Written Report and Recommendation of UHV Grievance Hearing Committee
2. Written Recommendation of the Provost
3. Written Recommendation of the President
4. Written Recommendation of the Chancellor

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

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ITEM: Annual Report on Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Houston

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: August 2023

SUMMARY:

Mr. Eddie Nunez, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, will present to the Committee a report on the academic achievement of student athletes and financial position for the University of Houston Athletics program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Presentation

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

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ITEM: Review of Legislative Agenda Priorities – University of Houston System

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Mr. Jason Smith, Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Governmental Relations will provide an update regarding the UHS Legislative Agenda priorities for the 89th Legislative Session.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

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