

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF REGENTS  
May 5, 2023**

A special meeting of the Board of Regents governing The University of Oklahoma, Cameron University and Rogers State University was called to order in the Eastside Stadium Club of the Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Oklahoma, at 2:00 p.m., May 5, 2023. Regent John R. Braught was re-appointed to a seven-year term by Governor Stitt on March 28, 2023.

The following Regents were present for all or parts of the meeting: Natalie Shirley, Chair of the Board, presiding; Regents Eric Stevenson, Anita L. Holloway, Rick Nagel, Bob Ross, and Rick Braught. Regent Frank Keating was out of the country at the time.

Others attending all or a part of the meeting included Mr. Joseph Harroz, President of The University of Oklahoma; Vice Presidents Sean Burrage, Joe Castiglione, and Brian Holderread; Acting Chief Communications Officer Melissa Caperton; Chief Legal Counsel Armand Paliotta; and Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, Tim Rhodes.

Notice of the time, date and place of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in the Office of the Board of Regents on or before 2:00 p.m. on May 3, 2023, both as required by 25 O.S. 1981, Section 301-314.

Chairman Shirley opened the meeting and asked for a motion to enter executive session. Regent Ross moved the Board enter executive session as listed on the meeting agenda, below. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Stevenson, Holloway, Nagel, Ross, and Braught. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

The Board moved to Suite E220 for the executive session at 2:01 p.m.

When the Board returned to the public meeting room, the Chair stated she would ask for a motion to return to open session, but she wanted to reiterate that no action was taken in the executive session. Regent Ross then moved that the Board come out of executive session at 2:37 p.m. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Stevenson, Holloway, Nagel, Ross, and Braught. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

The Chair then recognized Vice President Joe Castiglione for comments on the issues at hand.

Vice President Castiglione said, thank you very much. Good afternoon. I do want to thank quite a few people that were part of us getting to this point. Led by our President Joe Harroz, Big 12 Commissioner Brett Yormark, quite a few staff members, our legal team, and our friends at the University of Texas. We worked individually and collectively to find the best path for all parties involved, and that deserves to be mentioned because it took a lot of work on everybody's part to make this happen. I want to thank them and thank you all for your leadership throughout this process. I appreciate the attention you've given the matter before you today.

Chair Shirley responded, now I also want to recognize that at some point in the very near future, we will be celebrating 25 years of the finest AD in the nation being with us. So, Joe, thank you for your years of service. The truth is that we are deeply in your debt. I'm glad you're here, and we will properly celebrate you at a date to be named soon. I also want to recognize President Joe Harroz and ask for any comments that he may have on this agenda.

President Harroz stated, thank you, Chair Shirley. This is a reflection of the documentation of what was announced in February by an agreement with Commissioner Brett Yormark, Texas, and others, for us to depart the Big 12 and enter the SEC one year early. This is documenting what we had announced back in February, and as you said, huge gratitude to Joe Castiglione and all the work that he did, and to this Board for its leadership and yours as well.

#### **ATHLETICS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP – ALL**

Discussion, consideration, and potential action concerning approval of documents to memorialize the University of Oklahoma's exit from the Big 12 Conference and admittance to the Southeastern Conference. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) may be proposed for confidential communications between the Board and its attorney(s) concerning potential claims, where the Board's attorney has determined disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Board to process the claim(s) in the public interest as authorized under 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4).

The Chair then recognized Regent Braught for a motion. Regent Braught moved that the Board of Regents, (1) authorize The University of Oklahoma to exit the Big 12 Conference effective June 30, 2024, and join the Southeastern Conference effective July 1, 2024, pursuant to such documents as approved by the President of the University of Oklahoma, the University's Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, and the University's General Counsel, and (2) authorize the President of the University of Oklahoma and the University's Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, each with the authority to act in consultation with General Counsel, to execute all such documents in connection with such exit and admittance as deemed necessary or appropriate by the President and the University's Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, as approved by the General Counsel, and to take any other action or action(s) that are necessary or appropriate to effectuate such exit and admittance, all as may be in the best interests of the University of Oklahoma. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents Stevenson, Holloway, Nagel, Ross, and Braught. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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Tim Rhodes, J.D.  
Executive Secretary of the  
Board of Regents