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**MINUTES OF THE
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(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Audit convened at 9:10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:32 a.m.)

CONVENE – THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

Mr. John White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 10:42 a.m., on Thursday, May 24, 2007, Memorial Student Union Building (MSUB), Room 218, Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K), Kingsville, 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. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White announced that the Board would recess to 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 (including Item 65); Section 72, for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real; Section 73, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; 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 56 through 64).

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 met in executive session from 10:47 a.m. until 1:45 p.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present and reconvened the meeting at 1:47 p.m., MSUB, Room 219. He said that the Board had met in executive session earlier that same day from 10:47 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. Mr. White said that in executive session the Board considered Items 56 through 65 and would take action on these items at the end of the meeting during the reports from the standing committees. Mr. White said that they also conferred with the Chancellor, several System and university administrators and System attorneys on personnel, land, and legal matter.

INVOCATION

Mr. White called on Ms. Crystal Lopez, a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences and minoring in Spanish at TAMU-K, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. White thanked Dr. Rumaldo Juárez, President of TAMU-K, for hosting the Board on his campus. Mr. White said that the Board tries to visit the different campuses and he was glad to be back on the Kingsville campus.

Mr. White thanked Regent Steen for hosting the Board the previous evening at the historic King Ranch.

Mr. White announced that Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of Tarleton State University (TSU), had announced that he would step down after 16 years in the presidency. He thanked Dr. McCabe for his many years of service.

Mr. White welcomed and congratulated Dr. Frank Ashley, newly appointed Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and Mr. Gary Sera, Interim Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

Mr. White commented that so many wonderful things continue to happen around the System, and thanked everyone for what he said continues to be wonderful accomplishments. He said that in some ways the legislative session had been quiet because everyone had taken care of business so well. He said that the System also had done well in the federal process and continues to be successful.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS
(INCLUDING STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE)

Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor, acknowledged Ms. Crystal Lopez and Mr. Thomas Bingham, who were serving their second term on the Chancellor’s Student Advisory Board (CSAB).

Dr. McKinney gave a brief update on the legislative session and said that Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, would provide additional information the next day.

Dr. McKinney reported on the following events: Legislative Ladies’ Day held on April 3, hosted by Mrs. Daisy White and Mrs. Lou Ann McKinney; a meeting held by the A&M System in San Antonio on May 1 to update the community on the progress of the System Center in San Antonio; and presentations made on May 9 and 16 to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF).

Dr. McKinney said that they have started the programmatic budget review process and that next year he would call the program “Programmatic Review” since it is not much of a budget review.

Dr. McKinney said he promised that they would start doing more strategic planning. Dr. McKinney said that they have started a process that will develop a plan from which they can operate. He said that he is personally committed to making sure the plan works, and that Mr. Robert L. “Lanny” Smith, Special Projects Coordinator, and Mr. Shawn Andersson, Director of Financial Planning, have been working on this plan. He then introduced Mr. Smith for the update on strategic planning.

Mr. Smith said that the Chancellor had given them four charges which included making sure that all planning processes are aligned for synergy of effort; measuring the right things and in the right way; complying with policies, regulations, rules and guidelines; and where we are not in compliance, bringing us back into compliance.

Mr. Smith said that the Chancellor had made it clear to him that there are two driving overriding priorities: complete openness in the process and the widest possible participation. He said that their framework rests upon four pillars that include System member compacts, System member strategic plans, System Offices strategic plan, and the A&M System strategic plan. He said the System Offices strategic plan would be driven by the concept of added value. Mr. Smith said that they would go out to all stakeholders, canvas them and at the end of that process they will be able to answer four questions: What should we be doing that we are not doing right now? What should we not be doing that we are doing right now? What should we be doing better? What should be sustained because we are in fact doing it pretty well? Mr. Smith said that at that point we will understand our purpose and know where we are going.

Mr. Smith said that the next process involves Member compacts, which he said were nothing more than contracts between the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and the Chancellor. He said that they would be the basis of CEO evaluations.

Mr. Smith said by the end of this year a System Offices strategic plan would be published and we will have signed compacts between the CEOs and the Chancellor. By December 2008, we will have a System strategic plan in place. Finally, by December 2009, there will be a fully mature system in place. He said all System member strategic plans, all System member compacts, all System Offices strategic plans will be in alignment. They will be fully mature and will work in unison. Mr. Smith said that at that time the work will really begin because the challenge in strategic planning is not getting one written or formulated; it is having the will, strength and the dedication to sustain it. Mr. Smith said that they will keep the Chancellor apprised and he will keep the Board apprised of what is going on and the progress that is being made. Mr. Smith asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Nye asked if Mr. Smith was going to seek outside counsel in terms of strategic objectives, goals and visions. Mr. Smith responded in the affirmative and said that he considered the stakeholders to be both in the political and business arenas. He said that they will be coming back to the Board as they go through the process because he knows that the Board will have input as well. Mr. Nye thanked the Chancellor and Mr. Smith and said that he was very excited and appreciative of the approach that has been taken.

