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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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CONVENE BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 1996

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Ms. Mary Nan West, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 9:06 a.m., on Thursday, September 26, 1996, in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, 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 (*joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.*)
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Don Powell
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker

The invocation was presented by Mr. Jay Furman, a Texas A&M University student majoring in Agricultural Development.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Ms. West called on Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). Dr. Thompson reported that there have been several outstanding meetings throughout the System celebrating Texas A&M-Texarkana, Texas A&M University-Commerce and the Baylor College of Dentistry joining the System. He said the school year has begun in earnest and TAMUS has approximately 85,930 students enrolled.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Ray Bowen, President of Texas A&M University (TAMU), discussed the mission of TAMU, core values, facts regarding the faculty and students, information on endowments, research, enrollment, retention statistics, graduation information and the Capturing the Spirit Campaign.

REMARKS FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS

The following TAMU faculty members gave remarks: Dr. Susan Steven Golden, Professor in the Department of Biology; Dr. John L. Junkins, Professor of Aerospace Engineering and holder of the George J. Eppwright Endowed Chair and Director of the Center of Mechanics and Control; and Dr. Marilyn Kern-Foxworth, award winning Associate Professor of Journalism.

Ms. West recessed the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee was held from 10:10 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.)

Ms. West reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**REMARKS FROM DR. DOMINICK DEPAOLA, DR. JERRY MORRIS,
DR. STEPHEN HENSLEY AND DR. CHARLES JENNETT**

The Board received reports from Dr. Dominick DePaola, President of Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD), Dr. Jerry Morris, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), Dr. Stephen Hensley, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T) and Dr. J. Charles Jennett, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU).

Ms. West recessed the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meetings of the Planning and Building Committee, the Committee for Service Units and the Committee for Land and Mineral Resources were held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:56 p.m.)

Ms. West reconvened the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 3:15 p.m., 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. Ms. West said under this section the Board would discuss Item 21 and other legal matters. 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 consider Item 20 and other personnel matters. Ms. West 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. Ms. West asked the following members of the administration to stay for the closed session: Dr. Barry Thompson; Mr. Dick Lindsay, Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations; Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Deputy Chancellor for Academic Institutions and Agencies;

Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel; and Ms. Tami Sayko, Chancellor's Chief of Staff. Ms. West announced that the following would be called on for reports during the closed session: Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU; Dr. Ed Hiler, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences; and Mr. Frank Clark, System Internal Auditor.

At 4:55 p.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 3:15 p.m. until 4:50 p.m. She then recessed the meeting of the Board and announced that the Committee for Academic Campuses would convene the next morning at 8:00 a.m.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 27, 1996

(Secretary's Note: Meetings of the Committee for Academic Campuses and Executive Committee were held from 8:02 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.)

On Friday, September 27, 1996, at 11:41 a.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board. 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
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker

Ms. West called on Mr. Lindsey for the report of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Lindsey, Chairman of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee, said the Committee had met September 26 and approved Items 1-A through 1-F and the following architect/engineer selections:

- 1) Olsen Road Completion at Texas A&M University: Esmond Engineering, Inc. of College Station
- 2) Easterwood Airport Improvements at Texas A&M University, Bucher: Willis & Ratcliff Corporation of Dallas and Tyler
- 3) Easterwood Airport Fire Station at Texas A&M University: Carter Design Associates of Austin

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**172-96**

*(Item 1-A)*

**ACTION ON BIDS  
FOR THE RESIDENCE HALLS REHABILITATION,  
PHASE II (JONES AND CROSS)  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on bids received August 15, 1996, the contract is awarded to West Texas Contractors, Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, at \$2,074,900.00, the low base bid and Alternates 1, 2 and 3 for the Residence Halls Rehabilitation, Phase II (Jones and Cross) at West Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$3,052,000.00, the amount of \$2,458,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (General Use Fee and Dormitory Revenue) for the Residence Halls Rehabilitation, Phase II (Jones and Cross) at West Texas A&M University.

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.

**173-96**

*(Item 1-B)*



**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE OLSEN ROAD COMPLETION  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Olsen Road Completion at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$10,000.00, the amount of \$43,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Combined Fee Revenue Bonds-Investment Earnings) for design of the Olsen Road Completion at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Esmond Engineering, Inc. of College Station, Texas, is selected as the project architect/engineer for the Olsen Road Completion at Texas A&M University.

**174-96**

*(Item 1-C)*

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION  
OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE EASTERWOOD AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Easterwood Airport Improvements at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$90,000.00 is appropriated from Airport Operations Special Reserve for design of the Easterwood Airport Improvements at Texas A&M University.

