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**CONVENE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Mr. John White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 10:19 a.m., on Thursday, September 21, 2006, Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John White, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Mr. Lupe Fraga  
Dr. Wendy Gramm  
Mr. Lowry Mays  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Mr. Gene Stallings  
Ms. Ida Clement Steen  
Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. White announced that the Board would convene in executive session to consider matters as provided in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: Section 71, for consultation with System attorneys regarding legal matters or pending and/or contemplated litigation or settlement offers; Section 72, for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (including Items 14 through 16, and 48); Section 73, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations (including Items 14 and 48); and Section 74, for deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear complaints against an officer or employee (including Items 38, 40 through 43, 45 and 46).

Mr. White said that in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

*(Secretary's Note: The Board convened its executive session at 10:20 a.m. and recessed at 2:30 p.m.)*

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. Mays departed at 2:30 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present. He reconvened the meeting at 2:54 p.m., MSC, Room 292. He said that the Board had met in executive session earlier that same day from 10:20 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Mr. White said that in executive session, the Board considered Items 14 through 16, 38, 40 through 43, 45, 46 and 48. Mr. White said that the Board would reconvene in executive session that afternoon in the Board Meeting Room. He said that they would vote on these items at the end of the meeting during the reports from the standing committees. He said that they had also conferred with the Chancellor, several System and university administrators and System attorneys on personnel, land, and legal matters.

**INVOCATION**

Mr. White called on Mr. Wes Gabler, Corps Chaplain and a senior technology management major at TAMU, who presented the invocation.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. White said that shortly after the last Board meeting, the Governor announced that TAMU was going to lead the State's efforts in biofuel and bioenergy. He said that this was particularly relevant because the Department of Energy was looking at a \$250 million program with two centers of excellence. He said that the goal was to have one of the two centers of excellence in Texas. He thanked Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, Vice Chancellor of Engineering and Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), and Dr. Elsa Murano, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, for their vision in pulling this project together.

Mr. White said that the Texas Institute for Pre-Clinical Studies and its funding had been approved by the Governor's Office. He praised the efforts of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine (TIGM), TAMU and other agencies.

Mr. White said that since the July Board Meeting, Dr. Bob McTeer, Chancellor, had announced his retirement. Mr. White said that he appreciated Dr. McTeer's professionalism, wisdom and wit. He said that the Board felt some urgency to name Dr. McTeer's replacement before the next legislative session and announced that Mr. Jones would head the search along with Mr. Nye and Ms. Steen.

Mr. White announced that on Friday, September 22, the Board would meet with former regents. He said this would be a great opportunity to reunite a lot of people who have given a lot to the System over the years and continue to give.



### **CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS**

Dr. McTeer said that he and Mr. Guy Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization, recently spent two weeks in China working on research, commercialization and venture capital initiatives. He said that Dr. Richard Ewing, Vice President for Research, and several of his colleagues were with them for much of the trip. He said that basically this was a relationship-building trip. Dr. McTeer said that they visited Tsinghua University, Peking University and the Graduate School of the Central Bank of China in Beijing. He said they also visited several think tanks and a science park in Shanghai. He said that this was the start of a process that would lead to collaboration with foreign universities, Chinese universities and research entities.

Dr. McTeer said on Tuesday, September 26, Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T) would host a groundbreaking ceremony for its new campus.

Mr. White commented that they were in the process of interviewing a replacement for Dr. Herbert H. Richardson, Director of the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI). He said that they would honor Dr. Richardson and Dr. Norman Borlaug on Friday at a luncheon. Mr. White said that TTI was preeminent and under the leadership of Dr. Richardson had set the gold standard.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, said that the preparation for each legislative session begins immediately at the conclusion of the previous session.

*(Secretary’s Note: A copy of this update is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.)*

Dr. Calvert presented comparative information that showed how TAMUS fared compared to other academic institutions and how the Health Science Center (HSC) compared to health-related institutions from session to session. He said that agencies were unique to TAMUS, so there was no way to compare them. He said that each institution had its own individual story.

Dr. Calvert said that the process was always somewhat longitudinal. He said that we take note of how we are treated in each session and the first obligation that we have is to say “thank you” because the legislature treats higher education and the institutions in the A&M System on the whole quite well. He said that many items are longitudinal and we could not get them done all in one session. Dr. Calvert used the faculty reinvestment program for TAMU and achieving full formula parity funding for the Baylor College of Dentistry as examples.

Dr. Calvert summarized the elements of state funding for each of our three types of institutions -- academics, health-related and the agencies. He said that there was a variance among them in terms of how the funds were distributed. He said that the

important thing to note about academics and the health-related institutions was that most funding was allocated in one legislative decision item.

Dr. Calvert said that after review of the way in which the different institutions in the A&M System were funded, the major funding items for the next session fit under the heading of maintaining current services. He said maintaining current services amounts to \$900 million for all higher education, which included community college enrollment growth, academic institution enrollment growth and health-related institution enrollment growth. He said that we have already begun working with our colleagues in the other five systems on these items.

