

Austin Lane Information

Note: These links contain news stories and other publicly available items on the internet that pertain to the firing of Austin Lane by the Texas Southern University Board of Regents. A good faith effort was made to find pertinent items, and additions or corrections are welcome. The list below may, however, not be comprehensive, nor is a link to an item meant to imply that the information in that item is accurate.

This list does not attempt to provide a full or representative sample of public source coverage of Dr. Lane, a more ambitious undertaking than resources allowed; it is instead limited to items concerning his termination.

Note: Houston Chronicle stories will be behind a paywall; interested readers can subscribe for one month for 99¢.

I Documents

Notice of Termination for Cause letter from Texas Southern board (2/4/2020)

<http://www.tsu.edu/about/board-of-regents/pdf/final-termination-letter-02042020.pdf>

Austin Lane rebuttal (2/6/2020)

<https://defendernetwork.com/news/local-state/breaking-former-tsu-president-dr-austin-lane-fights-to-clear-his-name/>

Settlement agreement (2/20/2020)

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6782924-Settlement-Agreement-With-TSU-President-Austin.html>

TSU internal investigation (Office of Internal Audit) into admissions scandal, role of President (released 3/11/2020 by Houston Chronicle).

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6808138-Texas-Southern-University-investigation.html>

TSU Board Website (includes press statements on Lane scandal)

<http://www.tsu.edu/about/board-of-regents/index.html>

II News stories in chronological order

'Improprieties' within TSU admissions under investigation (11/18/2019)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Improprieties-within-TSU-admissions-under-14844935.php>

Questions swirl as Texas Southern University president placed on paid leave (1/11/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Questions-swirl-as-Texas-Southern-University-14966886.php>

'Caught off guard': Texas Southern University president speaks after being put on administrative leave (1/11/2020)

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2020/01/10/texas-state-university-president-put-on-leave-with-pay-pending-investigation/>

Texas Southern University's president placed on administrative leave without explanation (1/13/2020)

<https://www.texastribune.org/2020/01/13/texas-southern-universitys-president-placed-leave-without-explanation/>

TSU board member speaks out against regents' decision to place president on leave (1/14/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-board-member-speaks-out-against-regents-14973499.php>

TSU regents say president placed on leave amid probe into admissions improprieties (1/18/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-regents-say-president-placed-on-leave-amid-14984418.php>

This University's Board Now Has the Power to Fire Anyone — 'Even Down to the Janitor' (CHE 2/3/2020)

<https://www-chronicle-com.proxy.lib.siu.edu/article/This-University-s-Board-Now/247957?cid=rclink>

TSU board of regents meet to discuss fate of school president Austin Lane (2/5/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-board-of-regents-meet-to-discuss-fate-of-15030837.php>

TSU regents start process of firing President Austin Lane 2/5/2020

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-board-of-regents-meet-to-discuss-fate-of-15030966.php>

Texas Southern University regents vote to fire school's president 2/5/2020

<https://www.texastribune.org/2020/02/05/texas-southern-university-regents-vote-fire-schools-president/>

Texas Southern President Dr. Austin Lane fired after heated board meeting (2/5/2020)

<https://www.khou.com/article/news/education/texas-southern-president-dr-austin-lane-fired-by-board-of-regents/285-7f757f07-87d3-4152-9df0-cb3eba00d9f2>

Texas university moves to fire its president over law school admissions scandal (2/7/2020)

<https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/texas-university-moves-to-fire-its-president-over-law-school-admissions-scandal>

Sidelined Texas Southern president says school regents undergoing 'a calculated witch-hunt' (2/11/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Sidelined-TSU-president-fires-back-at-school-15037100.php>

TSU alumni demand president be reinstated; ask regents who ousted him to resign (2/15/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-alumni-demand-president-be-reinstated-ask-15059747.php>

Texas Southern Board Nixes a Far-Reaching Power to Fire After Chronicle Reporting (2/20/2020)

<https://www-chronicle-com.proxy.lib.siu.edu/article/Texas-Southern-Board-Nixes-a/248087>

Texas Southern board to meet for first time since announcing decision to fire president (2/20/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/education/campus-chronicles/article/TSU-board-meet-first-time-since-firing-president-15069189.php>

Texas Southern University approves settlement ending President Austin Lane's contract (2/20/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-regents-buy-out-contract-president-part-ways-15070933.php>

Outgoing TSU president says his buyout totals at least \$879,000 (2/21)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-agrees-to-pay-outgoing-president-Austin-Lane-15074491.php>

TSU refuses to release admissions scandal documents (2/29/2020) [Note: this document was eventually released—see link on top]

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-refuses-to-release-admissions-scandal-15093693.php>

A Warning to Anyone Thinking About Being the Next TSU President (letter from president of Dillard University, critical of TSU board, in diverseeducation.com) 3/2/2020

<https://diverseeducation.com/article/168520/>

TSU officials say student who sparked admissions scandal failed to disclose arrests (3/4/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-officials-say-student-who-sparked-admissions-15105559.php>

President Issues an Unusual Warning (IHE 3/4/2020)

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/03/04/after-texas-southerns-president-was-terminated-dillard-universitys-kimbrough-urges>

Texas Southern's Leadership Crisis Began in Admissions, With Alleged Bribery and Cash Stashed Under a Calendar (CHE 3/4/2020)

<https://www-chronicle-com.proxy.lib.siu.edu/article/Texas-Southern-s-Leadership/248183>

Texas Southern regent who defended ousted president Austin Lane resigns from board (3/9)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/TSU-regent-defend-president-Austin-Lane-resign-15117433.php>

New bombshells revealed in Texas Southern University admissions scandal. Here's what we know. (3/11)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/bombshells-tsu-admissions-scandal-texas-southern-15124140.php>

Texas Southern board chair resigns, appointed to another state board (3/17/2020)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/education/article/Texas-Southern-board-chair-resigns-appointed-to-15137534.php>

Texas Southern investigation still ongoing, board says; new initiatives announced (3/17)

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/education/campus-chronicles/article/TSU-investigation-is-still-ongoing-board-says-as-15136010.php>