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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
December 2, 1999**

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 8:34 a.m., on Thursday, December 2, 1999. The meeting was held 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. Frederick D. McClure, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. Erle Nye (*joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.*)
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 8:35 a.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: 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney/client confidential and privileged; 551.072, for discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate; 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, including Item 29.

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.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:30 a.m. He said the Board met in closed session from 8:35 a.m. to 10:29 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Powell asked for a moment of silence in memory of the families of those who were affected by the 1999 Bonfire tragedy at Texas A&M University (TAMU). Mr. Powell then presented the invocation.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), thanked the members of the TAMUS team. He said on November 2, Proposition 17 passed by a margin of 200,000 votes. He thanked those members of the administration who played a role in providing information to the public regarding that important proposition. On November 4, Dr. Jay Noren was inaugurated as the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUSHSC). On November 11, a dedication ceremony was held for the Gibb Gilchrist TTI Research Building. Mr. Graves said this is the first building occupied exclusively by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) since its establishment in 1949.

On November 18, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for Phase III of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), with more than 400 in attendance including State Senator Judith Zaffirini, State Representatives Henry Cuellar and Tracy King, and numerous officials of Webb County and Laredo. Mr. Graves said in November a contract was let for the new \$15 million engineering building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K). He said this is significant because this is the first new building constructed on the TAMU-K campus in almost 20 years. Also, on November 18th, TAMUSHSC established the branch campus of the School of Rural Public Health in McAllen. Mr. Graves said November 18th was also the day of the bonfire tragedy at Texas A&M. He said the System mourns the loss of those bright young students. He commended the staff of TAMU and its president, Dr. Ray Bowen, his crisis management and sensitivity to the needs of the students and their families. He also thanked the institutions and agencies of the System for their overwhelming offers of support and care, as well as providing that care and support when called upon.

Mr. Powell recognized Dr. Avilés. Dr. Avilés said he would like to get support from the Board to pass a resolution commending the University of Texas Marching Band for its half-time performance in memory of the deceased students during the TAMU and University of Texas football game. He said he would also like to include the University of Texas student body for its support to the TAMU student body during those trying times. Mr. Allen seconded the proposal. Mr. Powell asked that a resolution be drafted for the Board to adopt. Mr. Stevens added that the administration of the University of Texas should be included.

RECESS BOARD MEETING

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: A meeting of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant was held from 10:35 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - PRESENTATION -
"A&M STANDS AT THE RESEARCH THRESHOLD"**

Mr. Powell reconvened the Board meeting at 11:31 a.m. The Board received a presentation entitled "Texas A&M University at the Research Threshold: Challenges and Strategies for the New Millennium." This was presented by the following members of the Executive Committee of Distinguished Professors at TAMU: Timothy C. Hall, Distinguished Professor of Biology, Genetics, Plant Physiology and Plant Biotechnology; F. Albert Cotton, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry; Max D. Summers, Distinguished Professor of Entomology, Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics and of Genetics and Biology; Howard B. Kaplan, Distinguished Professor of Sociology; and John L. Junkins, Distinguished Professor of Aerospace Engineering.

RECESS BOARD MEETING

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: Meetings of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Committee on Finance, Ad Hoc Transportation Committee, Committee on Audit and Special Committee on Health Affairs were held from 1:45 p.m. to 5:16 p.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board of Regents at 5:20 p.m.

REPORT -- STATUS OF Y2K READINESS

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Tom Kale to present a report, "Status of Y2K Readiness," a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Allen to present a report on the Incentive Pay Program.

REPORT ON THE INCENTIVE PAY PROGRAM

Mr. Allen said he has been a facilitator on this project and that Mr. Stevens has joined him as a co-facilitator. He said the work accomplished thus far has been productive, thanks to Dr. Walter Wendler and the members of the Incentive Pay Advisory Committee. He said they have reached a point where they can say that they have a model that can be adopted, but it can only be adopted after the planning process is in place. Mr. Allen referred to a handout entitled "Faculty Compensation at Texas A&M University," a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. He said that if the model is adopted, the assumption is that the first payout would be in the year 2003 and the reason is that it will take a couple of years to get this planning process in place. Mr. Allen said they still have more work to do. Buck Consultants is going to start commencing the second phase of its work. Mr. Allen said he expects to come back to the Board in the first half of the year for endorsement of this model, or some iteration thereof.

