



Presidential Search  
Town Hall Meetings

Oct. 12 & 13, 2021

# Search for the 12<sup>th</sup> President

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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# Where we are today...

- Dr. Shipley Announced Retirement ... June 2, 2021
- Dr. Johnston Appointed as Interim ... Aug. 5, 2021
- MSU Texas Joins TTU System ... Sept. 1, 2021
- Search Committee Announced ... Sept. 16, 2021
- Values Journey and Summit ... Sept. 28-29, 2021
- Search Committee's First Meeting ... Oct. 6, 2021
- **Townhalls with Stakeholders ... Oct. 12 & 13, 2021**

# Presidential Search Townhalls

**Goal:** Learn what's important to you in searching for the university's 12th president

## **Format:**

- **Overview of Search Process**
- **Stakeholder Discussion**
  - **Characteristics, type of leader**
  - **Opportunities for the next president**
- **Question & Answer Session**

# Search Committee

- **Mark Griffin (Chair)** – Vice Chairman and Member, TTU System Board of Regents
- **Glenn Barham** – MSU Texas alumnus; Chair, MSU Texas Comprehensive Campaign Committee; President, Sheppard Air Force Base Military Affairs Committee; Former Mayor, City of Wichita Falls; Former Wichita Falls Police Officer
- **Kendra Burris** – Deputy Chancellor, TTU System
- **Ginger Kerrick Davis** – Member, TTU System Board of Regents
- **Jeff Dillard** – MSU Texas donor and Wichita Falls native
- **Tony Fidelie** – Former MSU Texas Regent; MSU Texas and TTU alumnus
- **Reagan Foster** – Assistant Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Development/Community Outreach; Staff Senate Chair; MSU Texas alumna
- **Karen Moriarty, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC** – Chair, Faculty Senate; Associate Professor, Wilson School of Nursing
- **Oku Okeke** – Former MSU Texas Regent; MSU Texas alumnus
- **Austin Strode** – President, Student Government Association, MSU Texas; Student
- **Shelley Sweatt, Ed.D.** – Former MSU Texas Regent; President and CEO, The Priddy Foundation; TTU alumna
- **Sam Watson, Ph.D.** – Dean and Professor, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

# Role of the Search Committee

- Solicit and review applications
- Screen initial candidates
- Ensure representation of respective constituency groups
- Recommend highly qualified candidates (one or more) to the Chancellor and Board

# Scope & Direction of the Search

- Collaborative, communicative approach
- Active, national search to recruit a strong pool of potential candidates
- Confidential, fair, robust process incorporating values
- Search firm considerations

Commitment: To find the best leader possible for MSU Texas

# Search Process: Steps & Timeline



- Search Committee Announced
- Search Committee's First Meeting
- Townhalls with Stakeholders
- Development of Position Profile

**(By the end of October)**

- Public Launch of Search
- Advertising Placed & Running
- Development of Candidate Pool

**(November 1 through December 31)**

- Search Committee Meets
- Application Review
- Screening Interviews
- Recommendation to Chancellor, Board of Regents

**(By the end of March 2022)**

*\*Anticipated steps and timing, subject to change*

# Search Process: Steps & Timeline



- Chancellor, select leadership interview semi-finalists
- Additional background vetting

- Board meets, and with a recommendation from the Chancellor, votes to name a sole finalist

- Officially appointed following 21-day required notice

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# Core Values (Draft as of Sept. 29)

*On Sept. 28-29, 2021, members of the MSU Texas family – students, faculty, staff and community members – gathered to identify the core values that unite us.*



**People-Centered**

**Integrity**

**Visionary**

**Connections**

**Community**

# Stakeholder Discussion

## The Opportunity

Midwestern State University (MSU Texas) seeks a dynamic, effective and forward-thinking leader to serve as the university's 12<sup>th</sup> president and to lead MSU Texas into its second century. The President will ...

**The successful candidate is...**

**Questions?**

# What's next...

- Complete Townhalls
- Incorporate Feedback to Position Profile
- Finalize Website and Promotion Materials
- Placement of Advertising
- Launch of the Search, Begin Solicitation

## Townhall Schedules

Tuesday, October 12

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

For questions, comments and to stay engaged...

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