UPDATE ON TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Dr. Juárez welcomed everyone and recognized members of his faculty, staff and students who assisted with preparations for the meeting.

Dr. Juárez presented an update and said that TAMU-K was the only doctoral research university south of Austin as classified by the Carnegie Foundation. He said that their external funding in FY 2006 was approximately \$14 million with \$5 million of that amount being federal funding.

Dr. Juárez said that TAMU-K has a diverse student population with 60 percent Hispanic, 25 percent Caucasian, 5 percent African American and 8 percent International. He said that their students succeed because of the types and quality of programs that are offered by their five colleges (Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and the System Center in San Antonio).

Dr. Juárez said that they are very proud of the fact that they were reaccredited in 2006. They were recognized in Washington Monthly for being in the top 100, recognized by the Minority Access National Role Model Institution and Hispanic Outlook ranked them 27th in overall graduation of Hispanic students. He added that TAMU-K was one of

15 Texas universities named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Dr. Juárez said that some of their most recent initiatives include the approval of the B.S. in Biomedical Sciences program and the M.S. in Ranch Management. Dr. Juárez said that this summer they were kicking off the Online M.E. in Adult Education degree. He said that new construction projects included a new student recreation center and the Citrus Center building in Weslaco.

Dr. Juárez said that their most exciting initiative was the strategic plan for 2006-2011. He discussed a few of their strategic goals, such as increasing enrollment at the Kingsville campus to 7,500 by 2011, and 2,500 at the System Center in San Antonio; improving learning outcomes, and improving four, five and six-year graduation rates. He said that their strategic plan has a number of items that will continue to support, maintain and strengthen some of the areas of excellence that they already have. Dr. Juárez said that there has been an increase in enrollment from the fall of 2001 through the fall of 2007. They have improved their advising, tutoring and mentoring services and they are seeing improvement in their retention rate. In the fall of 2005 and 2006, they were up to a 64 percent retention rate, the highest it has been in 10 years.

Dr. Juárez said that they are fortunate to have support in developing some important programs at TAMU-K, specifically the Stephen J. “Tio” and Janell Kleberg Wildlife Research Park, a 35-acre park that includes the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center. Others buildings in the park include the Buddy Temple Wildlife Pathology and Diagnostic Laboratory, Duane M. Leach Research Aviary and the Albert and Margaret Alkek Ungulate Research Facility.

Dr. Juárez said that the System Center in San Antonio was established in 2000. He said that upper-level classes are taught and as of May 2007, more than 1,000 have graduated.

Dr. Juárez said that the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy opened in August 2006, with a class of 78 students. He thanked the Board for the initiatives they took to make the college possible.

Dr. Juárez said that in March 2005, they started a capital campaign. The 36-month campaign, co-chaired by Tio and Janell Kleberg, has a goal to raise \$10 million by 2008. To date, they have raised \$8.5 million. He said 85 percent of the funds will go toward scholarship support. Dr. Juárez said that everything they do is about their students and their vision is to become a nationally recognized public university.

RECESS

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 2:40 p.m. and adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 3:57 p.m. and adjourned at 3:58 p.m.)

RECONVENE – FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present. He reconvened the Board meeting at 9:11 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. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, presented a legislative update, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. He complimented the A&M System interns for the 80th Legislature, adding that they were some of our best ambassadors. He commended the efforts of the students and Ms. Cady Auckerman, Director of the TAMU Policy Internship Program.

Dr. Calvert presented a scorecard on how the Texas Legislature has treated higher education and the A&M System. He said that we must keep reminding ourselves what our objectives were prior to the session, how well we achieved them, and how the legislature treated us with respect to the objectives we had going into the session.

Next, Dr. Calvert discussed a summary of higher education funding. He said the story of this session has to be that the legislature and the Governor treated higher education very well with \$1.1 billion going towards higher education.

Dr. Calvert reported on the A&M System legislative program scorecard. He said that among the academic institutions, tuition was a significant factor. The legislature made a big decision on the part of Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) debt service to fund it and make it part of the base bill. In regards to group insurance, we went into the session 13 percent lower than the state contribution for health insurance for employees as compared to regular state employees. He said that they narrowed this for the A&M group

health insurance plan to 95 percent of the same rate they are providing for regular state employees.

