



**MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
HYBRID SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 25, 2026**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University convened a Hybrid Special Called Board meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2026, at 8:00 A.M. at Texas Southern University, Library Learning Center, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004. One or more Regents participated by videoconference. Vice Chair Lauren A. Gore was physically present at the meeting location open to the public, served as presiding officer, and called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

The following Board Members were in attendance and constituted a quorum:

Mr. Lauren Gore, Vice Chair
Dr. Richard A. Johnson, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary, *virtual*
Ms. Paloma Z. Ahmadi, *virtual*
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley, *virtual*
Mr. Ben H. Proler, *virtual*
Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Mr. James M. Benham, Chairman
Mr. Joseph Carter, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

[Ms. Faith Ruiz presented roll call and confirmed the presence of a quorum.]

Other Attendees: President James Crawford *virtual*, Racquel Dorsey, Lisa McBride *virtual*, Charlie Nhan, Faith Ruiz

III. Conflict of Interest Statement

Regent Gore addressed the matter of Conflict of Interest with the Board members, inquiring if any member had a conflict of interest to disclose regarding the items on today's agenda. Observing no such disclosures, he proceeded with the agenda.

IV. Executive Session

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:02 A.M. to discuss matters listed on the Executive Session portion of the posted agenda and to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation and settlement matters, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071. No final action, decision, or vote was taken in Executive Session.



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V. Reconvene in Open Session to Consider Actions on Executive Session Items as Necessary

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:33 A.M. Ms. Faith Ruiz presented roll call and reconfirmed the presence of a quorum. The following Board members were present:

Mr. James M. Benham, Chairman, *virtual*
Mr. Lauren Gore, Vice Chair
Dr. Richard A. Johnson, Second Vice Chair
Ms. Marilyn A. Rose, Secretary
Ms. Paloma Z. Ahmadi, *virtual*
Ms. Caroline Baker Hurley, *virtual*
Mr. Ben H. Proler, *virtual*
Ms. Alithea Z. Sullivan, *virtual*

The following Board Members were absent:

Mr. Joseph Carter, Student Regent, *nonvoting*

[Ms. Faith Ruiz presented roll call and reconfirmed the presence of a quorum.]

VI. Board Business

Regent Gore presented the following item for approval:

- VI.A. Consider terms of proposed settlement in the lawsuit styled as *Donna Harmon vs. Texas Southern University*; Cause No.: 2020-27180; In The 270th Judicial District Court, Harris Co., Texas.

Regent Gore stated that the Board would consider action on items discussed during Executive Session. Regent Gore presented the agenda item regarding proposed settlement terms in the lawsuit styled *Donna Harmon v. Texas Southern University*, Cause No. 2020-27180, pending in the 270th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, and moved that the Board approve the proposed settlement terms, consistent with the discussion in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Regent Johnson. The motion passed unanimously by the Regents present and voting.

- VI.B. Consider terms of proposed settlement in the lawsuit styled as *Mary Young vs. Texas Southern University*; Cause No.: CV-04:23-03888; In The U.S. District Court for the Southern District, Houston Division.

Regent Gore presented the agenda item regarding proposed settlement terms in the lawsuit styled *Mary Young v. Texas Southern University*, Cause No. CV-04:23-03888,



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pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. Regent Gore moved that the Board approve the requested settlement authority consistent with the discussion in Executive Session, with any written settlement agreement to be presented to the Board prior to execution. The motion was seconded by Regent Johnson. The motion passed unanimously by the Regents present and voting.

VII. Adjourn

With no further business pending before the Board, Regent Gore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 A.M. Regent Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 A.M.

All supporting materials for informational and action items presented during this meeting are available on the public posting and at the following link:

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2066?meeting=752347>

A video recording of this meeting is available [here](#).

SIGNATURE OF APPROVAL

I certify that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct, and complete record of the Special Called Board meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University held in Houston, Texas on June 25, 2026.

Faith Ruiz
Executive Director
Board Relations Office

Date Approved by the Board

Marilyn A. Rose
Secretary
Board of Regents