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***MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
MARCH 22, 1996***

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Ms. Mary Nan West, at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 22, 1996, in Room 108 of the John B. Coleman Library, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Mary Nan West, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Alison Brisco
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Don Powell

The following members of the Board were not present:

Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel
Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker

The invocation was presented by Ms. Lydia Matlock, a sophomore at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) majoring in Education with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Ms. West thanked Dr. Charles Hines, President of PVAMU, and his staff for providing a warm welcome to all participating in the Board meeting.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), said PVAMU is one of the oldest public institutions in the State. He said everyone would later attend a momentous groundbreaking ceremony for new student housing, some 600 plus in number. Dr. Thompson said this will be one of the most visible changes for PVAMU. He thanked President Hines, his staff, the faculty, students and PVAMU supporters for their kind and generous hospitality. Dr. Thompson said PVAMU and the regional universities within the System cause a great deal of pride throughout the State because of the service provided to the people of Texas through extension, research and teaching. He concluded by stating that Dr. Hines' leadership was deeply appreciated.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Hines said it was an honor for the staff and students of PVAMU to host the Board of Regents. He said PVAMU is charged to meet the economic challenge; provide an avenue as a land-grant university to become a people's university; look at the underprepared and take cultural diversity very seriously; and particularly to pay attention to the historically bypassed. PVAMU is a public and state institution of the first-class and takes its land-grant mission seriously. It is one

of 118 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), the tenth largest in the country and a special purpose university. He said PVAMU has eight colleges to take students and transport them from entry to the world of work. The four cornerstones of PVAMU are research, service, education and relevance in quality. He said "relevance in quality" is the "long pole in the tent" because only to that extent can PVAMU become relevant in the lives of Texas and Texans. Dr. Hines said PVAMU must become a quality institution in everything that it does to be able to transport students to the real world of work. Not only are they graduating students but they want to create role models and productive citizens and leaders. Dr. Hines said the world today is very diverse and is becoming a meritocracy--there is very little concern out there now except what can you do, how can you do and can you make a difference. Dr. Hines then quoted Steven Klineberg at Rice University who said, "Education will be the cotton and oil of the Texas economy in the 21st Century." He said they are telling their students that never before in the history of this country is an education more important than it is now. Dr. Hines said his goal is to build an institution that will make a difference to our posterity.

Dr. Hines referred to input statistics and said when you take a look at the family incomes of undergraduates (1993-94), 24 percent of PVAMU's students come from families of incomes under \$9,000 a year and 34 percent come from families under \$21,000. He added that 88 percent of all students receive some form of financial aid. He then referred to output statistics stating that the average starting salary of graduates in May of 1995 in agriculture is \$22,000 and in arts and sciences it is \$25,000. He said PVAMU takes students, many of whom have nothing, and turn them into productive tax-paying people who can be proud of themselves and proud of their university and system.

Dr. Hines said PVAMU is heavily involved in the community and in trying to improve the lives of the communities that it serves. He then discussed the design and construction of the community center for the City of Prairie View which is to be funded through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PVAMU's Dean of Architecture wrote the grant and received a \$500,000 grant to build the facility. Dr. Hines said the facility will be just off Highway 290 near Prairie View. He said the center will become a nucleus for future interaction between the university and the community. It will house economic development seminars, job training workshops, student tutoring, crafts and recreation for youths and seniors, agricultural pursuits and health awareness. PVAMU's faculty, staff and students will provide the expertise. He added that representatives from the community and the university will comprise the administrative board for the 3,000 square foot center.

Dr. Hines said PVAMU is experiencing its highest enrollment in history, which is 5,999. Full time staff is 627 and faculty is 329.

Dr. Hines discussed housing and said there would be a ceremony to dedicate the phase I of privatized student housing. He said these might not be big things to most people, but they are huge things when you focus your attention on students as customers and students as clientele. He said the housing complex will consist of nine apartment-style buildings and a central building which will be on a site with perimeter fencing, card access and 672 parking spaces. Dr. Hines presented drawings of the facility, showing the suites, recreation areas, computer facilities, etc. In the best case, privatized housing will cost \$1,100 per semester per student. Current university housing costs \$845. He added that financial aid will cover most of that increase. He said scholarships have been elevated to cover the difference and the estimated out-of-pocket expense is about \$30. Students will pay their own electric bill after \$25 but in each student's room is a computer outlet, their own telephone jack, a cable outlet and individual climate control. Dr.