To the extent allowed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules, any funds received from FAA grants for this work are hereby appropriated and like amounts of previous appropriations are reverted to Airport Operations Special Reserve.

**(174-96 continued)**

The firm of Bucher, Willis & Ratcliff Corporation of Dallas and Tyler, Texas, is selected as the project architect/engineer for the Easterwood Airport Improvements at Texas A&M University.

**175-96**

*(Item 1-D)*

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE EASTERWOOD AIRPORT FIRE STATION  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Easterwood Airport Fire Station at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$10,000.00, the amount of \$150,000.00 is appropriated from Airport Operations Special Reserve for design for the Easterwood Airport Fire Station at Texas A&M University.

To the extent allowed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules, any funds received from FAA grants for this work are hereby appropriated and like amounts of previous appropriations are reverted to Airport Operations Special Revenue.

The firm of Carter Design Associates of Austin, Texas, is selected as the project architect/engineer for the Easterwood Airport Fire Station at Texas A&M University.

**176-96**

*(Item 1-E)*

**APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
AND APPROPRIATION FOR DETAILED DESIGN OF THE  
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BUILDING, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, TEMPLE, TEXAS  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Preliminary design of the Education and Research Building, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Temple, is approved.

**(176-96 continued)**

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$240,000.00, the amount of \$350,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for

detailed design of the Education and Research Building, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Temple.

**177-96**

*(Item 1-F)*

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
WEST CAMPUS STREETS DEVELOPMENT, PHASE III  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on bids received August 8, 1996, the contract is awarded to Construction Resource Group, Inc. of College Station, Texas, at \$1,685,474.00 the low base bid and Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the West Campus Streets Development, Phase III at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$3,085,000.00, the amount of \$1,050,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds and the amount of \$860,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Parking Revenue) for the West Campus Streets Development 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).

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.

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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 two items, Item 2 and Item 3 (a concept paper). He said the Committee recommended approval of those items and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**178-96**

*(Item 2)*

**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE ERGONOMICS 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 Ergonomics Center is established as a center within the Texas Engineering Experiment Station and will report administratively to the Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station. The Director(s) of the Ergonomics Center shall be appointed by the Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

**179-96**

*(Item 3)*

**APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT OF  
THE GLOBAL PETROLEUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the concept paper for the establishment of the Global Petroleum Research Institute, Texas Engineering Experiment Station, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**. The administration is directed to proceed with the full scale development of the proposal for Board approval.

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Ms. West called on Mr. O'Connor for the report of the Committee for Land and Mineral Resources.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR LAND AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Mr. O'Connor, Chairman of the Committee for Land and Mineral Resources, reported that the Committee had met and considered one item, Item 4. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**180-96**

*(Item 4)*

**APPROVAL OF OIL, GAS AND SULPHUR LEASE  
COVERING 686.2 ACRES, EDWARDS COUNTY  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

A satisfactory bid has been received for the lease of oil, gas and sulphur in 686.2 acres of land, more or less. The lease is awarded to Marshall & Winston, Inc., the highest bidder at the auction sale held in Room 524, John B. Connally Building, at 10:00 a.m., August 7, 1996. The winning bid consisted of a total bonus of \$102,930.00, amounting to \$150.00 per mineral acre and 25 percent royalty to be paid to The Texas A&M University System. The land leased is described as:

686.2 acres of land, more or less, more particularly described as the south half of Section 45, Abstract No. 739, (338.85 acres) and the south half of Section 64, Abstract No. 2462 (347.35 acres), CCSD & RGNG Ry. Co. Survey, Edwards County, Texas.

Upon receipt of one hundred percent (100%) of the bonus payment by Marshall & Winston, Inc., in the form of a cashier's or certified check, and pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, is authorized to execute the lease and to perform other acts necessary in connection with the lease as required by law.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ACADEMIC CAMPUSES

Ms. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee for Academic Campuses, said the Committee met earlier and entertained reports, requested that further reports be filed with the Committee and recommended approval of Items 5 through 12.

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**181-96**

*(Item 5)*

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
REGENTS PROFESSOR SERVICE AWARD  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, 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 establishes the Regents Professor Service Award which will honor deserving faculty members within the System universities and agencies for outstanding service, as designated in **Exhibit B**, to be effective with the 1996-97 Academic Year.

**182-96**

*(Item 6)*

**APPROVAL OF UPDATE OF THE SYSTEM PLAN  
FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT PLAN TO THE THECB  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The August 1996 Update of the System Plan for Instructional Telecommunications hereby replaces the 1991 version approved by the Board Minute Order No. 283-91. The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the August 1996 Update of the System Plan for Instructional Telecommunications, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**.