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Nye to present the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee had met earlier and received one report. The Committee then considered Items 1 through 8. Mr. Nye said during the Committee meeting, he had recused himself from consideration and the vote on Item 7. Mr. Nye said the Committee approved Items 1 through 8. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 237-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby accepts the gifts, donations, grants, and endowments made to the Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 99-00-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 238-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 2)****APPROVAL OF MAJOR REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 26.03 (TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Revisions to System Policy 26.03 (*Tuition and Fee Exemptions*), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, are approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 239-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 3)****ACCEPTANCE REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

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

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Project Name and Source of Funds</b>   |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| TAES          | \$100,000     | Soil and Crop - Improve Research Land     |
| TAES          | 94,065        | Corpus Christi - HVAC Replacement         |
| TAES          | 60,000        | Corpus Christi - Recoat Headquarters Roof |
| TAES          | 133,000       | Beaumont - Recoat Headquarters Roof       |
| TAES          | 35,000        | Dallas - Recoat Education Roof            |
| TAES          | 120,000       | Weslaco - Recoat Education Roof           |
| TAES          | 75,000        | Amarillo - Recoat Headquarters Roof       |
| TAES          | 90,000        | Amarillo - Replace HVAC Units             |
| TAES          | 30,000        | San Angelo - Replace One HVAC             |
| TAES          | 10,000        | Overton - Replace Three Condensers        |
| TAES          | 7,500         | Beaumont - Reroute Greenhouse Drain       |
| TAES          | 22,000        | Corpus Christi - Parking Lot Expansion    |
| TAES          | 11,000        | El Paso - Repair Metal Roof               |
| TAES          | 10,000        | Stephenville - Replace One HVAC Unit      |
| TAES          | 18,000        | Vernon - Repair Parking Lot               |
| TAES          | 100,000       | Uvalde - HVAC Replacement                 |
| TAES          | 90,000        | Uvalde - Recoat Headquarters Roof         |
| TAES          | 8,000         | Yoakum - Reroof Station Office            |
| TAES          | 60,000        | Port Aransas - HVAC Replacement           |
| TAES          | 11,000        | Corpus Christi - Repair Metal Building    |
| TAES          | 8,000         | Flour Bluff - Modify Seawater Intake      |
| TAES          | 20,000        | Sonora - Reroof Four Structures           |

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|       |         | Permanent University Fund - Bond Proceeds           |
| PVAMU | 280,000 | Lawsuit Settlement Fee<br>Available University Fund |

**MINUTE ORDER 240-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORT OF VENDOR CONTRACTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The annual report of vendor contracts for fiscal year 1999, as submitted by System Members in accordance with System Policy 28.03 and attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, is hereby accepted.

**MINUTE ORDER 241-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE FTE LIMITATIONS  
FOR THE TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Stevens, 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 request by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for an exception to the FTE limitations specified in House Bill 1, 76th Legislature, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**.

**MINUTE ORDER 242-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD TRIP FEES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The action of the President of Texas A&M University to establish or amend field trip fees, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, is hereby confirmed. Costs shall include, but not be restricted to, transportation costs, room and board, admission fees, etc. These field trip fees became effective beginning with the fall 1999 semester.

**MINUTE ORDER 243-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 7-REVISED)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH  
TXU ELECTRIC AND GAS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Vice President for Administration is authorized to execute a contract with TXU Electric and Gas for the transportation of natural gas through September 1, 2002.

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. Nye informed the Board that during the Committee meeting, he had recused himself from consideration and the vote on this item.)*

**MINUTE ORDER 244-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND AND AMEND  
THE COMODATO CONTRACT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to the President of Texas A&M University to extend and amend the Comodato Contract, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**.

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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 earlier and recommended approval of Items 9, 10 and 11, pertaining to construction; and Item 12, pertaining to naming of facilities. Item 13 was withdrawn.