Hines said the estimated out-of-pocket expenses in the best case is \$30 and in the worst case is \$40.

Dr. Hines said the treatment of people is a major initiative that he has. In every performance plan the number 1 performance element will be courtesy and treating people with dignity and respect. Failure to do that is failure to do your job. He said PVAMU is training its leaders and supervisors to take these components very seriously, because people demand them and that is part of PVAMU's treatment of people profile.

Dr. Hines referred to athletics and said the students are tired of people just looking at PVAMU's win/loss record. The students said they want to be part of a winner, not because athletics are that important but because the name of PVAMU is important and whether you like it or not, you are judged by your athletic prowess. It becomes a window on the world for PVAMU. He said he is turning that to his advantage by seeking corporate support and partnerships. The students voted a return to scholarships by voting an increase in their student fees to fund 25 percent restoration of scholarships and also voted a \$3.11 increase per student hour to sustain those scholarships over the next four years.

Dr. Hines discussed special emphasis areas including the bookstore, registration and health services. He said the registration process has improved dramatically and stressed the need for first-class life saving services. He said yesterday PVAMU lost an honor electrical engineer who was returning from home on Highway 290. He said he worries about the students and providing first-class life saving service is important.

Dr. Hines said when you take a look at the student enrollment forecast from 1990 out to 2010, clearly you can see that the growth in higher education is in the junior college mode. In higher education it is growing but at a lesser rate. Dr. Hines said he needs to leverage that within the realms of reality to increase the enrollment at PVAMU. He discussed PVAMU recruitment possibilities with Houston Community College System, North Harris Montgomery County College, Dallas County, Blinn College and Tarrant. He said he will get students who do not need to be remediated. The northwest corridor is one of the most rapidly growing areas in Texas and maybe the world, it is the fourth largest city in the United States and 60 percent of the homes inside that area are single family which means that they have incomes and aspirations for higher education. The area is loaded with businesses and PVAMU can offer opportunities for education to those businesses and they can in effect exchange capabilities as well. He compared the growth in Harris County of 59 percent with the growth in the northwest corridor of 170 percent.

Dr. Hines discussed Project ACCESS (Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success) which is funded by the state. He said this is not remedial education but a different form where they involve students in critical thinking, problem solving and test taking skills. He said they are looking for students who want to learn, who are motivated to be all that they can be. He said Representative Steve Ogden funded this program for two years and PVAMU is now getting corporate contributions to sustain it. Dr. Hines said this is part of PVAMU's ability to raise its standards, but at the same time fulfill its historic mission.

Dr. Hines said PVAMU is the second largest producer in the nation of African-American engineers. It has an outstanding College of Education and School of Nursing. The graduate school is increasing by leaps and bounds. PVAMU was one of sixty universities in the country to build and race successfully a solar-powered car. The Air Force is investing in PVAMU's engineering capability and PVAMU is doing high speed research on composite materials to

withstand high thermal stress. He said they are a NASA radiation center doing research on the radiation effects of space travel, the space lab and the supersonic transport that flies at high altitudes where pilots are subjected to recurring radiation effects. PVAMU is a leader in USDA research in the country. He said the greatest killer in the world is starvation and PVAMU is providing training in agri-business. PVAMU is also the leading producer of African-American graduates pursuing the M.D. degree.

Dr. Hines concluded by saying that the solar-powered car is PVAMU's symbol of excellence because if PVAMU can build a solar-powered car that can race from Indianapolis to Colorado, it can do anything. It is a symbol of excellence of where PVAMU is trying to go. He said his motto is that PVAMU will embrace its standards and pursue excellence in everything that it does.

At 10:06 a.m., Ms. West recessed the meeting.

(Secretary's Note: The Board's Facilities Planning and Building Committee met from 10:05 a.m. until 11:05 a.m.)

At 1:30 p.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session in Room 508 of the John B. Coleman Library.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. West announced that having convened in open session, the Board would convene in a closed session to consider matters as permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: Section 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney-client confidential and privileged; Section 551.074, for discussion of matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee. Ms. West said that under this section the Board would discuss Items 6 and 7, and other personnel related items.

