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**MINUTES OF THE
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CONVENE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Mr. Don Powell, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 10:05 a.m., on Thursday, May 28, 1998, 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:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen *(left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.)*
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. Frederick D. McClure *(joined the meeting at 2:18 p.m.)*
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Erle Nye

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. Eric Watson, a junior from Bastrop, Texas, majoring in Meteorology at Texas A&M University (TAMU). He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, chair of the Southwest Black Student Leadership Conference, and a student employee in the Board of Regents Office.

RECESS

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Committee on Finance was convened at 10:10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:14 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Powell said Governor George W. Bush asked the Texas Forest Service (TFS) to be part of a U.S. State Department team to assess the situation with the fires in Mexico that have been causing the smoke in Texas. Mr. Jim Hull, Director of TFS, said they were asked by the Governor to assist with the organization, coordination and planning of fire suppression around Monterrey. He said they were successful with that effort. Then when the big fires broke out in Southern Mexico, Governor Bush asked the TFS to go back. Mr. Hull said that was more complicated because they had to go through the embassies of two countries and the U.S. State Department. He said TFS staff did go to Mexico as part of an assessment team put together by the State Department. Part of that assessment resulted in a U.S. committee and \$10 million provided to assist Mexico in the form of aerial tankers, helicopters, protective clothing and equipment to fight those fires. Also, part of that resulted in a larger coordination team coming in from the U.S. to help with fire suppression. Mr. Hull said it has been an outstanding cooperative effort. Mr. Powell asked if the TFS will be reimbursed. Mr. Hull said it is his understanding that they will be reimbursed—how is yet to be determined.

Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), pointed out that in addition to the firefighting in Mexico, more than 70 TFS employees were sent to far West Texas near Marfa to battle a fire that burned more than 62,000 acres before it was extinguished.

Mr. Powell said as a result of research by TAMU and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), major progress has been made in the war on colon cancer. Studies have helped discover how certain fibers and fats protect against colon tumor development. Specifically, a combination of the kind of fiber found in oranges, together with fish oil, protects against cancer development.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. Thompson said the agencies of TAMUS continue to perform at a very high level. They are recognized nationally and internationally.

Dr. Thompson said a group headed by Dr. Kem Bennett, Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), has been involved with a rapid response team in responding to disasters--such as the bombing in Oklahoma City. Dr. Bennett said if there is a mass casualty disaster in Texas, the response team can be fully deployed and at the scene within six hours. For the last year, the team has been running through drills and training. Team members come from all over Texas but must be within a four-hour drive of College Station, where the team is deployed. Dr. Bennett said they have put together an outstanding team of nurses, doctors, canine teams, experts, engineers, etc. He added that they are the first urban search and rescue team that also has detection and deployment capability for chemical and biological

weapons of mass destruction in case of any type of terrorist attack. Dr. Bennett said they have state-of-the-art equipment. They were recently named as the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center by the U.S. Department of Justice and will play a large role in training responders throughout the country and the world in these types of incidents, particularly involving terrorism.

Mr. Powell asked Dr. Bennett to share his role in economic development as it relates to Texas. Dr. Bennett said they have the Technology and Economic Development Division which is primarily funded by federal grants. The role of one of these centers is to monitor all of the technologies, particularly the promising ones coming out of the federal government, either in the laboratories or through NASA facilities, and transfer those technologies to the private sector to spin off and build new companies, and work with venture capitalists to build businesses. Dr. Bennett said this has been very popular throughout the state, particularly in rural areas where communities are looking for ways to spur economic development. This involves a 16-state region of the U.S. He said they also have a Department of Commerce grant which allows them to work with small communities. They work with small business owners--the ones who cannot afford an engineering staff or to hire outside engineering help. They help them put together grants and proposals to get funding for their companies and their businesses so that they aren't run out of business due to the current world trade situation. They also have the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center moneys from the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Washington D.C. The responsibility there is to work with small manufacturers, really the backbone of the economy, to make sure they don't lose overnight in the technology game.