**183-96**

*(Item 7)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE  
THECB TO EXPAND TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO OFFER  
A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN MUSIC  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University requests that its Table of Programs be expanded to allow the institution to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Therefore, it is requested that the Table of Programs, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**, be approved for submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**184-96**

*(Item 8)*

**APPROVAL OF SEAL  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, 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 authorizes Texas A&M University-Commerce, effective September 1, 1996, to use the seal attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**.

**185-96**

*(Item 9)*

**APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY COLORS, LOGO,  
SEAL, FLAG AND MASCOT  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, 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 authorizes Texas A&M University-Texarkana, effective September 30, 1996, to use the colors, logo, seal, flag and mascot illustrated in **Exhibit F**, attached to the official minutes.

**186-96**

*(Item 10)*

**APPROVAL OF ADMISSION STANDARDS  
FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1997-1998  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, 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 approves the 1997-98 admission standards for each component university of The Texas A&M University System on terms and conditions substantially the same as those contained in **Exhibit G**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**187-96**

*(Item 11)*

**ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICIES  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
02.01 "Board of Regents"**

**11.04 "Enrollment Management Plans and Admission Standards"**

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

Revisions to System Policies, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**, are hereby approved to be effective immediately.

**188-96**

*(Item 12-A)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE THECB  
TO MODIFY TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE  
BACHELORS DEGREES IN CONTROL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is authorized to submit to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a request that its Table of Programs be modified to include bachelors degrees in Control Systems Engineering Technology and in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

**189-96**

*(Item 12-B)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE THECB  
TO OFFER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND  
CONTROL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby authorized to request approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for new undergraduate programs leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and the Bachelor of Science Degree in Control Systems Engineering Technology.

**(189-96 continued)**



The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 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 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi under its legal mandate should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Control Systems Engineering Technology to its degree inventory.

**190-96**  
*(Item 12-C)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE THECB  
TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
GERONTOLOGICAL SERVICES  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby authorized to request approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a new undergraduate program leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Gerontological Services.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 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-Corpus Christi under its legal mandate should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Science Degree in Gerontological Services to its degree inventory.

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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 had met and recommended approval of Items 22 through 27. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**191-96**  
*(Item 22)*

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION  
FOR DINING SERVICES WITH MARRIOTT  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES CORPORATION**

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The seven-year contract between Prairie View A&M University and Marriott Management Services Corporation, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, is hereby approved.

**192-96**  
*(Item 23)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH  
QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED  
"HELEN PATRICIA LINK QUASI-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 to be called "Helen Patricia Link Quasi-Endowment." The account will be created with proceeds from partial distribution of the Link Estate in the amount of \$3,000,000. Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will support equine studies and research in the Department of Animal Science, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery, College of Veterinary Medicine, with the mutual concurrence of the two respective College Deans.

**193-96**  
*(Item 24)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
ESTABLISH QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED  
"GEORGE ARMISTEAD, JR. '23 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:

**(193-96 continued)**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment account to be called "George Armistead, Jr. '23 Endowment." The account will be created with funds received from the Armistead Estate in the amount of \$75,996.31. Interest earnings from the

quasi-endowment will be used to award salary supplement to faculty members of exceptional ability and established positions in the Departments of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering.

**194-96**  
(Item 25)

**APPROPRIATION OF PUF BOND PROCEEDS  
FOR CLASSROOM RENOVATION  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

PUF Bond proceeds in the amount of \$2,000,000 are hereby appropriated to Texas A&M University for the Classroom Renovation Program.

**195-96**  
(Item 26)

**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 Gifts, Grants, Loans and Bequests List No. 96-97-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

**196-96**  
(Item 27)

**APPROPRIATION OF REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM  
DEBT PROCEEDS TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE AND  
ACQUISITION OF HOT AND CHILLED WATER AND  
STEAM DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS  
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:

**(196-96 continued)**

Revenue Financing System Debt proceeds are hereby appropriated to pay for the purchase and acquisition of the hot and chilled water and steam distribution systems authorized by, but not to exceed the amount specified in Minute Order 150-96.

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 are reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s) when bond proceeds authorized herein are received.

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 Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations. Permanent University Fund debt proceeds previously appropriated by Minute Order 359-94 are hereby reverted.