Ms. West said it was anticipated that the Board would reconvene in open session at 3:20 p.m. and return to Room 108. She said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed meeting would be made or taken.

At 4:56 p.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 1:35 p.m. until 4:55 p.m. Ms. West then recessed the meeting of the Board.

(Secretary's Note: Board Committees met from 5:08 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.)

At 5:51 p.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board and called on Mr. Lindsey for the report of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee.

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***REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE***



Mr. Lindsey, Chairman of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee, said the Committee recommended Items 1-A through 1-H for Board approval and the following architect/engineer selections:

- 1) Electronic Learning Center at West Texas A&M University -- Cox/Dirks Architects, P.C. of Lubbock, Texas
- 2) Southern Crop Improvement Facility, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station -- Edwards Associates of Houston, Texas

The Board took action as set forth below:



**40-96**  
*(Item 1-A)*

**APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE ELECTRONIC LEARNING CENTER  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The program of requirements for the Electronic Learning Center at West Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$10,000.00, the amount of \$190,000.00 is appropriated from Higher Education Assistance Fund for design for the Electronic Learning Center at West Texas A&M University.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

Cox/Dirks Architects, P.C. of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby selected as the architect/engineer for the Electronic Learning Center at West Texas A&M University, Project No. 18-2759.

**41-96**  
*(Item 1-B)*

**INITIATION OF A PROJECT FOR A  
SCIENCE BUILDING ADDITION**

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The following project is approved for initiation and the preparation of documents as indicated:

Science Building Addition, Project No. 15-2791

Project budget will be determined during program of requirements development.

Design by: A/E to be selected

Project Management and Contract Administration by: System Facilities Planning and Construction Department

The amount of \$10,000.00 is appropriated from General Use Fee for preparation of a program of requirements and related project costs.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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**42-96**  
*(Item 1-C)*

**APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE SOUTHERN CROP IMPROVEMENT FACILITY  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The program of requirements for the Southern Crop Improvement Facility, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, is approved.

**(42-96 continued)**

Supplementing net previous appropriations of \$2,480.00, the amount of \$145,000.00 is appropriated from United States Department of Agriculture CSRS Construction Agreement for

design for the Southern Crop Improvement Facility, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

Edwards Associates of Houston, Texas, is hereby selected as the architect/engineer for the Southern Crop Improvement Facility, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas, Project No. 5-2761.

**43-96**

*(Item 1-D)*

**INITIATION OF A PROJECT FOR  
AGRONOMY CIRCLE COMPLETION  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The following project is approved for initiation and the preparation of documents as indicated:

Agronomy Circle Completion, Project No. 1-2775

Project budget will be determined during the program of requirements development.

Design by: A/E to be selected

Project Management and Contract Administration by: System Facilities Planning and Construction Department

The amount of \$10,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Combined Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 1988B - Parking Revenue) for preparation of a program of requirements and related project costs.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

(43-96 continued)

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**44-96**

*(Item 1-E)*

**APPROPRIATION FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
AND APPROVAL OF NEW PROJECT SITE AND  
BUDGET FOR THE DAIRY PRODUCTS  
TEACHING AND RESEARCH LAB  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The project budget is increased from \$2,500,000.00 to \$3,700,000.00 for the Dairy Products Teaching and Research Lab at Texas A&M University.

The new project site for the Dairy Products Teaching and Research Lab at Texas A&M University in the Research Park is approved.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$203,000.00, the amount of \$82,000.00 is appropriated from General Use Fee for preliminary design and related project costs for the Dairy Products Teaching and Research Lab at Texas A&M University.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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**45-96**

*(Item 1-F)*

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
TO TAKE ACTIONS ON THE  
ENERGY CONSERVATION INITIATIVES, 1995  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor is delegated the authority to award contract(s) to the lowest responsible bidder(s), to appropriate funds and to do any and all things necessary within funds available to accomplish the Energy Conservation Initiatives, 1995 at Texas A&M University.

State LoanSTAR Program funds are appropriated when received and like amounts of previous appropriations are reverted to University Utility System Revenue Fund.