Dr. Calvert said that base funding priorities of individual A&M System institutions were key to the fundamental ongoing successes of each institution. He said that each would be a single decision point that was institution specific.

Dr. Calvert said that for the first time there had not been any information provided about the budget outlook. He said that our new state revenue budget projection would be made by the next comptroller. He said that the new business tax had already been committed and a great deal of whatever surplus there might be had been committed to the reduction of property taxes. He said that some of the surplus, in ordinary circumstances, would be available for appropriation to other functions of state government such as higher education. He said that according to all the projections, in this session, we are expected to be pretty well balanced in revenues and committed expenditures; but, 2009 would be a rougher session.

Dr. Calvert said that the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) was actuarially unsound and did not meet the constitutional requirement. He said that to adjust it to the needed level would take \$200 million for the biennium, just to make the minimal adjustment in TRS contribution to begin incrementally to get it actuarially sound. He said that the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid were expected to exceed \$1 billion.

Dr. Calvert said that the Governor's Business Council was poised to make some very significant recommendations regarding higher education. He said that we have a plan. We know our priorities and we have key members situated to support several of the items we have before the session opens and if possible get them in the base bill.

Dr. Calvert said that there were two fundamentals in doing legislative work. The legislature appropriates funding to every one of our 19 entities individually and the legislature expects to have access and responsiveness for each of these. He said that our chief executive officers (CEOs) expect to also have direct access to their legislative delegation. He said that the legislature liked a single point of contact. Dr. Calvert said that we have tried to structure ourselves so that each governmental relations person, whether directly paid by the System or administratively lodged within a particular institution, was responsible to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Governmental

Relations, so that there was a coordinated effort. He said that we are expected to have good, well-managed, effective programs.

Mr. Jones commented that a lot happens between legislative sessions. He praised Dr. Calvert and the governmental relations' staff.

**RECESS**

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

*(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 3:20 p.m. and adjourned at 4:02 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 4:03 p.m. and adjourned at 5:05 p.m.)*

*(Secretary's Note: The Board reconvened in executive session, in the Board Meeting Room, at 5:25 p.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present. He reconvened the Board meeting at 9:38 a.m. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John White, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Mr. Lupe Fraga  
Dr. Wendy Gramm  
Mr. Lowry Mays  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Mr. Gene Stallings  
Ms. Ida Clement Steen

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

Mr. White announced that the Board reconvened its executive session on Thursday, September 21, 2006, from 5:25 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. He said that they would vote on the matters considered in executive session following the reports of the standing committees later that day. He said that they conferred with the Chancellor, university administrators and attorneys on personnel and legal matters.

**REPORT FROM THE  
CHANCELLOR’S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD (CSAB)**

Dr. McTeer introduced Mr. Rodrigo Coutiña-Medina, Student Body President and CSAB Chair from Texas A&M University International (TAMIU).

Mr. Medina said that this year’s CSAB was a great group and they have been working together on different issues. He said that they are the only way of getting input. He said that when he became student body president at TAMIU, he realized how difficult it was to get issues that were happening within their student body of 4,000 students to the Board. He said that sometimes not much attention was placed on students from the other A&M campuses. Mr. Medina said that what they want to do this year was to change the role of the CSAB in order to communicate better with the Board.

Mr. Medina said that thanks to legislation this year, they have their first student regent. He said that Mr. Voelkel has been very accessible, had given them advice and had been attentive to what was happening on their campuses. He said that their main goal was to have more contact with the Board and be a better advisory board. Mr. Medina said that they want to build a relationship with other systems in Texas.

Mr. Medina said that they have created a new system of communication between members and student body presidents. He said that they now have an on-line forum that allows them to communicate easily. He said that they would be working on many areas to improve the CSAB image. He said that they want to have unity between the campuses. They want to take the Big Event to five universities that do not currently participate. They are calling it the Bigger Event. Mr. Medina said that their goal was to have the event on the same day system-wide. He said that hopefully someday they can get all the systems in Texas to have this event on the same day. He said that they welcome comments and suggestions.

The following members of the CSAB presented remarks specific to their respective universities: Mr. LaQuincy Arnold, Student Government Association President, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU); Mr. Casey Hogan, Student Body President, Tarleton State University (TSU); Mr. Nicholas Taunton, Student Body President, TAMU; Ms. Amber Ramoz, Student Body President, Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C); Mr. David Zapien, Student Body President, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC); Mr. David Brueggen, from Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG); Mr. Thomas Bingham, Student Body President, Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K); Ms. Hannah Hensel from TAMU-T; Mr. Marc Ceja from West Texas A&M University (WTAMU); and Mr. James Littlejohn from The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUS HSC) College of Medicine

Mr. White thanked the CSAB members.

