

Agenda Item No. 1

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Robert L. Albritton, Chairman, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents

Proposed Board Action:

Approve amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents -- Article IV (Committees), Section 1 (Membership), Section 3 (Standing Committees), Section 8 (Committee on Research), and Section 9 (Quorum)

Background Information:

Article IV (Committees)

Section 1 (Membership). This amendment provides that Board members will serve on no more than three standing committees. It also adds the provision for the Vice Chairman of the Board to serve as an ex-officio committee member in the Chairman's absence (unless already assigned to the committee).

Section 3 (Standing Committees). This amendment adds the Committee on Research to the Board's standing committees.

Section 8 (Committee on Research). This amendment adds the Committee on Research as a standing committee of the Board and describes its responsibilities.

Section 9 (Quorum). This amendment adds language allowing the Vice Chairman to serve as an ex-officio member of a committee in the Chairman's absence (unless already assigned to the committee).

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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Board of Regents

May 5, 2025

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Request for Approval of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents
Revising Article IV

I recommend the adoption of the following minute order:

"The amendments revising Article IV of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, as described in the attached exhibit, are approved, effective immediately."

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert L. Albritton
Chairman, Board of Regents

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ray Bonilla', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV
REGARDING STANDING COMMITTEES
(to be effective May 12, 2025)**

**BYLAWS OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

Subject to the approval of the Board, and no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following the election of officers, the Chairman shall make appointments to standing committees and appoint a chairman for each committee. Members of the Board may serve on no more than ~~three~~ **two** standing committees. Committee members shall serve for a period not to exceed two years, provided that members of the Board may be re-appointed for additional two-year terms. The Chairman of the Board may appoint members to fill unexpired terms in the event of a vacancy. A standing committee shall have no fewer than four members, in addition to the Chairman of the Board, who shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. The Chairman of the Board shall have the right to vote on matters before a standing or special committee in the following cases: the Chairman's presence is necessary to constitute a quorum of the committee; or if a quorum of the committee is present not counting the Chairman, only in the event that the vote of the other committee members results in a tie. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board at standing or special committee meetings, and unless already assigned to that committee, the Vice Chairman of the Board shall serve as an ex-officio committee member, and shall have the right to vote on matters before a standing or special committee in the following cases: the Vice Chairman's presence is necessary to constitute a quorum of the committee; or if a quorum of the committee is present not counting the Vice Chairman, only in the event that the vote of the other committee members results in a tie.

SECTION 3. STANDING COMMITTEES

The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Board:

- Committee on Audit
- Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant
- Committee on Research

SECTION 8: COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

The Committee on Research will focus on fostering research growth, commercialization, entrepreneurship, and applied research. The Committee will align the System's research goals and review metrics on research efforts at the system-level and for each university and agency; foster a culture of ingenuity by supporting initiatives that drive commercialization and entrepreneurial activities; and define a vision for applied research for the System that includes the agencies and universities.

SECTION 9 10. QUORUM

A majority of any standing or special committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Chairman, an ex-officio member of each committee, shall be counted in determining the number required for a quorum of a committee. In the absence of the Chairman, and unless already assigned to that committee, the Vice Chairman will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee and shall be counted in determining the number required for a quorum of a committee.