



AGENDA
SPECIAL CALLED TELEPHONE MEETING
of
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS

February 13, 2019
Austin, Texas

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CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO *TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE*, CHAPTER 551 3:00 p.m.

- 1. Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations – Section 551.073
 - a. **U. T. System Academic Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features**
 - b. **U. T. System Health Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features**
- 2. Individual Personnel Matters Relating to Officers or Employees – Section 551.074
 - a. **U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents (academic and health institutions); U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors); other officers reporting directly to the Board (such as Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive); Board members; and U. T. System and institutional employees**
 - b. **U. T. El Paso: Discussion and appropriate action concerning individual personnel matters related to the search for a president, including discussion of candidates**
- 3. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Section 551.071

U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS 3:45 p.m.
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- 1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of aggregate amount of \$7,000,000 of supplemental equipment financing for Fiscal Year 2019; and resolution regarding parity debt** 2
- 2. **U. T. Austin: Request to approve the honorific naming of the Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences as the Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences** 3

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1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of aggregate amount of \$7,000,000 of supplemental equipment financing for Fiscal Year 2019; and resolution regarding parity debt**

The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs recommends approval of an additional \$7,000,000 of supplemental equipment financing for Fiscal Year 2019 for The University of Texas at San Antonio to finance the acquisition of modular buildings and related costs to be repaid with designated tuition. U. T. San Antonio therefore requests that the Board resolve, in accordance with Section 5 of the Amended and Restated Master Resolution Establishing The University of Texas System Revenue Financing System (RFS), the findings that are stated below:

- parity debt shall be issued to fund all or a portion of the project, including any costs, prior to the issuance of such parity debt;
- sufficient funds will be available to meet the financial obligations of the U. T. System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues as defined in the RFS Master Resolution to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Financing System, and to meet all financial obligations of the U. T. System Board of Regents relating to the Financing System;
- U. T. San Antonio, which is a “Member” as such term is used in the RFS Master Resolution, possesses the financial capacity to satisfy its direct obligation as defined in the Master Resolution relating to the issuance by the U. T. System Board of Regents of parity debt in an aggregate amount of \$7,000,000; and
- this resolution satisfies the official intent requirements set forth in Section 1.150-2 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* that evidences the Board’s intention to reimburse project expenditures with bond proceeds.

2. **U. T. Austin: Request to approve the honorific naming of the Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences as the Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences at U. T. Austin as the Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In recognition of Dr. J. Tinsley Oden's leadership and long history of generous financial support to the University, U. T. Austin would like to name its Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences (ICES) as the *Oden Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences*.

ICES is dedicated to both research and graduate study in computational engineering and science, with a strong core in computational and applied mathematics. The Institute provides an interdisciplinary hub at U. T. Austin for geoscientists, mathematicians, biologists, chemists, engineers, physicists, and physicians fostering research collaborations on issues not supported through the conventional university structure.

In 2017, ICES was ranked No. 1 worldwide in the field of interdisciplinary mathematics.

Dr. Oden joined U. T. Austin in 1973 and has served as Associate Vice President for Research since 2003. He most recently served as Founding Director of ICES (2003-2017). He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and an honorary member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In addition, Dr. Oden is a fellow of seven international scientific/technical societies, the recipient of numerous awards, and holds five honorary doctorates. He has authored more than 600 scientific publications and is cited as a primary asset in establishing computational mechanics as a fundamental discipline throughout the world.

In 2004, Dr. Oden was among seven U. T. Austin engineering faculty listed as the most highly cited researchers in the world from 1981-1999 in refereed, peer-reviewed journals, according to the International Scientific Index.

This naming proposal is consistent with Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of programs to recognize the leadership and generous support provided by Dr. J. Tinsley Oden. While Regents' Rule 80307 indicates that namings typically occur after campus employment has concluded, recognition at this time is appropriate based on the long-standing, significant contributions Dr. Oden has provided to ICES.