

**REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
OF  
OKLAHOMA**



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
May 18, 2022  
8:00 am**

**East Central University  
Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center  
Room 158  
Ada, Oklahoma**



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**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT**

**II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL**

**A. EXCUSE ABSENT REGENTS**

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:**

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### I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING MEETING NOTICE AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT

The Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma met in special session at 8:00 a.m., May 18, 2022 at East Central University, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center, Room 158, Ada, Oklahoma. Notice of the special meeting had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, May 12, 2022 and a copy of the Agenda posted by 8:00 a.m., May 17, 2022 in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

### II. CALL TO ORDER AND REGENTS' ROLL CALL

Chair Reilly called the meeting to order. Roll call established the presence of a quorum with 6 Regents present.

Susan Winchester, Position 1  
Chris Van Denhende, Position 2  
Lake Carpenter, Position 3  
Connie Reilly, Chair, Position 5  
Jane McDermott, Vice Chair, Position 6  
Eric Fisher, Regent, Position 8

Staff: Sheridan McCaffree, RUSO Executive Director  
Guests: Dr. Alan Medders and Dr. Bill Meehan with Higher Education Leadership Search

### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (1) to discuss the following:**

- 1. Interview finalist candidates for President of East Central University.**

**Regent Winchester made the motion, seconded by Regent Carpenter to move into Executive Session.**

**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

**The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:03 a.m.**

**The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:00 p.m.**

### **IV. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION**

**A. Discussion and possible action to invite candidates for further interviews or employ the next President of East Central University.**

**Regent Van Denhende made the motion, seconded by Regent Fisher to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.**

**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

**Regent Fisher made the motion, seconded by Regent Van Denhende to hire Wendell Godwin as the president for East Central University effective July 1, 2022.**

**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Regent McDermott made the motion, seconded by Regent Winchester to adjourn the meeting.**

**Voting for the motion: Regents Winchester, Van Denhende, Carpenter, Reilly, McDermott, and Fisher**

**Voting against the motion: none**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

Submitted by:

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Connie Reilly  
Chair

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Amy Anne Ford  
Secretary

Minutes approved by the Regional University System of Oklahoma this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.