
AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
TIME: 2:20 PM
PLACE: Hilton University of Houston Hotel
Conrad Hilton Ballroom, Second Floor
4450 University Drive
Houston, Texas 77204

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

-November 21, 2024, Board of Regents Meeting

Action: Approval
Presenter: Chairman Tilman J. Fertitta

II. Board of Regents Items

A. Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Senate President on "Uncertainty" – University of Houston 6

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 Finance, Facilities, and Administration Committee, Item D, held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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 - February 19, 2025**

Presenter: Chair Durga Agrawal

1. Approval is requested to rebalance the portfolio of the University of Houston System Endowment Fund to align with policy targets which will include the hiring and partial redemption of managers and to make changes to the University of Houston System Endowment Fund Statement of Objectives and Policies

Action: Approval

2. Approval is requested to rebalance the portfolio of the University of Houston System Non-Endowed Fund and to make changes to the University of Houston System Investment Policy for Non-Endowed Funds

Action: Approval

B. **Audit and Compliance Committee Report - February 19, 2025**

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

Presenter: Chair Greg C. King

C. **Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee Report - February 19, 2025**

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

1. Approval of Faculty Hire with Tenure – University of Houston System

Action: Approval

2. Approval of Honorary Degrees – University of Houston

Action: Approval

3. Approval of New Academic Program(s) – University of Houston

Action: Approval

4. Approval of Faculty Development Leave – University of Houston System

Action: Approval

5. Approval of changes to the University of Houston System Public Arts Committee

Action: Approval

D. **Finance, Facilities, and Administration Committee Report - February 19, 2025**

Presenter: Chair Ricky Raven

1. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts exceeding \$1 million for the lease of real property and 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 to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute insurance policies for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the University of Houston System

Action: Approval

4. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts for the build-out of shell space in the Durga D. and Sushila Agrawal Engineering Research Building at the University of Houston

Action: Approval

5. Approval is requested to write off Accounts and Notes Receivable for FY2024 for the University of Houston System

Action: Approval

6. Approval is requested for the University of Houston System FY2026 Holiday Schedule

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 for an update to the University of Houston System Board of Regents Policy 53.01 – Works of Art 7

Action: Approval

Presenter: Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

- B. Introduction of Vice President(s) from universities of the system - University of Houston- Clear Lake 12

Action: Information

Presenter: Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and 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
- Discussion on Legislative Updates
- Discussion on UHV

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

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.072

- Discussion regarding the acquisition of Real Estate

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 within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

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

A. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute personnel contracts within the University of Houston Division of Athletics

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IX. **Adjourn**

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ITEM: Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Senate President on
"Uncertainty"

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Dr. Holley Love, Faculty Senate President for the University of Houston will give remarks to the Board on "Uncertainty."

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

COMPONENT: University of Houston

Renu Khator

CHANCELLOR

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ITEM: Approval is requested for an update to the University of Houston System Board of Regents Policy 53.01 – Works of Art

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested for an update to the University of Houston System Board of Regents Policy 53.01 – Works of Art.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Redline Copy of proposed updated Board of Regents Policy 53.01
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FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

COMPONENT: University of Houston System

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CHANCELLOR

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53 FACILITIES

53.01 Works of Art

The Board shall appoint a committee to steward the UH System-wide Public Art Collection; a Public Art UHS National Advisory Committee. The National Advisory Committee will review and offer insight into the curatorial and programmatic plan as overseen by the Director and Chief Curator of Public Art of the University of Houston System, with members serving as ambassadors and champions for Public Art UHS. There will be an UHS internal committee as well, a Public Art UHS Curatorial Committee which will review, advise, and make recommendations on Public Art UHS's curatorial and programmatic activities to ensure alignment with the mission and goals of the University of Houston System and its units. The Public Art UHS National Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Board according to guidelines noted in the Public Art of the University of Houston Operating Procedures Manual.

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53.01.1 Acquisition of Works of Art

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ITEM: Introduction of the new administrative Vice President for the University of Houston- Clear Lake

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Dr. Richard Walker, President, will introduce the new University of Houston Clear Lake Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management Dr. Ann Theodori.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Dr. Ann Theodori Bio

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

COMPONENT: University of Houston System

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Ann Theodori, Ed.D.

Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management

Ann Theodori, Ed.D. brings over 22 years of higher education experience to UHCL. Dr. Theodori is a highly accomplished leader, focusing on enrollment management, student success, and organizational change. Most recently, as Vice President for Enrollment at Sam Houston State University, she led transformative initiatives that advanced enrollment growth, retention, and student outcomes for a diverse student body. As Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management, Dr. Theodori will lead strategic enrollment initiatives to recruit, enroll, and retain a diverse and talented student body. She will collaborate closely with Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and other university stakeholders to advance UHCL's mission of transforming lives and fostering student success.

Dr. Theodori holds a Doctor of Education in Literacy Studies from Sam Houston State University, a Master of Arts in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

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ITEM: Approval is requested to ratify personnel contracts within the University of Houston Division of Athletics

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested to ratify personnel contracts within the University of Houston Division of Athletics.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: None

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

COMPONENT: University of Houston

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