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Ms. West 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 the same day, received several reports and considered and recommended approval of Items 13 through 21, 28 and 29. Ms. West reminded the Board that the exhibit to Item 16 was revised. Item 30 had been withdrawn prior to the meeting. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**197-96**  
(Item 13)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 25-26, 1996;  
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 1996;  
AND SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26, 1996  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Allen seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:  
**(197-96 continued)**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in Stephenville, Texas, on July 25-26, 1996, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on August 21, 1996, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on August 26, 1996, are hereby approved.

**198-96**

*(Item 14)*

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

On motion of Mr. Allen seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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. 96-97-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**199-96**

*(Item 15)*

**GRANTING OF ACADEMIC TENURE  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Allen seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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 96-97-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**.

**200-96**

*(Item 16)*

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

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

The appointments and promotions accepted and approved by the Chief Executive Officers of the respective Components of The Texas A&M University System, or their designees, as shown on Appointment List No. 96-97-01, a copy

of which attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**, and Promotion List No. 96-97-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**, are hereby confirmed.

**201-96**

*(Item 17)*

**NAMING OF BARBARA BUSH DRIVE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The parkway in the 90-acre library park on the campus of Texas A&M University, leading from George Bush Drive to the entrance of the Bush Presidential Library Building, is hereby named "Barbara Bush Drive."

**202-96**

*(Item 17)*

**NAMING OF THE L. LOWRY MAYS  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University's College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business is hereby named the "L. Lowry Mays College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business."

**203-96**

*(Item 17)*

**NAMING OF THE  
SUNKYONG GROUP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROOM  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Conference Room in the International Center of the Bush Presidential Library Complex on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the "Sunkyoung Group International Conference Room."

**204-96**

*(Item 18)*

**APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN FOR  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The 1996 Master Plan for Texas A&M University at Galveston which was presented at the July 25, 1996, meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**, is hereby approved for implementation.

**205-96**

*(Item 19)*

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING  
DEDICATION OF MR. W. MIKE BAGGETT '68  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Mr. William Mike Baggett, a member of the Class of 1968, serves Texas A&M University with honor and distinction in a variety of capacities; and

Whereas, Mr. Baggett earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting at Texas A&M University in 1968; and

Whereas, Mr. Baggett served his country with valor in Vietnam with the United States Army from 1968 to 1971, receiving decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal; and

**(205-96 continued)**

Whereas, Mr. Baggett was a Cum Laude graduate of the Baylor University School of Law in 1973; and has been a partner in the law firm of Winstead, Sechrest and Minick for over twenty years, now serving as chairman and chief executive officer; and has served as a briefing attorney for the Texas Supreme Court; and

Whereas, Mr. Baggett served a six-year term on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board providing leadership and direction for all Texas higher education; and

Whereas, Mr. Baggett has generously supported his alma mater, contributing to the Building Fund for the Clayton Williams, Jr. Alumni Center, the Texas A&M University 12th Man Foundation and the Corps of Cadets; generously and selflessly supporting numerous other programs at Texas A&M University; and guiding approval of the Special Events Center (Reed Arena) through the Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

Whereas, Mr. Baggett served on the Board of Trustees of the Texas A&M University Development Foundation from 1989 to 1996, serving as Chairman in 1993; and as President of the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students in 1988; and serves on the Dallas Steering Committee of the Capturing the Spirit Campaign; and as a member of the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business Development Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Mike Baggett '68 was instrumental in guiding the Texas A&M University Development Foundation during the University's \$500 million Capturing the Spirit Campaign; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents expresses its deepest gratitude for Mr. Baggett's contributions to Texas A&M University, the Development Foundation, and the Association of Former Students; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Mr. Baggett, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and respect for Mr. William Mike Baggett '68.



**206-96**  
*(Item 20)*

**AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE THE POSITION OF  
VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON AND  
APPOINTMENT OF DR. VIOLA E. FLOREZ AS  
INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective September 1, 1996, the position of Vice President and Chief Executive Officer for Texas A&M University at Galveston is created which will report to the Executive Vice President and Provost at Texas A&M University. Dr. Viola E. Florez is hereby appointed Interim Vice President and Chief Executive Officer at Texas A&M University at Galveston until an individual can be identified through a national search to fill the position.

**207-96**  
*(Item 21-Revised)*

**REAUTHORIZATION OF MINUTE ORDER 150-96  
(AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH TENNECO POWER GENERATION)  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The authority granted in Minute Order 150-96 is hereby amended so that the requirement that the settlement agreement be entered into by October 1, 1996 is deleted. Such agreement may be entered into whenever the agreement is finalized in accordance with all other terms specified in Minute Order 150-96.

