



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

**March 8, 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 9:30 a.m.

- 1. 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 and potential naming of finalist(s)**

- 2. 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 ITEM

U. T. Dallas: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed changes to admission criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs degree program

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*10:00 a.m.
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RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve changes to the criteria for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs degree program at U. T. Dallas as described below.

Summary of Changes to Admission Criteria

The U. T. Dallas School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences requests approval of revisions to the admissions requirements for its Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs degree program to be in alignment with the University's minimum requirements for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score and to delete minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

Current Unconditional Admission Criteria	Proposed Unconditional Admission Criteria
The program only admits students who have completed a master's degree from an institution of higher education. A master's degree in public affairs is preferred.	no change
A graduate GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 or better is expected.	no change
TOEFL minimum score of 88	TOEFL minimum score of 88 <u>80</u>
The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is also required of all applications with a minimum verbal score of 156 and quantitative score of 152.	Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is also required of all applications with a minimum verbal score of 156 and quantitative score of 152 <u>scores are required.</u>
A curriculum vitae	no change
Three letters of recommendation	no change