Dr. Thompson asked about the Bell V-22 Osprey program. Dr. Bennett said Bell is looking to relocate its plant and they are looking at several cities, including College Station, Amarillo, San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth. He said they did write the training proposals for San Antonio, Dallas, College Station and Amarillo. Wherever they land, TEEX will be involved in a significant training program. Bell wants a significant involvement with TAMU and its scientific capabilities and engineering. Dr. Bennett said that aircraft is a very high tech operation--truly new technology with the composites and what they are trying to do with the composites. He added that Dr. C. Roland Haden, Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Engineering at TAMU, has been very involved in talking with them.

Mr. Powell thanked Dr. Bennett and his agency and said their work benefits all Texans.

Dr. Avilés said he is a member of the Consulting Engineering Council of Texas. He said the council is concerned about the competition between universities and private industry. He referred to TEEX assisting small business that could not afford engineering staff and asked what size projects Dr. Bennett was talking about. Dr. Bennett said they are generally very small projects--very quick turnaround. He said he thinks they have actually created a lot of

business for the consulting engineers because TEEEX can only go up to a certain limit by these federal grants of how much time they provide. The small businesses then have to contract outside if they are going to continue with TEEEX's services. He said they only do this for government funding programs that exist—they are not out there providing free technical advice. He said they understand the role of the private outside consultants and are very careful about that. He said he thinks they have opened the door for a lot of consultants to come in and work with these companies. Dr. Avilés suggested that Dr. Bennett visit with the council. Dr. Bennett said they have talked with the council and they are very much aware of TEEEX's program. Dr. Bennett added that TEEEX has to be very sensitive to the council's concerns.

Dr. Thompson said TAMUS has made the final cut on \$15 million of new National Science Foundation (NSF) programs--the systemic effort to improve engineering education, mathematics education and science education. He said engineering, agriculture, several of the smaller universities and TAMU have all cooperated to make this possible.

Dr. Thompson said they will look for dates in June for the Board to interview finalists for the President of Texas A&M University-Commerce, the Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.

Mr. Powell asked Dr. Ed Hiler, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, to speak on the research on colon cancer. Dr. Hiler said he'd like to get a special presentation to the Board by a scientist that's doing this type of work. In agriculture, they're focusing on foods for health--identifying compounds in all sorts of fruits, vegetables and other foods. He believes they should be linking their research with scientists at M. D. Anderson in Houston and Southwest Medical Center in Dallas. This is not a single breakthrough. This is a continuum that occurred and is very exciting in terms of the reduction of colon cancer. He said an \$800,000 grant was recently received from the NSF for major instrumentation in the genomics area to further this work. Mr. O'Connor said he would be interested in a presentation on the research that is going on with regards to the beef industry, tenderness of beef, etc.

Mr. Powell and Dr. Thompson presented framed resolutions to Dr. Hiler recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Uvalde and recognizing the silver anniversary of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas.

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Larry Dooley, who was representing the 1997 Intern Class of the Center for Leadership in Higher Education. Dr. Dooley, Mr. Tim Donathen and Dr. John August presented a resolution to Dr. Thompson thanking him for the time he spends with the interns and the effort he puts into the success of the Center.

Ms. Rangel and Dr. Robert Furgason, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), presented a framed resolution to Dr. Paul E. Orser, Jr., for his service as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs at TAMU-CC.

RECESS

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 2:18 p.m. and was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 3:31 p.m., and asked Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU, to discuss the decline in applications, not only in minorities but also across-the-board. Dr. Bowen said some of this is speculation. Comparing numbers today to this time a year ago, TAMU has about a 11 percent drop in the number of applications. He said he thinks it is because of the information requested in the application. For example, an essay is required which causes a certain number of people not to apply. He said they will have a better answer as they get deeper into the summer.

Dr. Bowen said at this point, they do not see any decline in the quality of people offered admission. Offers of admission have been made much earlier. The batch of positive decisions went out much earlier than in prior years and it turns out that is an important factor so the yield they are getting is up. Even though they had a smaller total number of applicants, it looks like the freshmen class next year will be larger than intended--perhaps even as high as 7,000. He said the variable in the equation is the 10 percent rule. Typically, TAMU gets 3,000 students that are in the top 10 percent of their class, and a certain number of those, at least half, had previously gone into the review category and for various reasons were not admitted as early as they were this year. This year they were admitted as they came in the door. The paper work was easier to process, the offers went out earlier and the catch rate is up.