**RECESS**

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

*(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:59 a.m.)*

**RECONVENE**

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He said that no requests were received in the Board Office to provide public testimony at this meeting. He called on Mr. Jones to present the report from the Committee on Audit.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 21, 2006. He said that they did not pass any items as a committee, but they did review the audit report as well as the audit tracking report. He said that consistent with his last report when he pointed out that the audit team had been audited, they were looking at ways to make the System's reporting and implementation systems better. He said that in the near future the audit and tracking reports would be merged. Mr. Jones said that the idea was to make continuous improvement and to make what is good even better.

Mr. White called on Mr. Adams to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 21. He said the Committee considered and approved Items 1 through 7. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 219-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

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

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

The Board of Regents 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. 07-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 220-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUNGARD SCT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University or his designee is authorized, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute a contract with SunGard SCT for the Banner Student system software and for services to assist with the implementation of the software.

**MINUTE ORDER 221-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“BARNES AND NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSELLERS ENDOWED  
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President/CEO of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to establish a quasi-endowment to be called the “Barnes and Noble College Booksellers Endowed Athletic Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with proceeds received from Barnes and Noble College Booksellers. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support scholarships for student athletes.

**MINUTE ORDER 222-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE  
ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT & WHITE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the General Counsel, to execute the annual agreement with Scott & White to provide specialized medical education services for FY 07.

**MINUTE ORDER 223-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT  
WITH CHRISTUS SPOHN HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute the annual agreement with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation for specialized medical education services for the clinical learning experiences of the College of Medicine students for FY 07.

**MINUTE ORDER 224-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH  
THE BRAZOS VALLEY FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute the annual agreement with the Brazos Valley Family Practice Residency Program for reimbursement of support funds over a two-year period.

**MINUTE ORDER 225-2006 (REVISED AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute the annual agreement with the Children's Medical Center to deliver dental education medico-administrative services for the fiscal year 2007.

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Mr. White called on Mr. Nye to present the report from the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT**

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 21. He said they considered and approved Items 9, 10, and 12 through 16. The Board took action as set forth below:

*(Secretary's Note: No action was taken on Items 8, 17 and 48. Item 11 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.)*

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**MINUTE ORDER 226-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2011,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The System Capital Plan for FY 2007-FY 2011 as shown in **Exhibit B**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved and 10 percent of the current estimate of project cost for all FY 2007 proposed projects is appropriated.

To the extent projects are funded by 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 of the Revenue Financing System and to meet the 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.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for these projects, 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 227-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND  
PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN  
FIRM FOR THE RECREATION SPORTS CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The program of requirements for the Recreation Sports Center at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

The project budget of \$12,000,000 for the Recreation Sports Center at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$954,000 is appropriated from Account No. 17-216759 Student Center Complex Fee – Unappropriated for design of the Recreation Sports Center at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The firm of Marmon Mok of San Antonio, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Recreation Sports Center at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Authorization is granted to begin negotiations with this firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, authorization is granted to terminate those negotiations and begin negotiations with the firm next in order of ranking as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) 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 debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 228-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE NEW DINING HALL,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The revised budget of \$12,996,000 for the New Dining Hall at Tarleton State University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$780,000, the amount of \$12,216,000 is appropriated from Account No. 083536 RFS Debt Proceeds (Auxiliary Enterprise Revenue) for construction contract award and related project costs for the New Dining Hall at Tarleton State University.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) 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 debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 229-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“H. EDISON ANDERSON, SR. RECITAL HALL,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The recital hall in the Hobart Taylor Building located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “H. Edison Anderson, Sr. Recital Hall.”

**MINUTE ORDER 230-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JOHN W. TANKERSLEY BASEBALL FIELD,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The baseball field located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “John W. Tankersley Baseball Field.”

**MINUTE ORDER 231-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“FRIENDS OF THE STERLING C. EVANS LIBRARY PLAZA,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The landscaped beautification area near the Sterling C. Evans and the Cushing Memorial Libraries on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Friends of the Sterling C. Evans Library Plaza.”

**MINUTE ORDER 232-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DR. WILLIAM L. CRABTREE, SR. TENNIS COURTS,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The new tennis courts located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “In Honor of Dr. William L. Crabtree, Sr.”

**MINUTE ORDER 233-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“MARGARET HARPER GREENROOM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 148 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Margaret Harper Greenroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 234-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JERRY WILLIAMS ACTING STUDIO,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 175 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Jerry Williams Acting Studio.”

**MINUTE ORDER 235-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WTAMU WOMEN’S COUNCIL THEATER FOYER,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 139D in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “WTAMU Women’s Council Theater Foyer.”

**MINUTE ORDER 236-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“MAYS FOUNDATION PIANO STUDIO,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 235 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Mays Foundation Piano Studio.”

**MINUTE ORDER 237-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“E.E. & LAURA PLANK PIANO STUDIO,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 236 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “E.E. & Laura Plank Piano Studio.”

**MINUTE ORDER 238-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JOHN GREEN STUDENT PLAZA,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 131 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “John Green Student Plaza.”

