

**MINUTES**  
**MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**March 31, 2015**

The Board of Regents, Midwestern State University, met in special session in the J. S. Bridwell Board Room, Hardin Administration Building, Wichita Falls, Texas, at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Board members in attendance at the university were Mr. Shawn Hessing, Chairman; Mr. Mike Bernhardt, Vice Chairman; Ms. Nancy Marks; and Mr. Jesse Brown, Student Regent. Regents attending the meeting via teleconference connection were Mr. Caven Crosnoe, Mr. Jeff Gregg, Dr. Lynwood Givens, and Mr. Sam Sanchez. Mr. Kenny Bryant and Ms. Tiffany Burks were unable to participate in the meeting.

Administrative staff members present included Dr. Jesse W. Rogers, President; Mr. Barry Macha, General Counsel; Mr. Mike Taylor, Internal Auditor; Dr. David Carlston, Chairman of the Faculty Senate; Ms. Dawn Fisher, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Julie Gaynor, Director of Marketing and Public Information; Ms. Cindy Ashlock, Executive Assistant to the President; and Ms. Debbie Barrow, Director of Board and Government Relations. Representing the news media were Ms. Lana Sweeten-Shults, *Times Record News*; Ms. Stephanie Garland and Mr. Kevin Pinto, KFDX-TV3; and Mr. Joshua Rowe, KAUZ-TV6. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Mac Cannedy, Jr., Regent Emeritus.

Chairman Hessing called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and Ms. Gaynor introduced individuals in attendance. He reminded attendees that the meeting was being streamed live on the internet and asked everyone to silence their cell phones.

Public Comment

Mr. Hessing reported that no one had signed up to provide public comment in accordance with the Board of Regents By-Laws, MSU Policy 2.22.

Naming of University Facilities

15-101. Mr. Hessing noted that the administration was recommending naming the new pavilion at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University the "Ruby and Robert Priddy Pavilion," in recognition of the long-term support of the Museum and the University by the late Ruby and Robert Priddy. Mrs. Marks indicated that she needed to recuse herself from this discussion and vote owing to the fact that she serves as a member of The Priddy Foundation Board of Trustees. Dr. Rogers reported that Ruby and Robert Priddy were benefactors of Midwestern State University for many years. The Priddy Foundation likewise has been very generous to the institution and to the museum. He indicated his strong support of this recommendation.

Mr. Bernhardt moved approval of this item as presented. Mr. Sanchez seconded the motion and it was approved, with Mrs. Marks and Mr. Crosnoe abstaining from the vote. Mr. Crosnoe noted that he, too, had a conflict of interest owing to his law firm's long-term professional relationship with Mr. and Mrs. Priddy.

Executive Session

Mr. Hessing announced that the Board of Regents would go into closed session as allowed by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.074, to consider Item 15-102 (Appointment

of University President). The closed session was properly announced at 3:35 p.m. Mr. Hessing, Mr. Bernhardt, Mr. Crosnoe, Dr. Givens, Mr. Gregg, Mrs. Marks, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Brown, Mr. Macha, and Ms. Barrow remained for the session.

Open Meeting Resumes

The closed session ended at 3:48 p.m. with an announcement by Mr. Hessing that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Appointment of President


15-102. Mr. Bernhardt moved that Dr. Suzanne Shipley be hereby appointed President of Midwestern State University effective August 8, 2015. He moved further that the Chairman of the Board, working with the University's General Counsel, be delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Shipley, with the final employment contract being approved by the Board of Regents at its May, 2015 meeting. He moved finally that the minutes reflect that, by approval of this motion, the board has made a finding that, as required by state law, this appointment is in the best interest of Midwestern State University.

Mrs. Marks seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Hessing reported that Dr. Shipley was in a Shepherd University board meeting today and was not available to travel to Wichita Falls. He added that the board looked forward to welcoming her to the university and the community in August.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

I, Shawn Hessing, the fully appointed and qualified Chairman of the Midwestern State University Board of Regents, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the MSU Board of Regents meeting March 31, 2015.

  
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Shawn Hessing, Chairman