Dr. Bowen said he really thinks the form of the application has a lot to do with the drop in applicants. Last year, the University of Texas (UT) had a similar phenomenon when it changed its application form. Dr. Bowen said as of today, they have turned down a much smaller set of people than they have in prior years.

Dr. Bowen then discussed minority numbers. He said they had 837 African-Americans apply for admission for the fall of 1995, that was before Hopwood. The fall of 1996 was slightly affected by Hopwood. The decision came out late in the admission cycle. In the fall of 1996, 876 African-Americans applied for admission. In the fall of 1997, the first full cycle of Hopwood, African-American applicants dropped to 758. It dropped to 504 applications in the fall of 1998. Dr. Bowen referred to a feedback phenomenon--when people read in the paper that the enrollment of minorities went down at a

certain university, they assume for some reason that they are not welcome at that university, so they don't apply and their friends don't apply. TAMU is suffering from that and that is the bad news. Dr. Bowen said the better news is that the catch rate is up for minority students. He said the additional efforts TAMU recruiters are making to convince people to come that have been offered admission have paid off.

Ms. Rangel asked the figures for Hispanics. Dr. Bowen said in 1995, there were 2,093 applications. In 1996, there were 2,038 applications, the first year Hopwood was a very tiny influence. The next year, 1997, when Hopwood was fully effecting the cycle, there were 1,845 applications. In 1998, there were 1,021 applications. He said the offers of admission have gone down as well-- 1,711 in 1995; 1,432 in 1996; 1,298 in 1997; and 1,183 in 1998. The number of offers as a part of the pool was up this year over last year. Dr. Bowen said the number of Hispanics that have accepted admission is looking pretty good. In 1995, 891 Hispanics enrolled; 713 in 1996; 604 in 1997; and 567, as of today, in 1998. Dr. Bowen said he thinks that number will go up some. Ms. Rangel asked if they are turning down minority students, even though they are qualified. Dr. Bowen said very few. This year, TAMU turned down a total of 1,800 students. There are some minorities in there and some of those do meet the definition of minimum qualifications. There is a huge number of other students, that are not minorities, that also fall in that category, and there is no way within the criteria to separate them out. The dilemma is an allowable mechanism to apply criteria.

Dr. Bowen said there is not a lot of good news in the numbers. The issue is still the same, financial aid. More people would be coming that have received offers if the financial aid were better. TAMU is competing with out-of-state universities that are not restricted in the way TAMU is. Ms. Rangel asked if a plan has been devised to address this. Dr. Thompson said he had testified before a special select committee, chaired by former mayor Bob Lanier of Houston, and suggested a massive grant program. He said if the State of Texas really has a commitment to all of its citizens on access, a massive grant program is needed, not a "pay-it-back" program. Basically, if the State decided that as a matter of number 1 public priority, to make such a commitment and you gave 100,000 students a year a \$2,500 grant, that would cost \$250 million for 100,000 students. Dr. Thompson said he is not suggesting that all of their education be paid, because he doesn't believe in a free lunch, there should be some incentive for them to work and go to school. If the State made a commitment of \$1 billion, that would take care of about all of the needs of eligible students, about 400,000. The competition is for the very best students who tend to go out of state because they are paid more money--it is a bidding war. Dr. Thompson said the culture needs to be changed. Dr. Bowen said something like the "Georgia Plan" for TAMU would make a dramatic difference. They are also proposing and arguing the benefits of a massive increase in the investment of outreach centers. TAMU and UT operate six outreach centers and it causes more people to apply to go to college. They have been in place long enough to prove that they can be successful. Dr. Bowen said an

investment in outreach centers and the financial aid referred to by Dr. Thompson would make a big difference.

Ms. Rangel said financial aid is a problem, but it is only a problem for those students that have been admitted. TAMU is still turning away students who are qualified, that is her greatest concern, they are still falling through the cracks when TAMU doesn't have enough minority students in the first place and the numbers are going down. Dr. Bowen said the law doesn't give them a mechanism to make those offers, as desperately as they would like to make them, and not put themselves in legal jeopardy. Ms. Rangel said we need to work on those mechanisms. Dr. Thompson said the select committee is doing just that. Dr. Bowen said the Hopwood decision is being appealed. There is some belief that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit will hear it and bank, then the full court will hear it. There is some optimism that the full court will overthrow it. If they don't overthrow it, it might create a situation where it will become the law of the land. Dr. Bowen said that has a down side obviously, but it does level the playing field in the recruitment of students. Dr. Thompson then referred to recent visits by the Office of Civil Rights to TAMU, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), Tarleton State University (TSU), and West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Ms. Rangel said there is a lot of work to be done.