**208-96**  
*(Item 28)*

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
CONGRESSMAN GREG LAUGHLIN  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

**(208-96 continued)**

Whereas, The Honorable Greg Laughlin, a 1964 graduate of Texas A&M University, has served Texas and the Nation with distinction, most notably as Representative for the 14<sup>th</sup> District of Texas to the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin was initially elected to his present office in 1988 and was subsequently re-elected to three consecutive two-year terms in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin's varied services in the United States House of Representatives have included membership on the Committee on Ways and Means, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and as Co-Chairman of United States/Former Soviet Union Energy Caucus; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin has served on the Board of Visitors for the United States Military Academy, and was Chairman of the Board in 1991; and

Whereas, in conjunction with his service in the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Laughlin has remained active in the Army Reserve, in which he currently holds the rank of Colonel, and with his service having included a period of active duty in the Middle East During Operation Desert Storm in 1991, the only seated member of Congress to so serve in that capacity; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin's overall support of Reserve activities has earned him acclaim from various national organizations, including the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association which presented him its "Legislator of the Year Award" for 1996; and

Whereas, during his service in the House of Representatives, Congressman Laughlin has provided valuable assistance to his alma mater and other parts of The Texas A&M University System, as exemplified by his instrumental role in helping arrange for a replacement vessel for the "Texas Clipper," the training ship operated by Texas A&M University at Galveston; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin has rendered invaluable service to The Texas A&M University System and higher education generally in a variety of other ways, including the leadership that he provided in helping establish the Center for Study of Western Hemispheric Trade, a consortium composed of Texas A&M University, Texas A&M International University, The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas at El Paso; and

**(208-96 continued)**

Whereas, the Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Congressional Intern Program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M

University was founded in 1990 through the efforts and support of Congressman Laughlin, who has remained a steadfast champion and host of congressional interns in his office during this successful six-year program; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin will be returning to private life in January of 1997; and

Whereas, Congressman Laughlin has announced that he will donate his congressional papers to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its deepest gratitude to Congressman Laughlin for his service to his country, state and alma mater; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Congressman Greg Laughlin, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and respect for Congressman Laughlin and as a means of wishing him well in his new endeavors.

**209-96**

*(Item 29)*

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
CONGRESSMAN JACK M. FIELDS, JR.  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, The Honorable Jack M. Fields, Jr., has served Texas and the Nation with distinction, most notably as Representative for the 8<sup>th</sup> District of Texas to the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields was elected to his present office in 1981, at age 29, and was subsequently re-elected to seven consecutive two-year terms in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the District represented by Congressman Fields includes the areas in which The Texas A&M University System headquarters and its research and service agencies are based and which serves as home to Texas A&M University; and

**(209-96 continued)**

Whereas, Congressman Fields' varied services in the United States House of Representatives have included membership on the Commerce Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and the Public Works and Transportation Committee; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields, as Chairman of the Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee, provided exemplary leadership and expertise in the first comprehensive revision of the nation's telecommunications laws in sixty-two years; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields, through his vision and dedication to merging telecommunications and education, was instrumental in making possible the creation of the Mickey Leland Africa Distance Learning Demonstration Project, a pioneering telecommunications endeavor implemented and directed by Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields has provided vital assistance to Texas A&M University and other parts of The Texas A&M University System in a variety of other ways, including rendering help in arranging for a replacement vessel for the "Texas Clipper," the training ship for Texas A&M University at Galveston; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields has been a faithful proponent of the Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Congressional Intern Program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University by serving as a host office for several congressional interns; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields has announced his retirement from Congress when his current term expires in January of 1997; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields has announced that he will donate his Congressional papers to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum located at Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields will provide financial resources to endow an annual lecture series on excellence in telecommunications at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, also at Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, Congressman Fields has a long and distinguished record of service to higher education, beginning with his unprecedented two terms as the elected student body president of Baylor University, from which he was graduated in 1974 and where he earned his law degree in 1977, and for which he served nine years as a member of its Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

**(209-96 continued)**

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its deepest gratitude to Congressman Fields for his service to his country and his state and to The Texas A&M University System and higher education generally; and be it further

Resolved, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Congressman Jack M. Fields, Jr., and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and respect for Congressman Fields and as a means of wishing him well in his new endeavors.

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Ms. West and Dr. Hiler presented a framed resolution to Dr. Robert Merrifield recognizing his emeritus status and exemplary service to The Texas A&M University System.

Mr. McClure, Chairman of the Board's Bylaws Committee, reported that the Committee had met three times. He said the Committee would bring recommendations to the Board for consideration and action at the December meeting.

There being no further business, Ms. West adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m., the same day.

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

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