**46-96**

*(Item 1-G)*

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
ELLER OCEANOGRAPHY AND METEOROLOGY  
BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Based on bids received February 1, 1996, the contract is awarded to Garrett Mechanical, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, at \$384,450.00 the low base bid and Alternates 1 and 2 for the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building Energy Conservation Measures at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$75,000.00, the amount of \$400,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Utility Revenue) and the amount of \$325,000.00 is appropriated from Deferred Maintenance Projects for the Eller Oceanography and Meteorology Building Energy Conservation Measures at Texas A&M University.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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47-96  
(Item 1-H)

**INITIATION OF A PROJECT FOR A  
RESEARCH BUILDING  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The following project is approved for initiation and the preparation of documents as indicated:

TTI Research Building, Project No. 10-2792

Project budget will be determined during the program of requirements development.

Design by: A/E to be selected

Project Management and Contract Administration by: System Facilities Planning and Construction Department

The amount of \$10,000.00 is appropriated from Local Funds - Indirect Cost Recovery for preparation of a program of requirements and related project costs.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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Ms. West then presented the report of the Executive Committee.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ms. West, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported that the Committee had met earlier in the day and considered Items 2 through 9, and Consent Items 23 through 25. The Board took action as set forth below:



**48-96**

*(Item 2)*

**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS HELD ON  
JANUARY 25, 1996; JANUARY 24, 1996; DECEMBER 1, 1995;  
NOVEMBER 29, 1995; AND NOVEMBER 7, 1995**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on January 25, 1996, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on January 24, 1996, are hereby corrected to change the adjournment time to 7:30 p.m. After this correction, said minutes are approved.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on December 1, 1995, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on November 29, 1995, are hereby corrected to change the adjournment time to 7:30 p.m. After this correction, said minutes are approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in Houston, Texas, on November 7, 1995, are hereby approved.

**49-96**

*(Item 3)*

**NAMING OF  
THE HUGHES "BUDDY" SEEWALD '42 BUILDING  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The small building now under construction at the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry Green is hereby named the "Hughes 'Buddy' Seewald '42 Building."

**50-96**

*(Item 3)*

**NAMING OF THE  
CHARLIE MAST FLUID MECHANICS LABORATORY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

**(50-96 continued)**

The laboratory in the Engineering Physics Building, which houses the Department of Mechanical Engineering, is hereby named the "Charlie Mast Fluid Mechanics Laboratory."

**51-96**

*(Item 4)*

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF  
REGENT EMERITUS PEYTON MCKNIGHT  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, the late Mr. Peyton McKnight, Jr., who served on the Board of Directors of The Texas A&M University System with honor and integrity for six years, from 1967 to 1973; and

Whereas, Mr. McKnight was a graduate of Texas A&M University, Class of 1947, and carried his love and loyalty for his university proudly; and

Whereas, Mr. McKnight was a state leader as a member of the Texas Senate for 10 years from 1973 to 1983, as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1949 to 1951, and in those leadership positions was a champion for Texas higher education and civil liberties; and

Whereas, Mr. McKnight served our country during World War II, flying more than 50 combat missions in Europe; and was a former United States Marshal of the Eastern District of Texas; and

Whereas, during his service on the Board of Directors of The Texas A&M University System, Mr. McKnight was a strong supporter of improved facilities for all A&M System universities, with more than 20 buildings on the Texas A&M University campus alone bearing a plaque in his honor; and

Whereas, Mr. McKnight received recognition throughout his adult life as a community volunteer, leader, businessman and politician; and

Whereas, The Texas A&M University System and the State of Texas acknowledge Mr. McKnight's lifetime contributions of common-sense leadership, dedication and vision, and recognize that he touched the lives of many Texans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 22nd day of March 1996, express our appreciation for the service of Mr. McKnight to the State of Texas and our sense of loss at his death, and we extend our sympathy and condolences to his wife and his family; and, be it further



**(51-96 continued)**

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to Mrs. McKnight and to the Archives of Texas A&M University as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which his memory is held.

**52-96**

*(Item 5)*

**SELECTION OF REGENT ROBERT H. ALLEN TO  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION  
TO INVEST FUNDS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT AND  
CONTROL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BOARD  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Pursuant to Education Code Section 66.08, wherein the University of Texas Board of Regents is authorized to contract with a nonprofit corporation to invest funds, including the Permanent University Fund, and in consideration of Regent Robert H. Allen's substantial background and expertise in investments, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System selects Regent Robert H. Allen as the Board's candidate for membership to the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation.