Mr. Powell said he is also concerned about the overall 11 percent decline, straight across-the-board. Dr. Thompson said in the last two years the number of people enrolling in higher education in Texas has been down. Based on historical precedent, Dr. Thompson said he would argue that the largest reason is the strength of the economy. Historically, a lot of people do not attend college when the economy is strong.

(Secretary's Note: Mr. Powell asked the other university presidents to present their enrollment data, but their responses could not be heard/understood as they were not using the microphone.)

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 3:40 p.m., Mr. Powell 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.

Mr. Powell 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.

Mr. Powell asked the following members of the administration to stay for the closed session: Dr. Thompson; Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Deputy Chancellor for Academic Institutions and Agencies; Mr. Dick Lindsay, Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations; Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel; and Ms. Tami Sayko, Chancellor's Chief of Staff. Mr. Powell announced that the following would be called on for reports during the closed session: Dr. Bowen and Mr. Frank Clark, System Director of Internal Audit.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION

At 4:50 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced that the Board had met in closed session from 3:40 p.m. until 4:49 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The following Board members were present when action was taken on Items 1 through 16 and 18 through 39: Mr. Powell, Dr. Avilés, Ms. Armstrong, Mr. McClure, Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Rangel.)

Mr. Powell called on Mr. O'Connor for the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. O'Connor, Member of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee met earlier the same day, reviewed and unanimously approved Items 1 through 7. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 80-98 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 1999 OPERATING BUDGETS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The following operating budgets of the Members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1999, are hereby approved and adopted subject to the provisions contained in System Policy 27.04 (Budget Authorizations and Delegations of Authority):

| The Texas A&M University System                             | Operating Budget          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| The Texas A&M University System-Baylor College of Dentistry | \$ 33,273,794.00          |
| Prairie View A&M University                                 | 76,247,717.00             |
| Tarleton State University                                   | 52,920,330.00             |
| Texas A&M International University                          | 23,509,595.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Combined                               | 684,537,885.00            |
| Texas A&M University-Commerce                               | 66,279,960.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi                         | 52,437,662.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Kingsville                             | 60,664,500.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Texarkana                              | 9,944,944.00              |
| West Texas A&M University                                   | 58,534,031.00             |
| Texas Agricultural Experiment Station                       | 125,054,289.00            |
| Texas Agricultural Extension Service                        | 74,469,892.00             |
| Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service                    | 5,801,781.00              |
| Texas Forest Service                                        | 20,070,908.00             |
| Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory              | 8,371,924.00              |
| Texas Engineering Experiment Station                        | 66,318,337.00             |
| Texas Engineering Extension Service                         | 45,444,142.00             |
| Texas Transportation Institute                              | 30,271,000.00             |
| System Administrative and General Offices                   |                           |
| Operations                                                  | 11,007,872.00             |
| Debt Service                                                | 108,882,984.00            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                          | <b>\$1,614,043,547.00</b> |

**MINUTE ORDER 81-98 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPROPRIATION FROM  
THE AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND  
FOR ENDOWMENT MATCHING,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The amount of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated from the Prairie View A&M University Unappropriated Available University Fund to the Prairie View A&M University Appropriated Available University Fund for Endowment Matching, pursuant to Prairie View A&M University's AUF Endowment Matching Program. These funds will remain in a separate account until such time as the Controller of Prairie View A&M University approves the disbursement of the funds to match actual endowment gifts received.

**MINUTE ORDER 82-98 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT  
FOR A SYSTEM WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND  
THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby authorized, in accordance with System Policy 25.07(4)(2) and System Regulation 25.07.01(4.1), to execute a contract with a term limit through August 31, 2047, for a System Water Supply Agreement between Texas A&M University and the Brazos River Authority.