Dr. Calvert said that the \$100 million Governor's Incentive Funding is now believed to only be for academic institutions to earn according to their performance against criteria used by the Governor's Office. Mr. Adams asked if we could live with that. Dr. Calvert responded in the affirmative, but said we will have challenges like everyone else to improve our performance.

Dr. Calvert said that the A&M System went into this session with very high priorities. In reference to Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) programs that began under the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Dr. Calvert said he believed that \$25 million had been appropriated, but it may be appropriated in a different way.

He discussed the System Centers Operations, System Centers TRB Debt Service and Texas A&M University at Galveston's (TAMUG) special purpose funding.

Next, Dr. Calvert discussed funding for the A&M System Health Science Center (HSC). He said that there is \$10 million in the Senate version of House Bill 1 for the College of Medicine expansion. He said they believe that there is an additional \$19 million in the conference committee report and more than likely in Article IX. Two locations are involved -- Temple and Williamson County. He said that Temple would probably receive \$10 million, \$9 million for Williamson County and \$10 million for College Station (from Article III, which is separate). Mr. Nye discussed the importance of the relationship between Scott & White and Texas A&M and the need for this funding. Mr. Nye said that it is important that we have enough doctors to go around. He said it is believed after many discussions with various people that Texas needs more doctors educated in Texas. Mr. Nye said that the lowest incremental cost way to do this is to expand our current medical program. He said we have proposed it in a low cost fashion, a fashion that does not question anyone's integrity and the fact that we have these funds this far is a reflection of the validity of the plans. Mr. Nye said that it would be disastrous, if particularly Temple were to get cut at this late date. He said that he hoped that the Chancellor, Mr. White and others who have influence on these matters would make sure that the powers that be understand that it is not just a discretionary thing but the linchpin to something we have been working on for a long time. He thinks it would provide Texas with more doctors at the lowest incremental cost as possible. He encouraged the Chancellor to take a strong position on this and said if it comes apart it would have detrimental effects that will go deeply into our System.

Mr. White said that under the leadership of Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, a taskforce was established that met quarterly for three years to arrive at this recommendation to the legislature. Mr. White said to achieve this was a great accomplishment, but the message they were trying to deliver was that Scott & White and Texas A&M are a team. They have worked hard to accomplish this relationship and want to see it succeed. He said this was a well thought-out plan that has not been undertaken lightly.

Mr. Nye said that it would be good if the \$19 million makes it in Article IX or Article III. He said that it is an important point that this was not in the nature of a special item, this is in the nature of paying for these students and ultimately will be built into the base bill. Dr. McKinney said that even if it is in Article IX, they have made the pitch, and they can defend the \$19 million because it is to the benefit of the State of Texas.

Dr. Calvert said that as significant as it is to safe harbor the previously appropriated funds for the Faculty Reinvestment Program at Texas A&M University (TAMU), the program always included a third installment. He said to his knowledge, we did not have reason to believe that it was included. He said that TAMU is not going away from this session empty handed and because of the good work they have done they are up significantly from biennium to biennium to the upside of \$30 million.

Dr. Calvert said that they have been working on the agencies in the Brazos County infrastructure since 1997. He is confident that for the first time we have the money appropriated for the upcoming biennium that will appropriate on a per square foot basis the same dollar amount for the agencies Brazos County infrastructure as for Texas A&M.

Dr. Calvert said that the Supplemental Appropriations Bill is money to repay the Texas Forest Service (TFS) and volunteer fire departments. He said that the distinction is that the supplemental bill is for 2006-2007. This is not all of the funding for TFS. Dr. Calvert said that they believe this bill will pass.

Dr. Calvert briefly discussed A&M System specific legislation. He said that only two have not passed: the TFS Statewide Wildfire Protection Plan and the PVAMU TRB bill. He said that progress has been made on the Wildfire Protection Plan.

Dr. Calvert discussed the A&M System omnibus student fee bill. He said that Ms. Daniel and the CSAB worked on this and deserved a lot of credit.

Dr. Calvert briefly discussed educational policy legislation including Top 10 percent admissions, incentive funding, financial aid, Texas Tomorrow Fund II and online performance reports.

Dr. Calvert said there were a lot of activities coming up in the interim including the Governor's Higher Education Initiative and four mandated studies: the Select Commission on Higher Education and Global Competitiveness, Master Plan for Higher Education, CB Study of Issuance of Bonds for System Centers and the Select Committee on Higher and Public Education Finance. Dr. Calvert concluded by saying that it was an honor and pleasure to work for the A&M System and its institutions.

