

**Sul Ross Group (SRG) Bulletin One Hundred Eleven (111)
Special Bulletin**



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Howdy Ags,

Here is the Sul Ross Group's Bulletin 111. The SRG Board hopes you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative. We encourage you to distribute it to your classmates, Aggie buddies, and friends. Thank you.

Gig 'Em!

Sul Ross Group Board

**THE ILLEGAL TEXAS AMERICAN MUSLIM UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS
(TEXAS AM UNIVERSITY, OR TAMU AT DALLAS, OR TEXAM), HAS
BEEN ORDERED BY GOV. GREG ABBOTT TO CEASE OPERATIONS.**

Overview of Legal Actions

1. **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB):** At the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the THECB issued a cease-and-desist order on May 7, 2026. The agency asserts the school is operating illegally because it lacks a **Certificate of Authority** required by the Texas Education Code to offer degrees or use the protected term "university."
2. **The Texas A&M University System:** On May 8, 2026, the Texas A&M System issued its own cease-and-desist letter regarding **trademark infringement**. They argue that the names "TexAM" and "Texas AM University" are "confusingly

similar" to their own established branding and demand the school transfer its domain name and destroy all marketing materials bearing those marks.

Institutional Background

Based in Richardson, Texas, the school markets itself as the first institution in the U.S. to offer **STEM degree programs** (such as Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity) integrated with **mandatory Islamic studies** (comprising roughly 30% of the curriculum).

- **Leadership:** Founded by Shahid Bajwa.
- **Political Support:** Richardson Mayor Amir Omar initially supported the school, though he recently clarified he was unaware of any regulatory issues.
- **Funding:** The school claims to be a nonprofit funded primarily by donations and asserts it has not yet charged tuition or granted actual degrees.

Core Legal and Regulatory Conflicts

- **Authorization:** Under Texas law, private institutions must be authorized by the THECB to ensure they meet standards for mission, governance, and financial stability. TAMU at Dallas does not appear in the U.S. Department of Education's database of accredited institutions.
- **Unauthorized Branding:** The THECB notes that using the word "university" without state approval can carry criminal liability.
- **Trademark Dilution:** Texas A&M Chancellor Glenn Hegar stated the system must protect its 150 years of academic excellence from branding that misleads the public into assuming an affiliation between the two schools.

Current Status and Response

Governor Abbott has labeled the school an "illegal educational institution," a move that follows his previous scrutiny of Islamic K-12 schools. The state has threatened to involve Attorney General Ken Paxton for prosecution if the school does not comply.

Links:

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/education/article/texas-a-m-north-texas-muslim-school-trademark-22249645.php>

https://thetexan.news/issues/education/texas-american-muslim-university-in-dallas-ordered-to-close-by-higher-education-coordinating-board/article_12dd28c3-62db-4883-95c6-8dc614a8c0c9.html

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<https://texasscorecard.com/state/state-board-orders-muslim-university-in-dallas-to-shut-down/>

<https://www.ksstradio.com/2026/05/state-orders-unapproved-muslim-university-in-richardson-to-cease-operations/>

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/thecb-issues-cease-and-desist-letter-to-illegal-texam-entity/>



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The Sul Ross Group (SRG) Board of Directors (BoD) are solely responsible for producing the SRG Bulletins. We do so in keeping with one of our four charged SRG Constitution's purposes, which is to ensure our represented SRG Membership is kept informed on pertinent topics in a timely manner.

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SRG Board of Directors’ Resolutions for: 2026 – 2027

- To keep the Sul Ross Group (SRG) membership informed of pertinent topics and activities on campus through periodic SRG Bulletins.
- As investors of A&M, to continue to meet with and to offer our support and assistance to the leadership of TAMUS, TAMU, the Association of Former Students, A&M Foundation, the Commandant, the Corps Commander, and student government leaders.
- To support A&M’s Core Values and traditions and share these with all we meet, especially students, stressing unity of purpose and effort within the A&M community.
- To continue the ongoing review, execution and improvement of new student integration and assimilation into TAMU, working with and assisting the V.P. of Student Affairs, if invited, by periodically observing new student orientation – avoiding “not too much nor too little” oversight of student run organizations.
- Be it resolved that the SRG support their strategic goal of preserving what sets TAMU apart as distinctive and transcendent, as elder statesmen, and in accordance with the SRG’s four established Constitutional objectives while serving TAMU, the Association, and our membership.