**MINUTE ORDER 83-98 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE  
"ALBERT COLDEWEY QUASI-ENDOWED  
SCHOLARSHIP IN ACCOUNTING,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Dr. Avilés 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 "Albert Coldewey Quasi-Endowed Scholarship in Accounting." The account will be created with funds received from the Estate of Albert Coldewey in the amount of \$50,000. Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to award scholarships to students in the Department of Accounting.

**MINUTE ORDER 84-98 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR  
DORMITORY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AT  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Dr. Avilés with Ms. Rangel voting nay, and by a majority vote, the following minute order was adopted:

An amount of \$2,475,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt proceeds (Auxiliary Enterprise Earning) is hereby appropriated for Texas A&M University at Galveston Dormitory Deferred Maintenance Projects.

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.

**MINUTE ORDER 85-98 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

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

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Dr. Avilés 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 Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Grants, Loans and Bequests List No. 97-98-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 86-98 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The following report of appropriations by the Chancellor is hereby accepted:

| <u>Component</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Project Name and Source of Funds</u>                                         |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAMU             | \$100,000.00  | Equipment for Student Recreation Center<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996 |
| TAMU             | \$150,000.00  | Language Laboratories Equipment<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996         |

|      |              |                                                                                   |
|------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAMU | \$270,000.00 | ATM Infrastructure Expansion<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996              |
| TAMU | \$275,000.00 | Terabyte Storage Facility<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996                 |
| TAMU | \$230,000.00 | Library of the Web of Science<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996             |
| TAMU | \$300,000.00 | Purchase of Library Books and Periodicals<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996 |
| TAMU | \$200,000.00 | Purchase Genomics DNA Sequencer<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996           |
| TAMU | \$150,000.00 | Genomics Infrastructure<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996                   |
| TAMU | \$300,000.00 | Computer Equipment for Faculty and Staff<br>Revenue Financing System Series 1996  |

To the extent any of these appropriations are obligations of the Revenue Financing System, and 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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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Avilés for the report of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Dr. Avilés, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the Committee met in Houston on May 26, 1998. The Committee discussed Items 8 through 16 (*Item 17 was withdrawn*). Dr. Avilés said Item 9 was a real estate item and Items 10 through 16 pertain to construction. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 87-98 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**NAMING OF  
THE "BILLIE B. TURNER CONFERENCE ROOM,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 440 which is located in the Herman and Minnie Belle Heep Building, on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Billie B. Turner Conference Room."

**MINUTE ORDER 88-98 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**NAMING OF  
THE "DAN AND LULA MAE LAY CONFERENCE ROOM,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 213 which is located in Nagle Hall, on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Dan and Lula Mae Lay Conference Room."

**MINUTE ORDER 89-98 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**NAMING OF  
THE "S. HUEY WHITEHURST EDUCATION BUILDING,"  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Education Building of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas, Texas, is hereby named the "S. Huey Whitehurst Education Building."

**MINUTE ORDER 90-98 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LAND,  
CORYELL AND MCLENNAN COUNTIES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to purchase the surface estate of a 242.76 acre tract of land, more or less, in the Ygnacio Sanchez, Amos Thames, and Salitha Banks Surveys in Coryell County, Texas, and in the Charles Larbeltrier Survey in McLennan County, Texas. Purchase funds in the amount of \$100,000 plus closing costs, are hereby authorized and appropriated from Account No. 06-212030, styled Muil Estate Interest.

**MINUTE ORDER 91-98 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS  
AND APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN FOR  
THE CHILLED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Chilled Water System Improvements at Texas A&M is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$165,000.00 is appropriated from University Utility Systems Revenue Fund for design for the Chilled Water System Improvements 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.

**MINUTE ORDER 92-98 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS  
AND APPROPRIATION FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
FOR THE NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The program of requirements for the New Engineering Building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$20,000.00, the amount of \$345,000.00 is appropriated from Engineering Building-General Use Fee for preliminary design for the New Engineering Building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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.

**MINUTE ORDER 93-98 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS  
AND APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN FOR THE  
PANHANDLE PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM RENOVATION,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum Renovation at West Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$10,000.00, the amount of \$420,000.00 is appropriated from Museum Renovation for design for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum Renovation 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.

