

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

**Special Called Board Meeting**

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## PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

### **Committee Members**

Regent Bill Scott, Committee Chair; Regent Ron Mitchell; Regent David Montagne

### **Call to Order**

The Planning and Construction Committee of the Texas State University System was called to order on April 8, 2014 at 10:03 a.m. CST by Committee Chair Bill Scott. The meeting was held telephonically.

### **Present**

Regent Bill Scott, Committee Chair; Regent Ron Mitchell; Regent David Montagne

### **Also Present**

Mr. Peter Graves, Vice Chancellor for Contract Administration; Ms. Kelly Wintemute, Director of Administration; various component campus representatives

### **Absent**

None

### **Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Bill Scott asked Mr. Peter Graves to present the agenda item.

Mr. Graves presented TxSt: Design Development Documents for Residence Life Moore Street Housing. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, Committee Chair Bill Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m. CST.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special called telephonic Board of Regents meeting of the Texas State University System was called to order on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 2:32 p.m. CST by Chairman Donna Williams.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Chairman Donna Williams  
Vice Chairman Ron Mitchell  
Regent Charlie Amato  
Regent David Montagne  
Regent Vernon Reaser  
Regent Rossanna Salazar  
Regent Bill Scott  
Student Regent Matthew Russell

**Absent**

Regent Jaime Garza  
Regent Kevin Lilly

**Also Present:**

Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor; Dr. Fernando Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel; Ms. Therese Sternenberg, Assistant Vice Chancellor; Ms. Kelly Wintemute, Director of Administration; various campus representatives

**III. AGENDA ITEMS**

**2014-73 LU: Amendment to Food Services Agreement**

Upon motion of Vice Chair Mitchell, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar University: Amendment to the existing Food Services Agreement with Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division to adjust the termination date from June 30, 2014 to August 31, 2014.

**2014-74 TxSt-SM: Design Development Documents for Residence Life Moore Street Housing**

Upon motion of Regent Scott, seconded by Regent Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the design development documents prepared by SHW of Dallas, Texas, for the Residence Life Moore Street Housing project at Texas State University at an estimated total project cost of \$59,834,337.00 are approved.

**IV. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Williams recessed the Board to Executive Session at 2:39 p.m. CST in accordance with *Chapter 551* of the Texas *Government Code* to discuss legal, real estate and personnel issues.

**V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:07 p.m. CST.

## VI. AGENDA ITEMS, CONTINUED

### **2014-75 LSC-PA; Actions Regarding Lamar State College President, Dr. Sam Monroe**

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

1. The title, "President *Emeritus*," together with all privileges and perquisites stated in the *Rules and Regulations* for professors *emeriti*, be hereby conferred and forever inure to Lamar State College-Port Arthur president, Dr. Sam Monroe;
2. The attached resolution, recognizing President Monroe's academic, professional, and civic achievements and contributions, be hereby adopted and forever memorialized in the proceedings of this Board of Regents and in the permanent records of Lamar State College-Port Arthur; and,
3. The performing arts center on campus be named the *Sam and Linda Monroe Performing Arts Center*.

### **Resolution Honoring Dr. Sam Monroe, President Lamar State College-Port Arthur**

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe is a native son of Texas, born in College Station and raised in Port Arthur, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School before receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Sam Houston State University, a Master of Education degree from Lamar University, and an honorary doctor of laws (L.L.D.) from Lamar University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe is greatly admired and respected as a leader in his community and region, having served on, and often lead, no fewer than three dozen civic and charitable boards, including the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation (president); the Port Arthur Finance Corporation (president); Port Arthur American Red Cross; Greater Port Arthur Bi-Centennial Commission (vice chairman); Chamber of Commerce (chairman); Jefferson County Historical Commission; Rotary Club (president); Medical Center of Southeast Texas; United Methodists Temple; and Port Arthur Schools Citizens Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe is known and respected statewide by governmental officials and in the higher education community of Texas, serving as a Sabine Pilots Commissioner (appointed by Governor Dolph Briscoe); the Lamar University Board of Regents (appointed by Governor Preston Smith); the Texas College and Universities Council of Presidents; and the Texas Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF) Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe's professional, civic, and charitable activities have earned him numerous prestigious awards, including the Southeast Texas Arts Council *Humanities Volunteer of the Year* "for leadership in establishing the Museum of the Gulf Coast;" the Silver Good Citizen Medal from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; the Medal of Honor from the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission; NCCAP awards for education and for community revitalization; and Texas gubernatorial and Senate recognition, respectively, for his

service as president and for major contributions toward community improvement and volunteerism; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe, the longest-serving college president in Texas, has been a vital and essential part of the life and culture of Lamar State College-Port Arthur (formerly Port Arthur College) for 49 years, holding several management positions with KPAC, the college-owned radio station, before becoming executive vice president of the College and, in 1974, succeeding his father, Madison Monroe, as president: and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe, over the course of the last six decades, spanning nine American presidents and representing nearly 40% of the College's existence, has carefully stewarded its development from an unaccredited, private technical college with 4 buildings on 3 acres with a campus value of \$3 million and an enrollment of 151 students into a modern, fully-accredited, state-funded college with 29 buildings on 50 acres with a value of \$110 million and an enrollment of over 3,000 students; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe, with vision and political acumen, lead the transformation of Lamar State College-Port Arthur into the Texas public higher education system in 1974 and again was instrumental in making successful its transition into the Texas State University System in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Monroe, who possesses exceptional professional abilities and personal qualities, including a keen intellect, rare communication skills, an engaging and approachable personality, a dignified demeanor and temperament that reassures and encourages, always collegial and humorous, cordial and caring;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System enthusiastically and unanimously adopt this Resolution, thanking Dr. Sam Monroe, a courtly Southern gentleman, who has dedicated his life to education and public service, for his loyalty and exceptional contributions to Lamar State College-Port Arthur, its students, faculty and staff; to the Texas State University System; and to the State of Texas; for all are the better for his having passed this way.

Adopted by the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System this twenty-third day of May, 2014 on the campus of his *Alma Mater*, Sam Houston State University.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Chairman Williams the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. CST.

Attested by:  
Brian McCall  
Chancellor and Secretary to the Board