

**Texas State University System
Telephonic Called Board of Regents Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
4:30 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Agenda Item

A. TSUS: Appointment of Lonnie L. Howard, Ph.D. as president of Lamar Institute of Technology

3. Adjourn

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Upon the Chancellor's recommendation and the motion of Regent _____, seconded by Regent _____:

It was ordered that Lonnie L. Howard, Ph.D. be hereby appointed president of Lamar Institute of Technology with a start date no later than August 1, 2016.

Explanation

Dr. Howard, whose appointment is subject to confirmation by the Board of Regents, is expected to assume the presidency no later than August 1, 2016 and perhaps earlier. Under the Texas *Public Information Act, Section 552.123*, the governing body of an institution of higher education must give public notice of the name(s) of the finalist(s) being considered for the presidency of an institution under the Board's stewardship at least 21 days before the date of the meeting at which the final action or vote is being taken on the employment of the person. Howard, who was selected pursuant to a national search lasting several months, will succeed Lamar Institute of Technology President Paul Szuch, who is retiring after 10 years of service to the institution.

"I'm humbled by this opportunity and by the trust placed in me by the search committee and Chancellor McCall," said Dr. Howard. "LIT is an important educational asset in southeast Texas. I'm excited about the opportunity to build on the positive changes that Dr. Szuch achieved during his tenure so that LIT can offer more students the kind of life-changing opportunities I experienced as a student."

Since 2013, Dr. Howard has been president/CEO of Clover Park Technical College, the largest technical college in Washington State, with an enrollment of more than 7,300 students. He previously served as executive director of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of Houston System. He has held teaching and research positions at several institutions, and served with distinction in the United States Army.

A first-generation college student, his life story demonstrates the value of technical education and the important mission of two year colleges. He has earned five college degrees: an associate of applied science in welding, an associate of general studies, a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed postdoctoral training at Penn State and Harvard universities.