**MINUTE ORDER 94-98 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
FOR THE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

Preliminary design for the Student Development Center at Texas A&M International University is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 95-98 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATICS LABORATORY,  
BLACKLAND RESEARCH CENTER, TEMPLE,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

Based on bids received April 23, 1998, the contract is awarded to SLC Construction, Inc. of Conroe, Texas, at \$1,054,500.00, the low base bid and Alternates 1, 2 and 3 for the Natural Resources Informatics Laboratory, Blackland Research Center, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Temple, Texas. The award of this contract is contingent upon project re-approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

This award and appropriation action is contingent and effective upon the closing of the land exchange agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$85,000.00, the amount of \$915,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds, the amount of \$196,000.00 is appropriated from Blackland Prairie Endowment Fund Earnings and the amount of \$54,000.00 is appropriated from Indirect Cost Recovery for the Natural Resources Informatics Laboratory, Blackland Research Center, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Temple, Texas.

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).

**MINUTE ORDER 96-98 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
TO TAKE ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
COMPLETION OF THE FIFTH AND SIXTH FLOORS  
OF THE EVANS LIBRARY EXPANSION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor is hereby delegated authority to award contract(s) by taking action on bids when received, to appropriate funds, and to do any and all things necessary within funds available to accomplish the completion of the Fifth and Sixth Floors of the Evans Library Expansion 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.

**MINUTE ORDER 97-98 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
TO TAKE ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
PARKING EXPANSION AND STREET RENOVATIONS  
IN THE STUDENT HOUSING AREA,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor is hereby delegated authority to award contract(s) by taking action on bids when received, to appropriate funds, and to do any and all things necessary within funds available to accomplish the Parking Expansion and Street Renovations in the Student Housing Area at Texas A&M University.

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Dr. Avilés said the Committee recommended approval of the following architect/engineer design teams: Chilled Water System Improvements at Texas A&M University: Burns DeLatte & McCoy, Inc. of Houston, Texas; New Engineering Building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville: Budd Beets Harden Kolflat Architecture of Houston/Austin, Texas; and Panhandle Plains Historical Museum Renovation at West Texas A&M University: Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., of Lubbock, Texas. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 98-98**

**SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
FOR THE CHILLED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The firm of Burns DeLatte & McCoy, Inc., of Houston, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Chilled Water System Improvements at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 99-98**

**SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
FOR THE NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The firm of Budd Beets Harden Kolflat·Architecture of Houston/Austin, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the New Engineering Building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

**MINUTE ORDER 100-98**

**SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
FOR THE PANHANDLE PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM RENOVATION,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum Renovation at West Texas A&M University.

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Dr. Avilés said the Committee also discussed ways to accelerate the design and construction process. He said Mr. Lindsay and General Ed Peel, Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction, are going to come back to the Committee within 60 days with a proposal to accelerate the process.

Mr. Powell called on Ms. Rangel for the report of the Committee on Academic and Students Affairs.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said the Committee recommended approval of Items 18 through 30 and Item 39. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 101-98 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION  
COMPUTATIONAL MECHANICS,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby formally approves the Center of Excellence in Transportation Computational Mechanics at the Texas Transportation Institute.

**MINUTE ORDER 102-98 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
NATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
CENTER FOR THE TRAVEL MODEL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby formally approves the National Training and Technical Assistance Center for the Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) at the Texas Transportation Institute.

**MINUTE ORDER 103-98 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND  
EXTENSION CENTER AT DALLAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, September 1, 1997, commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas; and

Whereas, in 1943 Southern Methodist University initiated agricultural research and extension programs in Dallas; and

Whereas, in response to concerns surrounding an impending collapse of the rural economy of Texas, the Texas Research Foundation, an independent nonprofit research and education establishment, was created on July 1, 1946, under the direction of Dr. Cyrus L. Lundell, a botanist and professor from Michigan State University; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Foundation was to supervise and integrate basic and applied research in scientific fields primarily related to agriculture and industry, to carry on studies in the realm of pure science, and to serve as a clearing house for specific scientific and economic information for the public; and

Whereas, the Texas Research Foundation conducted agricultural crop production programs in the North Blacklands from 1946 to 1972 with the goal of improving the soil, crops and livestock in the Southwest and thereby enhancing the productive capacity of every acre; and