**MINUTE ORDER 239-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“GENEVA AND STANLEY SCHAEFFER BROADCASTING SUITE,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 152A in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Geneva and Stanley Schaeffer Broadcasting Suite.”

**MINUTE ORDER 240-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“HUGH LOEWENSTERN MUSIC DISPLAY CASE,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 1000 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Hugh Loewenstern Music Display Case.”

**MINUTE ORDER 241-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JOSEPHINE ANDERSON VOICE STUDIO,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 215 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Josephine Anderson Voice Studio.”

**MINUTE ORDER 242-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“MATILDA GAUME PIANO CLASSROOM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 234 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Matilda Gaume Piano Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 243-2006 (REVISED AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE FINAL TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS OF THE GIFTS OF A 250-ACRE RAIN FOREST AND A  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITY IN COSTA RICA  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE GIFTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System are hereby authorized to negotiate with Charles W. (“Bill”) Soltis and Curt Clemenson the final terms and conditions of the gifts of a 250-acre rain forest through a long-term lease or license and a research and educational facility to be constructed by Mr. Soltis on an adjacent 40-acre site. The gifts may be accepted by the President of Texas A&M University and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System on behalf of the Board of Regents; provided, that final acceptance of the gifts shall be conditioned upon: (i) satisfactory completion of such due diligence as deemed necessary by the President of Texas A&M University, the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, and the System Office of General Counsel, to include a review of title, survey and environmental issues, (ii) approval of the plans and specifications for the research and educational facility by the President of Texas A&M University and required Costa Rican governmental authorities prior to construction, (iii) extension of all necessary utilities to the research and educational facility, and (iv) final completion of the research and educational facility in substantial compliance with the approved plans and specifications, as determined by the President of Texas A&M University.

The President of Texas A&M University and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, with the assistance of the System Office of General Counsel, is authorized to form or otherwise acquire an appropriate Costa Rican entity for the purpose of holding title to, operating and managing the gifts. The entire equity interest in any such entity shall be held in the name of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, for the use and benefit of Texas A&M University.

The Board of Regents expresses its gratitude to Mr. Soltis and Mr. Clemenson for these very generous gifts, which will provide unique research opportunities to undergraduate and graduate students of Texas A&M University and students and professionals from other universities and countries under programs facilitated by Texas A&M University, as well as eco-educational courses and academic visits by students from the host country of Costa Rica.

**MINUTE ORDER 244-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE OFFICE AND CLASSROOM SPACE  
IN THE QUORUM WEST BUILDING, TARRANT COUNTY,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Tarleton State University, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease approximately 9,745 square feet of office and classroom space in the Quorum West Building located at 6777 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, for the use and benefit of Tarleton State University. The primary term of this full service lease will be five years with an option to extend for an additional five years at the then-existing market rate. The rental rate for the primary term is \$20.56 per square foot per year. Finish-out costs to be paid by Tarleton State University at the time of occupancy are estimated to be \$150,000. The total rental and finish-out costs for the primary term of this lease are estimated to be \$1,151,786.

**MINUTE ORDER 245-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF LAND  
(APPROXIMATELY 1.793 ACRES), RANDALL COUNTY,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to sell the surface estate of a tract of land containing approximately 1.793 acres, more or less, in Randall County, Texas. Consideration for this sale will be \$3.75 per surveyed square foot for an estimated sale price of \$292,886.55, less necessary closing costs.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Gramm to present the report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Gramm, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered and approved Items 18 through 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 246-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
STATISTICS VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye 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 is hereby authorized to offer the Masters in Statistics via Distance Education effective Fall 2007.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that the program offerings authorized by this minute order are within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 247-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN UNIVERSITY STUDIES AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye 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 the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees with a major in University Studies at Texas A&M University.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 248-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR TWO NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS LEADING TO A  
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LIBERAL  
STUDIES AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye 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 two new degree programs at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University- Commerce to submit the new degree program requests to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 249-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE  
TEXAS SPATIAL REFERENCE CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Texas Spatial Reference Center is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 250-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION  
SCIENCES AND DISORDERS DEGREE BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye 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-Kingsville is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders degree program by Distance Education, effective Fall 2006.

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 the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 251-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER DUAL CREDIT  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING COURSES WITH  
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes Texas A&M University-Texarkana to offer dual credit Electrical Engineering courses to eligible Texas High School students through the Texarkana Independent School District.

**MINUTE ORDER 252-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
NORMAN E. BORLAUG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas A&M University. The Borlaug Institute will be administratively assigned to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

**MINUTE ORDER 253-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND  
ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION (CREATE),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE), established by Minute Order 110-2003, is hereby dissolved as an operating unit of the A&M System as of September 30, 2006.

The Texas A&M University System, however, will continue to participate as a collaborative member of the CREATE research consortium.

