

**AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING**

**Submitted by:** R. Bowen Loftin, President  
Texas A&M University

**Subject:** Authorization for Chancellor and Texas A&M University President to Take Any and All Action Necessary to Effectuate an Administrative Change Bringing The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Under the Administration of Texas A&M University, Including Amending the University's Table of Programs to Add Applicable First-professional Degree Programs and Requesting All Necessary Approvals from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

**Proposed Board Action:**

Authorize the chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (A&M System) and the president of Texas A&M University (Texas A&M) to take any and all action to investigate and pursue an administrative change bringing The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMHSC) under the administration of Texas A&M, including approval to amend Texas A&M's table of programs for preliminary authority for applicable first-professional programs and authorize the submission of this preliminary authority request, and any other necessary related submissions, to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and appropriate accrediting agencies for approval.

**Background Information:**

TAMHSC and Texas A&M have established several working groups and a transition steering committee to assess and make recommendations regarding administrative changes to the TAMHSC. The working groups and the steering committee are composed of representatives from Texas A&M and TAMHSC from the following core areas: Academic Affairs, Research, Finance, Governmental Affairs and Communications. These groups will explore the actions necessary to effect the transition of the TAMHSC into the administration of Texas A&M, including various accreditations. These accreditations would include the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the Council on Education for Public Health, and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. The intention is that, after an administrative change, all TAMHSC appropriations continue to flow directly from the state to the TAMHSC to meet strategic priorities and goals.

As part of investigating and pursuing this potential administrative change, Texas A&M is requesting authority to amend its table of programs to include preliminary authority for applicable first-professional degree programs and authorize the submission of this preliminary authority request, and any other necessary related submissions, to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and appropriate accrediting agencies for approval.

**A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:**

None.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
Office of the President  
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Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

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I recommend adoption of the following minute order:

**“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Chancellor and the President of Texas A&M University to take any and all action to investigate and pursue an administrative change bringing The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center under the administration of Texas A&M University, including amending the university's table of programs for preliminary authority to add applicable first-professional degree programs.**

**The Board also authorizes the submission of Texas A&M University's preliminary authority request, and any other necessary related submissions, to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and appropriate accrediting agencies for approval.”**

Respectfully submitted,

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R. Bowen Loftin  
President  
Texas A&M University

**Approval Recommended:**

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**Ray Bonilla FOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
John Sharp  
Chancellor

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
General Counsel

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James R. Hallmark  
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