Whereas, on September 1, 1972, the Texas Research Foundation at Renner ceased operation and transferred 380 acres and several buildings to The Texas A&M University System for the establishment of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas, which includes an 161-acre satellite farm in Prosper, is credited with numerous research developments which include the release of several new small grain, turf, forage, and ornamental plant varieties and associated research-based management information on both traditional and new crops in the areas of soils, plant pathology, and entomology; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas, located in the midst of a dynamic Dallas/Fort Worth urban community, is conducting programs and addressing environmental issues impacting several million people in urban Texas; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System extends its congratulations to the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas on its Silver Anniversary Celebration; and be it further

Resolved, that the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas exemplifies the land-grant commitment of The Texas A&M University System in serving Texans and shaping the world; 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 the administration of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Dallas during its Silver Anniversary Celebration on May 29, 1998; and a copy filed in the Archives of Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 104-98 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND  
EXTENSION CENTER AT UVALDE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, 1997 commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde; and

Whereas, from 1967 through 1969, the Uvalde Area Industrial Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, and Uvalde City Officials met with A&M officials on numerous occasions to investigate, discuss and present a formal proposal for the selection of Uvalde as a site for a Research and Extension Center; and

Whereas, in response to the agricultural research needs of the region and at the request of the Uvalde Area Industrial Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, the City of Uvalde and Southwest Texas leaders, on October 27, 1970, the Texas A&M Board of Directors and university officials selected Uvalde as the logical location for a Research and Extension Center in Southwest Texas; and

Whereas, to demonstrate its commitment to Texas A&M University and the future development of research and Extension programs in Southwest Texas, the City of Uvalde deeded 50 acres of land on Garner Field Road and a long-term lease for additional acreage for experimental use; and

Whereas, the Uvalde Industrial Foundation pledged \$150,000 which included donations from local businessmen, farmers and ranchers toward the construction of buildings and other improvements at the Garner Field Road site; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde currently includes 50 acres of deeded land from the city, 142 acres of irrigated cropland leased from the City of Uvalde, and 16,000 acres of rangeland leased from Mr. Mike Harris; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde is credited with numerous research developments which include the development and implementation of technology for the continued expansion of vegetable production in the Wintergarden of Texas; the development of numerous systems to resupply and further water conservation in the Edwards Aquifer to include the development of sustainable rangeland shrub management programs, winter forage systems, alternate water-frugal crops, mulch-drip irrigation-transplant technology and water-saving irrigation schedules; and the fundamental understanding of shrub toxicology, deer nutrition and deer-livestock interactions required for the development of white-tail deer hunting as a recreational industry of South Texas; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde is currently conducting programs and addressing issues relating to the development of agricultural trade between Texas and Mexico and increasing the economic stability of the region by providing the technology for new, intensive industries built upon historical successes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System extends its congratulations to the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System extends its appreciation to the City of Uvalde, Chamber of Commerce and Southwest Texas Leaders for their vision and spirit of cooperation in supporting the establishment and continued expansion of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde that encourages the sharing of faculty, facilities and programs for the benefit of citizens and agricultural producers of Southwest Texas; 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 the administration of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Uvalde during its 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 22, 1998; and a copy filed in the Archives of Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 105-98 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK PLANNING AUTHORITY FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Prairie View A&M University is authorized to seek authority from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to plan a University College designed to enhance retention, increase student learning, and effect seamless transition from college to the professions.

**MINUTE ORDER 106-98 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR AN UPDATE TO MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the request to update their Mission and Role and Scope Statements and Expansion of Programs Planning authority for the period 1998-2001, as set forth in **Exhibits B and C**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 107-98 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR AN UPDATE TO MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of Tarleton State University to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the request to update their Mission Statement and Table of Programs for the period 1998-2001, as set forth in **Exhibits D and E**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 108-98 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR AN UPDATE TO MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of Texas A&M International University to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the request to update their Mission Statement and Table of Programs for the period 1998-2001, as set forth in **Exhibits F and G**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 109-98 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
TO DELIVER AN MBA PROGRAM AT THE METROPLEX FACILITY IN  
MESQUITE, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Commerce is authorized to present a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board seeking approval to deliver an MBA degree program as an Off-Campus Degree Program Offering at the Metroplex facility in Mesquite, Texas, beginning with the fall semester of 1998.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Commerce and the educational needs of the citizens of the east-Dallas area. The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Commerce, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to offer this program as an Off-Campus Degree Offering, subject to adequate demand and availability of resources.

