TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research & Student Life

ITEM: Request Approval to Donate Two Redbird Flight Simulators Currently Owned by Texas Southern University's Aviation Science and Management Program

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:
The Texas Southern University (TSU) Aviation Science and Management Program recently expanded its aircraft fleet, resulting in updated aircraft systems and training requirements. The two existing Redbird simulators, the MCX and FMX, are no longer compatible with the current fleet and cannot be upgraded thus cannot effectively support the program's present training needs.

The original purchase price of both simulators totaled $193,363.00. Research on recent market sales of Redbird FMX simulators identified two operational used units sold at auction in July 2026 for approximately $15,900 and $18,225, respectively. These sales provide market reference points for evaluating the current value of the University's simulators.

The University is exploring opportunities with local school districts and educational programs for the potential continued educational use of the equipment. The receiving organization will be responsible for all costs associated with disassembly, removal, transportation, and reassembly of the simulators. TSU will coordinate the necessary approvals, transfer documentation, and warehouse and asset inventory updates to ensure the equipment is properly transferred and removed from the University's records in accordance with applicable requirements.

Board action is requested to approve the proposed disposition of the two Redbird simulators, subject to applicable University policies and surplus property requirements.

APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE STATUTE(S) AND/OR REGULATION(S):

Texas Government Code Chapter 2175, Sec. 2175.241 and Texas Constitution gift-clause exposure (Art. III, §§51–52).

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

-Appraised value of the simulators provided by the company that manufactured the equipment
-Original Purchase Documentation

RELATED BOARD BYLAW, POLICY AND/OR MAPP: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Administration recommends approval of this item.

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Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this agenda item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.

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Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note, shown above, details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this agenda item will have and the detailed reasons for such effect.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	**DATE**
James Crawford (Oct 23, 2026 10:33:56 CDT)	10/23/2026
PRESIDENT	**DATE**