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**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. White called on Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of TAMU-CC, to present Item 27. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 254-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. ROBERT KIRBY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, Dr. Robert Kirby, provost and professor of finance emeritus from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, served Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as interim provost from January 17 to August 31, 2006; and

Whereas, he brought his considerable experience, talents, skills, wisdom and grace to the position; and

Whereas, Dr. Kirby gained the respect and admiration of faculty and administrators at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi during his seven months of service; and

Whereas, Dr. Kirby took this position after serving West Texas A&M University in a similar capacity from January 5 to July 31, 2005; and

Whereas, he came out of retirement previously at the request of the System Office to develop the proposal for Texas A&M University-Kingsville at Palo Alto College; and

Whereas, his dedication to The Texas A&M University System over 35 years has been exemplary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully recognizes the dedication and service of Dr. Kirby as Interim Provost of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and that it be presented to Dr. Kirby and to the archives of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as an expression of appreciation and respect for Dr. Kirby.

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Mr. White called on Dr. George Wright, President of PVAMU, to present Items 28 and 30. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 255-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND SUPPORTING  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE “ACHIEVING  
THE DREAM: COMMUNITY COLLEGES COUNT” INITIATIVE,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, “Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count” (AtD: CCC) Initiative is an eight to ten year effort that began in 2003 after numerous consultations with community college practitioners and researchers to address a national imperative to increase success for the growing number of students for whom community colleges and selected senior colleges are the point of entry into higher education; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors of Houston Endowment Inc. has authorized the expenditure of up to \$9,000,000 over a period of five years to fund and expand this national student success initiative in the Houston/Gulf Coast region; and

Whereas, the amount authorized by the Houston Endowment Inc. is adequate to support seven community colleges and three senior universities in the amount of \$450,000.00 over a five-year period; and

Whereas, participation in this Initiative is by invitation, non-competitive and contingent upon selected institutions agreeing to adhere to guidelines articulated in the “AtD: CCC” Initiative intended program outcomes; and

Whereas, Prairie View A&M University has been extended an invitation to participate in the “AtD: CCC” Initiative and has submitted the required letter of commitment to Houston Endowment Inc. officials; attended the “AtD: CCC” kickoff institute in Denver, Colorado; received an assignment of an “AtD: CCC” coach and data facilitator; and assembled a core and data team to execute Initiative requirements; and

Whereas, the Houston Endowment Inc. is poised to disburse the initial \$50,000.00 planning grant to Prairie View A&M University after receiving a resolution from The Texas A&M University System; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System supports Prairie View A&M University’s participation in the “Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count” Initiative and stands in anticipation of future reports of the success this Initiative will produce; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, an official copy thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and that said copy be presented to Houston Endowment Inc. for its records.

**MINUTE ORDER 256-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Fraga 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 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in **Exhibit D**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Faculty Development Leave List, FY 2007, Prairie View A&M University.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Gates who presented Items 29, 32, 33 and 44. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 257-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NAMING  
MR. BILL LYONS, JR. '58,  
AN EMERITUS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS  
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Mr. Bill Lyons, Jr. '58, has served as a member of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for the past six years; and

Whereas, Mr. Lyons has served as Chair of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for the past two years; and

Whereas, Mr. Lyons has given tirelessly of his time and expertise to support Texas A&M University at Galveston in fulfilling its mission and achieving its goals; and

Whereas, Mr. Lyons' second term on the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors ends in September 2006, and he cannot be reappointed, at this time, as a regular member of the Board; and

Whereas, Mr. Lyons continues to have a strong interest in Texas A&M University at Galveston, and the university can continue to benefit from his knowledge and experience; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Administration of Texas A&M University at Galveston and Texas A&M University as well as the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully recognize the significant contributions that Mr. Bill Lyons, Jr. '58, has made to the Galveston branch campus during his six years of service on its Board of Visitors and his two years of service as the Chair of the Board of Visitors; and, be it, further

Resolved, that Mr. Lyons be named an Emeritus Member of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors, granting him the right to attend any and all meetings of the Board of Visitors and to continue to offer his advice and counsel to the Administration of Texas A&M University at Galveston and Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Mr. Lyons and to the archives of Texas A&M University at Galveston as an expression of appreciation and respect for Mr. Lyons' important and lasting contributions to the university.

**MINUTE ORDER 258-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**APPROVAL OF DR. ERIC E. SIMANEK,  
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE AND  
BOARD MEMBER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY  
FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves Dr. Eric E. Simanek, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry, within the College of Science of Texas A&M University, to serve as an officer, employee and member of the board of directors of Lone Star Molecular, Inc., a business entity that is seeking an agreement with The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented and developed at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 259-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPOINTMENT OF SUZANNE H. SULLIVAN  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective October 1, 2006, Ms. Susanne H. Sullivan is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 260-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT SMITH III, USNR  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective October 1, 2006, Rear Admiral Robert Smith III, USNR, is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juaréz, President of TAMU-K, who presented Item 31. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 261-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Ms. Steen 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 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in **Exhibit E**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2007, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.