Dr. Avilés said the following actions were taken by the Chancellor pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 51.04 on construction projects for the award of contracts since the last regular meeting of the Board of Regents:

- (1) An underground utility relocation contract for the Science and Technology Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to Garrett Mechanical, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, in the amount of \$1,023,900.00;

- (2) Construction contract for the Texas Transportation Institute's Safety Research Facility at Riverside Campus to W.M. Klunkert, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, in the amount of \$557,500.00;
- (3) Construction contract for the New Engineering Building at Texas A&M University-Kingsville to J.T. Vaughn Construction Company, Inc. of Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$12,015,373.00.

Dr. Avilés said there were no actions taken by the Chancellor for the approval of preliminary designs since the last regular meeting of the Board. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 245-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN/BUILD PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
FOR THE NEW STUDENT CENTER,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the New Student Center at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000.00, the amount of \$1,227,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 0201 00 Designated Tuition for Design/Build Pre-Construction Services for the New Student Center at Prairie View 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).

**MINUTE ORDER 246-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT  
FOR THE WELLBORN ROAD PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY,  
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 adjusted budget of \$11,650,000.00 for the Wellborn Road Pedestrian Passageway project at Texas A&M University is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 247-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE URBAN SEARCH  
AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTER,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

Based on bids received October 7, 1999, the contract is awarded to C.F. Jordan, L.P. of College Station, Texas, at \$764,349.00, the low base bid and Alternate 1, for the Urban Search and Rescue Center, Texas Engineering Extension Service, College Station, Texas.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$135,000.00, the amount of \$759,281.00 is appropriated from Account No. 331560 Fire Field Operations for the Urban Search and Rescue Training Center, Texas Engineering Extension Service, College Station, Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 248-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**NAMING OF THE  
LYNN HOLLERAN-CHARLES BOWMAN '59 RESOURCE CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 407 in the Joe C. Richardson Petroleum Engineering Building, on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Lynn Holleran-Charles Bowman '59 Resource Center."

**MINUTE ORDER 249-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**NAMING OF THE  
TEMPLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CONFERENCE ROOM,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The conference room in the newly constructed research building at the Blackland Research Center in Temple, Texas, is hereby named the "Temple Economic Development Corporation Conference Room."

**MINUTE ORDER 250-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**NAMING OF THE  
CHARLES BENJAMIN LOOK SCIENCE-ENGINEERING REFERENCE CENTER,  
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 Sterling C. Evans Library Annex Science-Engineering Reference Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Charles Benjamin Look Science-Engineering Reference Center."

**MINUTE ORDER 251-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**NAMING OF THE TROGDON HOUSE,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Hall of Presidents on the campus of Tarleton State University is hereby named the "Trogon House," in honor of Dr. and Mrs. William O. Trogon.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Armstrong said the Committee met earlier the same day, received three reports and considered and approved Items 14 through 21 and 30. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 252-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL SUPERPAVE CENTER,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Stevens 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 South Central Superpave Center at the Texas Transportation Institute.

**MINUTE ORDER 253-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**APPROVAL OF 2000-01 ACADEMIC YEAR ENROLLMENT  
MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECTIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Stevens 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 2000-01 Academic Year Enrollment Management Plan Projections for each component university and the health science center, on terms and conditions substantially the same as those contained in **Exhibits G and H**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 254-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
TO REORGANIZE THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
INTO THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS AND  
THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the administrative change to reorganize the College of Arts and Sciences into the College of Liberal and Fine Arts and the College of Science and Technology and to re-align academic departments more similar in philosophy and content, to be effective June 1, 2000.

The Board also authorizes the President of Tarleton State University to submit this administrative change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 255-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT NEW DEGREE PROGRAM TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
FOR A BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN NEW MEDIA,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in New Media.



The Board also authorizes the President to submit this new degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 256-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE  
BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby authorized to offer the following degree program by internet delivery, effective January 2000:

Master of Business Administration

The Board of Regents finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 257-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE  
NATURAL TOXINS RESEARCH CENTER  
WITHIN THE DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Stevens and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the concept paper for the Natural Toxins Research Center within the Division of Academic Affairs, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**.