**53-96**

*(Item 6)*

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. KAY CLAYTON AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL SERVICES  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Kay Clayton is hereby appointed as Vice President for Student Affairs and Special Services at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, effective March 1, 1996.

**54-96**

*(Item 7)*

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIE A. TEMPTON  
AS INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

**(54-96 continued)**

The temporary appointment of Mr. Willie A. Tempton as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration at Prairie View A&M University for the period February 1, 1996 through March 21, 1996, is hereby confirmed, and he is formally appointed to the interim position effective March 22, 1996.

**55-96**

*(Item 8)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREE TO  
MRS. WILHELMINA FITZGERALD DELCO  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Pursuant to the Prairie View A&M University policy for awarding an honorary doctorate, the awarding of the honorary Doctor of Letters (Litt D) degree to Mrs. Wilhelmina Fitzgerald Delco is hereby approved.

**56-96**

*(Item 9)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREE TO  
EDWARD F. KNIPLING  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Texas A&M University is authorized to award an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Edward F. Knipling.

**57-96**

*(Consent Item 23)*

**GRANTING OF EMERITUS TITLES  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of "Emeritus/Emerita" upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 95-96-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**58-96**

*(Consent Item 24-A)*

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR ACADEMIC TENURE  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 on academic freedom, responsibility and tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth on Tenure List 95-96-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

**59-96**

*(Consent Item 24-B)*

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR ACADEMIC TENURE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 on academic freedom, responsibility and tenure, hereby grants tenure to the faculty members as set forth on the list attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**.

**60-96**

*(Consent Item 25)*

**CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The appointments and promotions made by the Chief Executive Officers of the respective components of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on Appointment List No. 95-96-04, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**, and Promotion List No. 95-96-04, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, are hereby confirmed.



Ms. West called on Mr. Lindsey for the report of the Committee for Academic Campuses.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ACADEMIC CAMPUSES**

Mr. Lindsey, Vice Chairman of the Committee for Academic Campuses, said the Committee met and unanimously approved Items 10 through 15. The Board took action as set forth below:



**61-96**  
*(Item 10)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE THE  
ACADEMY FOR ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Academy for Advanced Telecommunications and Learning Technologies is hereby created as an organizational part of Texas A&M University reporting to the Provost. The President of Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to appoint a Director of the Academy for Advanced Telecommunications and Learning Technologies.

**62-96**  
*(Item 11)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
INITIATING A NEW PROGRAM LEADING TO A  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal initiating a new program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Criminology.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, the need of the State of Texas for students to be trained in this field, and the cost of such training.

The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Kingsville, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Science in Criminology to its degree inventory.

**63-96**

*(Item 12)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
INITIATING A NEW PROGRAM LEADING TO A  
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal initiating a new program leading to a Bachelor of Social Work.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, the need of the State of Texas for students to be trained in this field, and the cost of such training.

The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Kingsville, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Social Work to its degree inventory.

**64-96**

*(Item 13)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
TO DIVIDE THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES INTO TWO DEPARTMENTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING)  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Tarleton State University is authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal to divide the current Department of Biological Sciences into two departments: 1) The Department of Biological Sciences and 2) the Department of Nursing.

**65-96**  
(Item 14)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY FOR  
INSTRUCTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of West Texas A&M University to proceed with a proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for expansion of authority for instructional telecommunications through the use of Internet, video taping and a local cable television channel to be effective Fall 1996.

**66-96**  
(Item 15)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
INITIATING A SUBSTANTIVE CURRICULUM CHANGE FOR  
THE HARRINGTON CERTIFICATE IN  
STRING QUARTET PERFORMANCE  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of West Texas A&M University to proceed with initiating a substantive curriculum change with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for The Harrington Certificate in String Quartet Performance.

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Ms. West called on Mr. O'Connor for the report of the Committee for Service Units.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SERVICE UNITS

Mr. O'Connor, Chairman of the Committee for Service Units, reported that the Committee had met and considered Items 16, 17 and 18 and all were unanimously approved. The Board took action as set forth in the following:

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**67-96**  
(Item 16)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH  
EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chairman of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**, between the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and East Texas State University, to become effective immediately upon signature.