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Mr. White called on Dr. McTeer who presented Items 34 through 38, and 40 through 42. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 262-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Steen 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 (*Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth in **Exhibit F**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Tenure List No. 07-01.

**MINUTE ORDER 263-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Steen 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 in **Exhibit G**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Emeritus Title List No. 07-01, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 264-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (*Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers*), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of peace officers by the President of the respective member of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in **Exhibit H**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 265-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF  
MARVIN MILLER AS A PEACE OFFICER,  
TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Steen 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 appointment of and commissions Texas Forest Service employee Marvin Miller as a peace officer.

**MINUTE ORDER 266-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. DEAN A. MINIX  
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND FINE ARTS,  
AND APPOINTMENT OF DR. MOHAMMED A. EL-SAIDI,  
AS ACADEMIC DEAN, TARLETON-CENTRAL TEXAS,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective August 1, 2006, Dr. Dean A. Minix is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts at Tarleton State University, at an initial salary of \$116,000.

Effective August 21, 2006, Dr. Mohammed A. El-Saidi is hereby appointed Academic Dean at Tarleton-Central Texas, at an initial salary of \$110,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 267-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. MARK H. WEICHOLD  
AS DEAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective January 1, 2007, Dr. Mark H. Weichold is hereby appointed Dean and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University at Qatar, at an initial salary of \$205,000 plus an annual administrative stipend of \$12,000.

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Mr. White said that while Dr. Weichold will be missed at TAMU, he will be a great asset at Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ).

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**MINUTE ORDER 268-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH  
STEVEN B. DENTON, HEAD MEN'S TENNIS COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Steen 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 execute an employment contract and contract for services with the following person:

Steven B. Denton – Head Men's Tennis Coach.

**MINUTE ORDER 269-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MS. JENNY E. YOUNG  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Effective October 1, 2006, Ms. Jenny E. Young is hereby appointed Vice President for Governmental Affairs of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, at an initial salary of \$135,000.

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Mr. Stallings said that he had met with Dr. Gramm earlier that same day trying to get a better feeling for academics and tenure. He said that one of the things he asked for previously was a report on the post-tenure review policy, but had not yet received the information. He said that when they give somebody tenure, he noticed that a number of them were not tenured when they were here and they were tenured before. Mr. Stallings said that he does not know whether they are being asked or told.

Dr. Gramm said that they were currently scheduled to have a report at the next meeting. She said that she had asked Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to prepare a joint report from all the CEOs or their academic vice presidents with not only the numbers but also context. She suggested that they work with the Chancellor's Office to determine what they want to say about post-tenure review.

Mr. Stallings said that he wanted to be sure that our presidents run their universities and not tenured professors.

Dr. Gramm said that in regards to tenure on arrival, the issue was the effective date. She said that when the Board approved them, sometimes the effective date was not in the future but has already passed. She wondered if there were professors who were going to be brought in with the promise of tenure on arrival, if these resumes could be given to the Board in the meeting prior to their arrival if possible. Dr. Gramm said that her presumption was that when someone is offered tenure on arrival, this has gone through the internal university processes. She said that accommodations could be made for special cases. Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, said that while she could not speak for the other organizations, she could say that when they have a candidate that they anticipate tenure on arrival, the offer letter was always worded that tenure could not be granted without Board action. She said that the offer was pending Board action. She said that often the process of going through their post-tenure review process, if they had to add another six to eight weeks because of deadlines for Board meetings, could add three months to the hiring process. Dr. Gramm said that she understood this and knew that everyone was very careful. She asked if there was a way to deal with this particular issue so that it does not look as if the Board was approving something after the fact.

Mr. Stallings said that he could not imagine that the Board would turn them down it was just a matter of proper handling.

Mr. White presented Item 39. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 270-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
JULY 27-28, 2006, BOARD MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the July 27-28, 2006, Regular Board Meeting, are hereby approved.

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Mr. White asked for a motion to approve Item 43. Mr. Jones moved that Dr. Dennis L. Christiansen be named finalist for the position of Director of the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI). He said that as required by state law final action will be taken after a 21-day notice is given. Mr. Nye seconded the motion.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 271-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**SELECTION OF  
DR. DENNIS L. CHRISTIANSEN  
AS THE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Dennis L. Christiansen is hereby named as the finalist for the position of Director of the Texas Transportation Institute. As required by state law, final action will be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

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Mr. Jones said that Dr. Christiansen had a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Civil Engineering from Northwestern University. He received a Master of Civil Engineering as well as a Ph.D. from TAMU in 1972 and 1977 respectively. He had been the agency director of TTI from 1993 until the present, Associate Director from 1991

until 1993, and the Research Engineer and Division Head from 1983 through 1994. Dr. Christiansen was the Associate Research Engineer and Program Manager for TTI from 1979 until 1983 and Assistant Research Engineer from 1972 until 1979. He was a highway planner with Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff from 1970 through 1971 and is a registered professional engineer and received a Regents' Fellow Award in 2004. Dr. Christiansen has held numerous positions including American Road and Transportation Builders Association Award, President of the Council of University Transportation Centers, Board of Directors and President of Research and Education Division for the American Road and Transportation Builders Association. Mr. Jones said that Dr. Christiansen has been with TTI for a number of years and knows the organization in and out and the Board believed that he would continue the rich tradition started by Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Gramm thanked Dr. Lee Peddicord, Vice Chancellor for Research and Federal Relations, members of the search committee and everyone that worked hard during this process. She said that she knew that their search took them far and wide. She said that the search committee brought good candidates to the Board.