**MINUTE ORDER 258-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

The Texas Institute for Educational partnerships is hereby established as an organizational part of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, effective September 1, 1999.

**MINUTE ORDER 259-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE MASTER OF ENGINEERING DEGREE  
IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Engineering degree in Industrial Engineering by distance education to Raytheon Systems Company and other organizations requesting this program effective Fall 1999.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of Texas A&M University and will serve the requests of industry and students who need to take this degree by distance education.

**MINUTE ORDER 260-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSITY CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN SAN ANTONIO;  
AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND PALO ALTO COLLEGE;  
AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CENTER IN SAN ANTONIO,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville to submit a proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the establishment of a University System Center, effective Fall Semester 2000, to be located in San Antonio, Texas. The establishment of the Center will conform to the "Supply/Demand Pathway" rules as adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Board of Regents hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, the Alamo Community College District, and Palo Alto College, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

The Board of Regents approves the proposal for the creation of the University System Center in San Antonio, Texas, with Texas A&M University-Kingsville as the parent institution subject to the approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the usage of assets as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. Allen for the report of the Committee on Audit.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the Committee had considered and approved Item 22 at the meeting on October 29. He said the Committee considered and approved Item 31 at the meeting held the same day, December 2. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 261-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR  
THE SYSTEM INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Dr. Wynn 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 organizational chart and reporting structure for the Internal Audit Department of The Texas A&M University System, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**, to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 262-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Dr. Wynn 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 Guidelines for the Committee on Audit, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**, to be effective immediately.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Graves to present Items 23 through 27. Items 28 and 29 were withdrawn. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 263-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. R.G. WALLACE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Mr. R.G. "Bob" Wallace, Class of 1965, is hereby reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective January 1, 2000.

MINUTE ORDER 264-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**APPROVAL OF MINOR REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICIES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

- 01.04 (Items Requiring Action by the Board of Regents);*
- 02.04 (Organizational Units of the System);*
- 02.07 (President of the System Health Science Center);*
- 21.02 (Compliance with Recommendations of the State Auditor);*
- 21.03 (Internal Auditing);*
- 21.04 (Control of Fraud and Fraudulent Actions); and,*
- 26.02 (Approval of Student Fees)*

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

Minor revisions to System Policies 01.04 (*Items Requiring Action by the Board of Regents*), 02.04 (*Organizational Units of the System*), 02.07 (*President of the System Health Science Center*), 21.02 (*Compliance with Recommendations of the State Auditor*), 21.03 (*Internal Auditing*), 21.04 (*Control of Fraud and Fraudulent Actions*), and 26.02 (*Approval of Student Fees*) as described in **Exhibits M, N, O, P, Q, R and S**, attached to the official minutes, are approved to be effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 265-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**GRANTING OF TENURE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 on academic freedom, responsibility and tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth on Tenure List 99-00-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit T**.

MINUTE ORDER 266-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

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

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

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of "Emeritus/Emerita" upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 99-00-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit U**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 267-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

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

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

The appointments, promotions and terminations 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. 99-00-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit V**, Promotion List No. 99-00-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit W**, and Termination List 99-00-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit X**, are hereby confirmed.

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Mr. Nye recommended approval of Item 32. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 268-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 32-REVISED)

APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT

**AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents hereby approves the purchase of one replacement aircraft and the trade-in of the 1973 C-100 after statutory requirements have been met.

The Board of Regents hereby authorizes the appropriation of funds from the Revenue Financing System Debt Authorization (Special Mineral Fund) for the purchase of one aircraft for The Texas A&M University System.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to purchase one plane, a B-200, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, to allow the System to accomplish its mission efficiently and economically.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to appropriate funds from the Revenue Financing System Debt Authorization (Special Mineral Fund) to purchase one replacement aircraft for The Texas A&M University System.

The Chancellor is directed to study options for meeting the remaining requirements for air travel support thorough either the Aircraft Pooling Board or the purchase of an additional aircraft.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this purchase, 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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Mr. Powell wished everyone a wonderful holiday season and said the next regular meeting would be held on January 27-28, 2000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m., the same day.

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

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