

# **BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING**

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA**

**1727 W. Alabama Avenue, Chickasha, OK 73018**

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

***12:00 Noon: Reception for State Regents, USAO President and Guests***

***No business will be discussed at lunch.***

***1:00 PM: Regents Meeting; Regents Room, Student Center***

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Announcement of the Filing of Meeting Notice and Posting of Agenda in Accordance with the Open Meeting Act**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Introductions**
  - a. Kyle Shifflett, Deputy General Counsel, Okla. Office of the Attorney General
  - b. Jessica Russell, J. Russell Consulting Firm
- 6. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove the minutes of the February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting**
- 7. Presentations**
  - a. **Regents Teaching Awards 2026**
  - b. **Bill & Pat Smith Scholar Athlete Awards 2026**
- 8. Communications to the Board On Upcoming Events and Special Programs**
- 9. Presidents Report**
- 10. Reports from Association Representatives**
  - a. Faculty – Dr. Nick Boyde, President, Faculty Association
  - b. Staff - Jeff Rutherford, President, Staff Association
  - c. Alumni – Whitney Palesano, Director of Alumni Relations
- 11. Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements**
- 12. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove 2026-27 Housing Rate Adjustment**
- 13. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove the proposed Davis Hall Elevator Replacement**
- 14. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove the Medical Emergency Transport Policy**

- 15. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove Curriculum Changes**
  - a. Accounting 2901 Workshop
  - b. Biology with Teacher Certification
  - c. Music 4901 Small Ensemble
  - d. Physical Education (Minor)
- 16. Discussion and Acknowledgement of Academic Programs:**
  - a. Kinesiology Program Review
  - b. Online Psychology Program
- 17. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove the proposed Personnel Actions:**
  - a. Appointments
  - b. Changes in Status
  - c. Resignations
  - d. Retirements
  - e. Adjuncts for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 18. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove Reemployment of Professional and General Staff for FY 2027**
- 19. Discussion and possible action to enter into executive session** pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) for discussing the employment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee and O.S. § 307(B)(7) for discussing any matter where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law: regarding Dr. Jared Halphin, Assistant Professor of Business Administration
- 20. Vote to Enter Executive Session**
- 21. Exit Executive Session and Vote to Re-enter Open Session**
- 22. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove item discussed in Executive Session**
- 23. Discussion and vote to approve/disapprove Reemployment of Faculty for FY2027**
- 24. Time and Place of Next Meeting – June 11, 2026, 1:00 p.m., USAO, Student Center, Regents Room, 1727 W. Alabama Ave., Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018**
- 25. Discussion and vote to adjourn.**

*The Board of Regents may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, vote to take items out of order or decide not to discuss or vote on any item on the agenda.*

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