**68-96**  
(Item 17)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH  
ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chairman of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**, between the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Angelo State University, to become effective immediately upon signature.

**69-96**  
(Item 18)

**CLOSURE OF SPACE RESEARCH CENTER  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby formally closes the Texas Engineering Experiment Station's Space Research Center.



Ms. West called on Ms. Brisco for the report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Brisco, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that the Committee recommended adoption of Items 19 through 22, and Consent Items 26 through 28. The Board took action as set forth below:



**70-96**

*(Item 19)*

*(Revised Exhibit I)*

**APPROVAL OF NEW FEES AND INCREASED FEES  
EFFECTIVE FALL 1996 AT THE  
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The request for new fees and increased fees for Academic Institutions of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibit H** and **Exhibit I**, is approved to be effective with the Fall 1996 semester.

**71-96**

*(Item 20)*

**APPROVAL OF LOCAL DEPOSITORY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In accordance with The Texas A&M University System Investment Policy, Kleberg First National Bank is hereby approved as the local depository for Texas A&M University-Kingsville for a term of three years beginning April 1, 1996.

**72-96**

*(Item 21)*

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
EDWARD H. GOHMERT MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment account to be called the "Edward H. Gohmert Memorial Scholarship Endowment." The account will be created with a deposit of \$78,840.00 from the balance of the Edward H. Gohmert Account (651393). Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to fund student scholarships.

**73-96**

*(Item 22)*



**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER  
 INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE  
 STEPHENVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following review and approval by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Lease Agreement with the Stephenville Independent School District for the use of University athletic facilities including Memorial Stadium, Oscar Frazier Track, practice facilities, tennis courts, Cecil Ballow Baseball Complex, the new softball field, Wisdom Gymnasium, and parking lots associated with athletic facilities. The term of this Lease Agreement will be for a period of ten (10) years for approximately \$1,000,000.

**74-96**

*(Consent Item 26)*

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS BY THE  
 CHANCELLOR OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS  
 THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The following report of appropriations by the Chancellor or Chief Executive Officers is hereby accepted:

| <u>Member and Project No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Project Name and Source of Funds</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|
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Construction Projects

Appropriated by the Chancellor:

|                  |              |                                                                                     |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAMU<br>1-2718   | \$331,120.00 | Library, Computing, and Study Complex<br>Revenue Financing System (General Use Fee) |
| PVAMU<br>PV-0187 | \$400,000.00 | Deferred Maintenance FY 96<br>Available University Fund                             |

**(74-96 continued)**

Appropriated by the Chief Executive Officer:

|                |              |                                                                                                                    |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TSU<br>95-0023 | \$ 3,500.00  | Construct Women's Baseball Facility<br>Unappropriated Plant Funds - Local                                          |
| TSU<br>96-0005 | \$ 10,000.00 | Repair Drainage on New Student Development<br>Center<br>Unappropriated Plant Funds - Student<br>Development Center |

Other Appropriations

Appropriated by the Chief Executive Officer:

|      |              |                                                                          |
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| TAMU | \$450,000.00 | Modify and Renovate the Agriculture Building<br>General Fee Revenue Fund |
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**75-96**

*(Consent Item 27)*

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, LOANS  
AND BEQUESTS  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby accepts the gifts, grants, loans and bequests made to the Components of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gift, Grant, Loan and Bequest List No. 95-96-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

**76-96**

*(Consent Item 28)*

**CONFIRMATION OF  
VENDING MACHINE CONTRACT  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The following vending machine contract, executed in accordance with Policy 28.03, is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved for the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

(76-96 continued)

- A. Vending machine contract, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**, dated February 1, 1996, with Adolph's Vending Service, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, covering approximately 4 snack, fresh food, and soft drink machines. These machines are to be placed in the Texas Engineering Extension Service's facilities in Mesquite, Texas. The vendor will pay Texas Engineering Extension Service 13.5 percent of gross receipts. The term of the agreement is from February 1, 1996, to August 31, 1997.



Ms. West then asked for a moment of silence for Quanah Tamara Jones, a Prairie View A&M University student, who was killed in an automobile accident the day before. She said Quanah was a junior honor student majoring in electrical engineering.

There being no further business, Ms. West adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Running  
Secretary of the Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

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