**MINUTE ORDER 110-98 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
AT THE DALLAS EDUCATION CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Texas A&M University-Commerce requests an expansion of authority to offer the Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Business Administration in consortium with University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University, the University of Texas at Dallas and the University of Texas at Arlington, at the Dallas Education Center, beginning with the fall semester of 1998.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Commerce and the educational needs of the downtown Dallas area. The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Commerce, under its legal mandate should be authorized to offer this program as an Off-Campus Degree Offering, subject to adequate demand and availability of resources.

**MINUTE ORDER 111-98 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR AN UPDATE TO MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the request to update their Mission Statement and Table of Programs for the period 1998-2001, as set forth in **Exhibits H and I**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 112-98 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR AN UPDATE TO MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the request to update their Mission Statement and Table of Programs for the period 1998-2001, as set forth in **Exhibits J and K**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 113-98 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR AN UPDATE TO MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of West Texas A&M University to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the request to update their Mission Statement and Table of Programs for the period 1998-2001, as set forth in **Exhibits L and M**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 114-98 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE PROPOSAL  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CENTER IN KILLEEN, TEXAS,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and the President of Tarleton State University to do all things necessary to prepare a proposal for the establishment of a university system center in Killeen, Texas, to be operated as a part of Tarleton State University. The Proposal will address transferring the assets of the University of Central Texas, a private upper-level institution of higher education, to The Texas A&M University System in order to establish a new university system center. All programs and other aspects of the new center will operate and otherwise be in compliance with guidelines and requirements established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. Following approval by the Board of Regents, the proposal would be submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Lindsay who presented Items 31, 32 and 33.

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**MINUTE ORDER 115-98 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDED SYSTEM POLICY 02.04  
(ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF THE SYSTEM),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Amended System Policy 02.04 (Organizational Units of the System), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**, is approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 116-98 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDED SYSTEM POLICY 02.06  
(DIRECTORS OF COMPONENT AGENCIES),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Amended System Policy 02.06 (Directors of Component Agencies), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**, is approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 117-98 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDED SYSTEM POLICY 33.05  
(EMPLOYEE TRAINING),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Amended System Policy 33.05 (Employee Training), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**, is approved and effective immediately.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Sayavedra who presented Items 34, 35 and 36. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 118-98 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

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

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Ms. Armstrong 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 faculty members as set forth on Tenure List 97-98-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Q**.

**MINUTE ORDER 119-98 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

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

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Ms. Armstrong 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. 97-98-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit R**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

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Dr. Sayavedra presented Item 36. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 120-98 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND DISMISSALS,  
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, promotions and dismissals 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. 97-98-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit S**, Promotion List No. 97-98-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit T**, and Dismissals List No. 97-98-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit U**, are hereby confirmed.

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MINUTE ORDER 121-98 (AGENDA ITEM 37)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF
JANUARY 21, 1998, SPECIAL MEETING;
JANUARY 22, 1998, REGULAR MEETING;
FEBRUARY 23, 1998, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING;
AND MARCH 7, 1998, SPECIAL MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

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 21, 1998, are hereby 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 January 22, 1998, 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 February 23, 1998, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in Houston, Texas, on March 7, 1998, are hereby approved.

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The Board took action on Item 38 as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 122-98 (AGENDA ITEM 38)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND
DR. PAUL E. ORSER, JR.,
INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, Dr. Paul E. Orser, Jr., has served Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi with distinction as a faculty member and administrator since 1973; and

Whereas, Dr. Orser has been an outstanding faculty member and scholar in the field of history having studied at London University as a Fellow of the Institute of Historical Research and received his doctorate degree from Northwestern University; and

Whereas, he has served notably in the administration of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as chair of the Division of Visual and Performing Arts, Assistant Dean, and Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities; and

Whereas, he has served the past ten months as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs while still carrying his on-going responsibilities as Associate Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully acknowledge the outstanding contributions and dedication that Dr. Orser has made especially in the extraordinary responsibilities he performed as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; 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 Dr. Orser and a copy filed in the Archives of Texas A&M University.

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Mr. Powell said the next regular meeting would be held on July 23 and 24, 1998, in College Station, Texas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m., the same day.

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

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