

**MINUTES
OF
THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Special Called Board Meeting

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BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special called telephonic Board of Regents meeting of The Texas State University System was called to order on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 2:33 p.m. CST by Chairman of the Board Jaime Garza.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairman Jaime Garza
Vice Chair Rossanna Salazar
Regent Charlie Amato
Regent Veronica Edwards
Regent David Montagne
Regent Vernon Reaser
Regent William Scott
Regent Alan Tinsley
Regent Donna Williams
Student Regent Spencer Copeland

Absent

None

Also Present

Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor; Dr. Fernando Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel; Mr. Peter Graves, Vice Chancellor for Contract Administration; Mr. Sean Cunningham, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations; Mr. Mike Wintemute, Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations; Ms. Diane Corley, Associate General Counsel; Ms. Carole Fox, System Director of Audits and Analysis; Mr. Daniel Harper, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance; Dr. Denise Trauth, President, TXST; Ms. Kelly Wintemute, System Compliance Specialist; Ms. Carol Treadway, Director of Administration; various campus representatives

III. AGENDA ITEMS

2016-66 TXST: Delegation of Authority to President to Purchase Edward S. Curtis Works, Subject to Approval of the Chancellor

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the President of Texas State University is authorized to negotiate a contract and a purchase price for a set of *The North American Indian* by Edward S. Curtis subject to the Chancellor's approval.

2016-67 TSUS: Approval of Rules and Regulations

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the attached, proposed revision to Chapter VIII of the Texas State University System *Rules and Regulations* relating to the Disclosure of Interested Parties Contracting with System Components is approved.

This item can be found immediately following the meeting minutes.

2016-68 TSUS/LIT: Resolution Honoring Dr. Paul Szuch, President of the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas and Order Conferring of President Emeritus Status

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that:

1. The following Resolution, honoring Dr. Paul Szuch, President of the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas, be adopted; forever be memorialized in the minutes of this Board of Regents; and otherwise be presented to Dr. Szuch at a subsequent Regular meeting of this Board; and,
2. Dr. Szuch be forever conferred the title, President Emeritus of the Lamar Institute of Technology, together with all honors and perquisites appropriate thereto.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Paul Szuch

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch has accomplished much academically, receiving his B.S. in Management/Business Education from the University of West Florida, his M.Ed. in Business Education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his Ed.D. in Higher Education from Nova University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch has spent his life in higher education, beginning his career as a high school teacher in 1968 in Pensacola, Florida; continuing as an instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi and later at the University of West Florida; serving in several capacities at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville, Florida between 1971 to 1988; and serving in several administrative positions at Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey, Florida before ascending to the position of Vice President of Educational Services; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch, since becoming president in 2006, has led the Lamar Institute of Technology to unprecedented levels of growth and development, including record enrollment growth of 34.6% (n=3,243); High School Dual Enrollment CTE coursework at 17 different area high schools; and, signed agreements with universities to provide educational pathways for LIT graduates; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch has presided over an academic renaissance at Lamar Institute of Technology, increasing Full-Time Faculty Equivalents by 27.8%; broadening LIT's Mission Statement to accommodate four new Academic Associate of Arts (AA) and three new Associate of Science (AS) degree programs; and, spearheaded successful decennial reaccreditation (to 2025) by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch Has led increases both in state funding and in private giving (over a 400% increase in scholarship distributions and an increase of over 300% (\$2,630,925)) in the LIT Foundation Investment account; and, increased institutional revenue by \$8,543,884 or 38.2%; and,

WEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch's wife, Connie Farthing Szuch, has served as an unpaid Lamar Institute of Technology "ambassador" and volunteer in many community activities, such as the Harbor Foundation/Harbor Hospice; United Way of Beaumont; Gift of Life; Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce – Ambassador; the Arc of Greater Beaumont (People with intellectual and developmental disabilities) - Advisory Board Member; Christian Women Job Corps - Past President; becoming, like her husband, an important part of the Golden Triangle community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System enthusiastically and unanimously adopt this Resolution, recognizing Dr. Paul Szuch and thanking him for his service to the Lamar Institute of Technology, its students, faculty and staff and to the Texas State University System.

Adopted by the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System this 22nd day of April, 2016.

2016-69 TSUS/LIT: Naming of the multipurpose building on the Lamar Institute of Technology campus as the “Paul and Connie Szuch Multipurpose Center”

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Amato, it was ordered that the multipurpose building on the Lamar Institute of Technology campus is renamed and forever known as the “Paul and Connie Szuch Multipurpose Center.”

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Garza adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m. CST.

Attested by:
Brian McCall, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Secretary to the Board

APPENDIX

NEW PARAGRAPH 12 of CHAPTER VIII
on PAGE VIII-14

CHAPTER VIII. ETHICS POLICY FOR REGENTS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES CONTRACTING WITH SYSTEM COMPONENTS.

A System Component may not enter into a contract with a business entity that requires an action or vote by the Board of Regents or that has a value of at least \$1 million, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the Component. The Board will not approve any contract that is not accompanied by such disclosure statement and a representation by the Component that such statement was timely submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

12.1 Contracts Exempted. This Paragraph 12 does not apply to a sponsored research contract, an interagency contract, or a contract related to health and human services if the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed and any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract.

12.2 Disclosure Form. The disclosure of interested parties must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission and shall include:

- (1) A list of each interested party for the contract of which the contracting business entity is aware; and
- (2) The signature of the authorized agent of the contracting business entity, acknowledging that the disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of perjury.

12.3 Submission to Texas Ethics Commission. The Component shall submit a copy of the disclosure to the Texas Ethics Commission not later than the 30th day following the date the Component receives a disclosure of interested parties required under this Paragraph 12.

Explanation

This *Rule* is proposed to comply with HB 1295 of the 84th Legislature, which created Texas *Government Code section 2252.908*. That section requires disclosure of interested parties by business entities contracting with System Components when the contract requires an action or vote by the Board of Regents or has a value of at least \$1 million, with certain exceptions.