TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

Approved by
TSU Board of Regents
July 18, 2026

COMMITTEE: Administration and Finance

ITEM: Request Approval of Actions Concerning Campus Dining Services, Including Authorization to Transition the Contract Award to SodexoMagic, Continue Interim Operations in Excess of the President's Delegated Contracting Authority, and Execute a Master Services Agreement

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

The Administration requests approval to transition the contract award for comprehensive campus dining services to SodexoMagic, the next highest-ranking qualified proposer under Request for Proposal (RFP 717-25-703).

Following the Board's prior authorization on June 12, 2025, approving the dining services award to Chartwells Higher Ed, the University was unable to finalize the terms of a definitive ten-year master services agreement. The University subsequently notified Chartwells that the parties' Letter of Intent would expire by its own terms on April 30, 2026. To support the continuity of campus dining services and maintain strict alignment with the competitive procurement process, the Administration proceeded to the next highest-ranking qualified proposer, SodexoMagic, under RFP 717-25-703.

As part of this transition, the University executed an Interim Letter of Agreement with SodexoMagic on June 10, 2026, with services commencing on June 12, 2026, the effective date.

Because the aggregate value of the interim arrangement may exceed the President's delegated contracting authority, the Administration requests Board authorization for the University, if necessary and pending completion of final negotiations with SodexoMagic, to continue operating under the Interim Letter of Agreement, this interim framework, or substantially similar interim terms for a period not to exceed 3 months and in an aggregate amount not to exceed $2,500,000 while final negotiations are completed for a definitive Master Services Agreement with SodexoMagic.

SodexoMagic brings a proven framework for comprehensive food services that supports the University's vision for elevating the student experience. This engagement is intended to expand and enrich student life on campus while supporting continued enhancements to campus dining facilities and student-facing services.

Through this contract, the University secures a package of support that encompasses:

- The preparation and distribution of student meals in accordance with strict dietary and nutritional standards.
- The management and administration of campus meal plans to accommodate the diverse needs of the University community.
- Comprehensive catering and concession services for University programs, athletic events, and functions.
- The operation, maintenance, and facility revitalization of on-campus dining venues and retail food establishments.

This proposed 10-year contractual arrangement is structured to reinforce the University's commitment to delivering consistent, safe, and high-quality food services that align with the dietary, logistical, and operational needs of the University's diverse stakeholders.