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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Regents**  
**Nacogdoches, Texas**  
**May 6, 2022**  
**Austin Building, Room 307**  
**Meeting 356**

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

The meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order in open session at 10:07 a.m. by chair Karen Gantt.

PRESENT:

Board Members:       Mrs. Karen Gantt, Chair  
                              Mr. Tom Mason, Vice Chair  
                              Mrs. Jennifer Winston, Secretary  
                              Mr. David Alders  
                              Mr. Robert Flores  
                              Mrs. Brigettee Henderson  
                              Mrs. Judy Olson  
                              Dr. Laura Rectenwald  
                              Ms. Nancy Windham  
                              Mr. Spencer Coffey, Student Member

General Counsel:       Mr. Damon Derrick  
Interim President:     Dr. Steve Westbrook  
Interim Chief Audit Exec.: Mrs. Jane Ann Bridges  
Cabinet Members:     Mrs. Erma Brecht  
                              Dr. Michara DeLaney-Fields  
                              Mr. Anthony Espinoza  
                              Dr. Brandon Frye  
                              Mr. Graham Garner  
                              Mrs. Gina Oglesbee  
                              Dr. Lorenzo Smith  
                              Mrs. Jill Still

Other SFA administrators and staff were in attendance.

Steve Durham, Executive Vice President and Director of Collegiate Projects for Kirksey Architecture provided the Capital Improvements Plan Report that Kirksey prepared for the university. The board directed the administration to review the Kirksey Report and prepare actions for the July Board of Regents Meeting.

Presentations and Board Actions were taken on the following items.

**Board Order 22-49**

Upon motion by Regent Mason, seconded by Regent Olson, with all members voting aye, it was ordered that the following item be approved.

**MEDIA BUYING CONTRACT PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE**

WHEREAS, the board of members considered the following: The University has contracted with Love Advertising, Inc. for services related to media buying and digital presence for a one-year period of time, with the option to extend one-year periods each year for up to four (4) additional periods at the option of SFA. This contract was previously approved in November 2021 by the Board of Regents for a contract amount not to exceed \$250,000 in any one year and not to exceed \$1,250,000 in total over a possible five-year period. This request to amend the current contract will allow other departments on campus to utilize Love Advertising, Inc. for digital advertising needs. We are requesting to amend this contract for an additional \$100,000 per year for up to four (4) additional periods at the option of SFA. This request is only for additional spending authority within the contract, and does not represent a request for additional budget dollars. Any additional dollars will come from other departments' budgets and grants, or similar needs. This will reduce overall expense to the University, as digital advertising purchase typically requires a broker and possible fees. Additionally, it will ensure all SFA digital advertising is coordinated, on brand and message, and not in competition with itself.

THEREFORE, it was ordered that the president be authorized to sign a contract amendment in the amount of \$100,000 per year for up to four (4) additional periods at the option of SFA and all associated purchase orders with Love Advertising, Inc. The total contract amount including this amendment shall not exceed \$350,000 in any one contract period and not to exceed \$1,750,000 in total over a possible five-year contract period.

**Board Order 22-50**

Upon motion by Regent Henderson, seconded by Regent Windham, with all members voting aye, it was ordered that the following item be approved.

**WIRELESS NETWORK LICENSING RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the board of members considered the following: The university's institutional license with Cisco for both the use of, and the software support for, our campus wireless network is due for renewal. SFA has negotiated a five-year license renewal at a total of \$1,668,825 that may be paid in equal annual payments of \$333,765 during the term of the renewal. There is no finance charge associated with this installment plan.

As approximately seventy-five percent of the campus wireless network is dedicated to student residential facilities, a corresponding percentage of the funds for the license renewal will be derived from the funds already approved by the board within the "On-Campus Residential Wireless Service and Upgrade" item on April 11, 2022. Funds from the Higher Education Fund (HEF) appropriation will be used to fund the remaining non-residential portion of the license.

THEREFORE, it was ordered the approval of a five-year Cisco wireless licensing renewal with a total five-year cost of \$1,668,825, to be paid in annual installments of \$333,765 over the five-year term

of the license. The president be authorized to execute all purchase orders and contracts necessary to execute this license renewal.

*The board broke for lunch at 11:40 a.m.*

At 1:04 p.m. Chair Gantt announced the appointment of the established Board Committees for 2022-2023.

#### EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

This committee is comprised of the board officers and shall serve as an advisory committee to review and make recommendations to the full board on any matter related to legislative initiatives and the governance, control and direction of the policies of the university.

Karen Gantt, Chair  
Tom Mason, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Winston, Secretary

#### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

This committee shall consider: (1) the curricula of the various colleges and departments of the University with any other matters dealing with academic programs and the progress thereof; (2) the research programs within the university and their relationship to all graduate education; (3) student affairs within the university; (4) personnel matters within the university; (5) administrative matters not delegated to another committee.

Laura Rectenwald, Chair  
Brigittee Henderson  
Jennifer Winston  
Student Regent  
Karen Gantt, ex-officio

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

This committee shall consider: (1) use and occupancy of university property; (2) planning of, locating of, receiving bids for, awarding contracts for, construction of, and maintenance of buildings, utilities, and other physical facilities of the campus.

David Alders, Chair  
Jennifer Winston  
Nancy Windham  
Karen Gantt, ex-officio

#### FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

This committee shall consider: (1) the budgeting and appropriations request processes; (2) all requests for appropriations and budgets covering expenditures of educational and general funds and auxiliary programs, including, but not limited to, student housing and the athletic department; (3) handling of university funds, depositories, etc., whether from appropriated or contributed funds. (4) the auditing function of the university including, but not limited to, annual audit plan, internal and external audit reports, risk assessment, and audit/compliance.

Tom Mason, Chair  
Robert Flores  
Judy Olson  
Karen Gantt, ex-officio

Chair Gantt also confirmed that Regent Brigettee Henderson would remain as the chair of the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee and the Juanita Curry Boynton House Committee.

Chair Gantt called the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the following items at 1:06 p.m.:

- Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Advice or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers, including but not limited to reported complaints, EEOC charges, *Ann Wilder v. SFASU*; *Christin Evans v. Sydney Miley, et al*; and *Marlene Kahla, Ph.D. v. Board of Regents of Stephen F. Austin State University, et al.* (Texas Government Code, Section 551.071)
- Consideration of Individual Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of an Officer or Employee, including but not limited to the chief audit executive, director of athletics, executive director for enrollment management, chief marketing communications officer, chief information officer, chief diversity officer, director of governmental relations, vice presidents and the president. (Texas Government Code, Section 551.074)

The executive session ended and the Board of Regents meeting returned to open session at 3:32 p.m.

The meeting of the Board of Regents adjourned by Chair Gantt at 3:33 p.m.