Mr. White said that he thought that this was one of best examples of a nation-wide search where everyone worked together. He said that they had exceptional candidates for an exceptional position. He said that TTI was the gold standard in the nation for research in the area of transportation and he believed this appointment continued this fine tradition.

Mr. White presented Item 45. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 272-2006 (REVISED AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH DR. ROBERT D. MCTEER, CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

An Amended Employment Agreement for Chancellor Robert D. McTeer is approved, and the Chairman of the Board of Regents is hereby delegated authority to negotiate the terms thereof and to execute the amended agreement with Chancellor McTeer.

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Mr. White said that no action would be taken on Item 46.

Mr. White presented Item 47. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 273-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO CAMPUS;  
AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE CAMPUS SITE; AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE  
DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO CREATE THE CAMPUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby acknowledges its strong commitment to the creation of a university in southern San Antonio to be known as Texas A&M University-San Antonio. The Chairman of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents is authorized to designate one or more individuals to negotiate an agreement with the City of San Antonio under which the City will acquire and give or make available on terms advantageous to The Texas A&M University System a tract of land containing at least 400 acres located in southern San Antonio to be used as the site of the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus.

In addition, the Chairman of the Board of Regents is authorized to designate one or more individuals to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to fully implement the purpose and intent of this minute order, including, but without limitation, taking those measures necessary to expand the number of full-time equivalent students at Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio; seeking appropriate approvals, if required, from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; constructing or leasing interim facilities; and generally taking such other actions as may be deemed appropriate in the circumstances to operate Texas A&M University-San Antonio as a general academic teaching institution.

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Mr. Mays said that this was a tremendous opportunity for the people in South Texas to have a university of this nature in the Southern part of San Antonio. He thought it would also give the System exposure to help close the gaps.

Mr. Nye extended his appreciation to Dr. Juaréz and the people in Kingsville for all the work they have done to make this possible. He knew this was not an easy task, but they went above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. White said that a number of people including Dr. Sayavedra have worked hard on this project. He said that this was a reconfirmation of a long-standing commitment to the City of San Antonio. He said that the previous week they met with the Mayor and others.

Mr. White called on Dr. Bennett to present Item 26. Dr. Bennett said that it was a significant honor for him to present a resolution to one of his academic heroes. He said that few people within our System have touched quite as many lives as Dr. Richardson in the many positions he has held.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 274-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. HERB RICHARDSON,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION AND  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Dr. Herbert H. Richardson received a B.S. and M.S. and a Sc.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all in the field of mechanical engineering; and

Whereas, during a distinguished twenty-seven year career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he served as a faculty member, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Associate Dean, Dr. Richardson conducted and directed a wide-ranging research program, supervised more than sixty graduate theses, and published numerous professional papers, reports and articles based on his research in mechanical engineering and transportation systems; and

Whereas, Dr. Richardson served as the first Chief Scientist of the U.S. Department of Transportation from 1970 to 1972 and was responsible for the technical program which virtually eliminated aircraft hijacking in the United States; and

Whereas, Dr. Richardson joined The Texas A&M University System in October 1984 as Vice Chancellor for Engineering in the System, Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, and Dean of the College of Engineering and Distinguished Professor of Engineering at Texas A&M University and successfully increased the level of collaboration among the University and the System's three engineering research and service agencies the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Engineering Extension Service and the Texas Transportation Institute; and



Whereas, under his leadership, the faculty size and quality was increased, the College of Engineering's endowment grew from \$10 million to \$40 million, minority student enrollment increased by 35 percent, and an Engineering Scholars program was created to attract gifted high school students; and

Whereas, Dr. Richardson encouraged interdisciplinary research programs and played a key role in the awarding of Texas A&M University's first National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center, the Offshore Technology Center; and

Whereas, from 1985 to 1991, the total annual expenditures of the Engineering Program grew from \$57 million to \$122 million, with most of the increase resulting from competitively acquired grants and contracts; and

Whereas, from 1991 to 1993, Dr. Richardson served as Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, leading the development of a comprehensive long-range vision for the System, as well as implementing a major administrative restructuring and accompanying annual savings of some \$2 million; and

Whereas, in 1993, working effectively with the legislative leadership, Dr. Richardson enabled the System institutions and agencies to increase their state finding by approximately eight percent, with the regional universities in South Texas seeing a more than 50 percent increase; and

