



AGENDA
SPECIAL CALLED TELEPHONE MEETING
of
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS
August 28, 2026
Austin, Texas

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM

10:30 a.m.

1. U.T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda item

Tenure Appointment - U.T. Dallas: Approval of new award of tenure appointments

IF NEEDED, THE BOARD MAY RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION

1. Individual Personnel Matters Relating to Officers or Employees – Section 551.074

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 (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive); Board members; and U.T. System and institutional employees; including any interim appointments

2. Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations – Section 551.073

U.T. System Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming feature

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

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11:00 a.m.

1. **U.T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda Item**

RECOMMENDATION

The Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda beginning on [Page 3](#).



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CONSENT AGENDA**

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The following personnel actions involving new award of tenure appointments have been administratively approved by the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, consistent with Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 31007.

College, Department, and Name	From	To
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science		
Bioengineering		
Yichen Ding	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Girgis Obaid	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Computer Science		
William Beksi	New Hire	Associate Professor (T)
Kangkook Jee	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Jin Ryong Kim	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Mechanical Engineering		
Yaqing Jin	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Wei Li	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Guoping Xiong	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Harry W. Bass Jr. School of Arts, Humanities, and Technology		
Animation and Games		
Christine Veras de Souza	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
History		
Rosemary Admiral	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Mark Celinscak	New Hire	Professor (T)

College, Department, and Name	From	To
Naveen Jindal School of Management		
Accounting Hao Xue	New Hire	Associate Professor (T)
Finance Hongda Zhong	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Information Systems Hongchang Wang	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Marketing Khai Chiong	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Joonhwi Joo	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Shervin Tehrani	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Operations Management Boxiao Chen	New Hire	Associate Professor (T)
Xin Chen	New Hire	Professor (T)
Ignacio Rios Uribe	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences		
Neuroscience Lyle Muller	New Hire	Associate Professor (T)
Speech, Language, and Hearing Ioulia Kovelman	New Hire	Professor (T)
School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences		
Political Science Jonathan Pinckney	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics		
Chemistry and Biochemistry Alexander Adibekian	New Hire	Professor (T)
Mathematical Sciences Rizwanur Khan	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Stephen McKeown	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)
Chuan-Fa Tang	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor (T)