Whereas, Dr. Richardson left the Chancellorship in 1993, assuming the Directorship of the Texas Transportation Institute, the largest university-affiliated transportation research organization in the nation, and the position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Engineering; and

Whereas, during Dr. Richardson's thirteen years as Director, the Texas Transportation Institute has significantly broadened its mission to include all modes of transportation, developed key partnerships with universities and the private sector, and helped increase diversity in the transportation talent base through its Regional Division program; and

Whereas, under Dr. Richardson's leadership since 1993, the Texas Transportation Institute has become home to nine national research centers; and research expenditures from State, Federal and private sponsors have increased from \$18 million to \$36 million; and

Whereas, in honor of his exemplary teaching, scholarly activity and service to The Texas A&M University System, Dr. Richardson received the Regents Professor Service award in 1993; and

Whereas, Dr. Richardson's many accomplishments have been recognized by his peers, including elected membership in the National Academy of Engineering; receipt of the Rufus Oldenberger Medal; honorary membership and election as a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; election as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; presentation of the Centennial Medal and the Benjamin Garver Lamme Medal by the American Association for Engineering Education; and being named a lifetime National Associate of the National Academies and the National Research Council; and

Whereas, the State of Texas has benefited from Dr. Richardson's pre-eminent leadership in transportation research through his service as a member and Chairman of the National Research Council's Transportation Research Board, and as a member of the National Research Council's Governing Board; and

Whereas, in his twenty-two years with The Texas A&M University System, Dr. Richardson has shown innovative leadership in building strong academic and research programs and in so doing helped the College of Engineering and the Texas Transportation Institute earn and maintain their outstanding national and international reputations for excellence; and

Whereas, Dr. Richardson is widely respected for his unswerving commitment to ethical behavior and management and for his dedication to improving engineering education and research; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Richardson for his years of dedicated service to the System, the Look College of Engineering and the Texas Transportation Institute; and, be it, further

Resolved that the Board offers its heartiest congratulations on his retirement and wishes him many years of future happiness; and, be it, further

Resolved that the Board hereby confers upon Dr. Richardson the titles of Chancellor Emeritus, Director Emeritus of the Texas Transportation Institute, and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Engineering, effective upon Dr. Richardson's retirement from The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and that it be presented to Dr. Richardson and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as an expression of appreciation and respect for Dr. Herbert H. Richardson.

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Dr. Richardson said that he had served under six chancellors including himself, three interims, eight Board chairmen and had survived 11 legislative sessions. He said that what they have been able to accomplish would not have been possible without the unfailing support of the boards of regents that he had worked with. He saluted all the dedicated people who had worked together in the engineering and TTI programs for their motivation, dedication and outstanding work.

Mr. White said that at an earlier Board meeting, they passed a resolution honoring Dr. Norman Borlaug. A short video was presented of some of Dr. Borlaug's accomplishments.

Dr. Borlaug thanked the Regents and Texas A&M University. He said that it was a privilege for him to be present and that two weeks from now he would have finished his sixty-third year working in international agriculture. He said that he had worked during that long period of time with political leaders of all different kinds of ideologies from the extreme left, communism, to the extreme right, military dictatorships. He said that he always was working for the underfed people of those countries that transcend the temporary political leaderships of many nations. Dr. Borlaug said that political ideologies change, both from right to left and hopefully they stay somewhere near the middle, but all too often it was wobbly. He said that this was why the continuing training of new scientists was of vital importance and the role that TAMU, now being the largest land grant college and university from the standpoint of undergraduate students, needs to continue to play a very dynamic part. He said that he thought this was particularly true in these times of some of the things heard from the United Nations' platforms. He said that it behooved us all to understand that this was a delicate period in our social, economic and political life of the free nations of the world. He said that it behooved TAMU to continue to play an aggressive part in this, not only in agriculture and food but also in education. He said that to him the population problem continues to be a serious problem in many developing nations, some of which have 75 to 80 million people more added to the world population every year. He said that most of them were in food-short developing nations which consequently were very fertile seed beds for planting seeds of extremism of all extreme political ideology. He said that he hoped TAMU would continue to play a key role in trying to battle hunger, misery and human poverty. He said that his whole motivation and dedication to his 63 years went back to the early 30's and the collapse of our own economic system and all that he saw. He said that he saw hundreds and thousands of people in Indianapolis and St Paul, Minnesota, asking for a nickel to buy bread. He said that this was the way the world was when he was young.

#### **REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON**

Mr. Jones said that the Corpus Christi Islanders were the newest members of the Southland Conference. He said that evening would be historic in the Southland Conference because the Islanders would take on Sam Houston State University in a women's volleyball match which would be the first athletic event that Corpus Christi would engage in as a member of the Southland Conference.

Mr. Jones said that PVAMU defeated Texas Southern for the first time in 25 years and that WTAMU and TAMU are currently undefeated.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. White announced that the next Board meeting will be held November 30 and December 1, 2006, on the campus of PVAMU.

There were no further comments or questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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

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