Mr. Nye said that this process is complex, contentious, and sometimes disappointing, but we need to take the positive side as we think about what has happened this time and as we contact legislators. He said that we need to let them know that we appreciate that higher education is a matter of substantial conversation and we appreciate

what they try to do for us. He said that we should let Senator Steve Ogden know how much we appreciate what he does. Mr. Nye said that we have two obligations; to appreciate what we get, and to not only do well with the money we receive but to make sure that people know that we are spending it prudently, frugally and efficiently.

Mr. Jones said in that regard he knows that those who attend the Audit Committee meetings have seen how they have sought to improve both the methods by which they communicate with us through the committee and by what information they receive and then their follow up. He said this ties to what Mr. Nye said. The legislators need to know that we work hard in this System to maintain the funds that we are entrusted with and to do what is right by the State of Texas and by the students and parents who pay tuition. Mr. Jones said that when we have the legislators on our campuses we need to talk with them about the specifics of how the money is spent, internal controls and enterprise risk management systems. Mr. Jones thanked Dr. Calvert and his staff.

Mr. White thanked Dr. Calvert, Dr. McKinney, the presidents and their staffs for their leadership. He said that it had been a very successful session, but not without a lot of hard work.

UPDATE ON SYSTEM COMMERCIALIZATION

Mr. Guy Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization, said he would address System commercialization and the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine (TIGM). He said first and foremost they have to build confidence among inventors to increase their participation in the commercialization process. Mr. Diedrich said secondly, they must protect the A&M System's interests while being accessible to industry. They must obtain appropriate social and economic returns for intellectual property (IP). He reported that over 30 percent of our licenses are done with Texas-based companies. He said that we must also create educational opportunities for students. In 2006-2007, 24 graduate and 18 undergraduate students were employed in the Office of Technology Commercialization. They performed a variety of tasks from market analysis to help build business plans to actually working with spin-out companies.

Mr. Diedrich said we have 357 issued and active patents in the U.S., 275 foreign patents and 59 plant varieties. He said that pending applications were a great story as well. There were 281 U.S. patents, 384 foreign patents and 10 plant varieties. He said that A&M is one of the largest producers of new plant varieties in the world.

Mr. Diedrich reported that \$50 million was secured for research and construction for TIGM. He said that they had spun-out three companies in the last year with A&M investment and majority ownership. One was Texas Enterosorbents, Inc., a company that came up with a clay acid product combination that bonds to alpha toxins, was purchased by a chemical company in California. Mr. White asked if we retained any interest in Texas Enterosorbents. Mr. Diedrich responded that we still own 30 percent. Mr. Diedrich said that Telemedicus was the first joint A&M and University of Texas (UT) spin-out company in Texas history where 50 percent of the funds came from the

A&M System and 50 percent came from the UT Health Science Center. He said that Telemedicus now has a term sheet and should have an acquisition completed by next month.

Mr. Diedrich said that they just closed a \$1.7 million first round in April for MacuClear, Inc. He said that this is macular degeneration technology developed by Dr. George C.Y. Chiou and the medical school. Mr. Diedrich said that they received the first Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) start-up investment from the Governor for CorInnova. This program will be using the new Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies (TIPS) facility for preclinical testing.

Mr. Diedrich said that they have developed a number of international agreements under Born Big, an initiative based on Friedman's "the world is flat." He said they wanted to see if this was actually true in practice. Mr. Diedrich said that they have entered into agreements in China, EU, Russia, Middle East, and Mexico partnering around technologies that have global application where literally the day you open your start up company you are opening across the globe. He said that they are about to enter into their first one with their Chinese partners at Chenghua University.

Mr. Diedrich said that we have been named by Governor Perry to host the statewide Texas Life Science Center for Innovation and Commercialization. He said this puts us at the center of biotechnology in Texas. Mr. Diedrich said that TAMUS was also designated by the Governor's Office as the lead to develop the Texas Statewide Bioenergy Strategy, a collaboration between the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) and the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES).

Mr. Diedrich said that TIGM has been moving very rapidly in the last six months. He said that it was recently approved for National Institutes of Health (NIH) supplemental allocation. He said TIGM is now a member of the International Knockout Mouse Consortium whose mission is to encourage international cooperation between the major suppliers of Knockout Mice worldwide. He added that the 350,000 clone TIGM libraries will be complete in the fall 2007. This will be the largest library of mouse embryonic stem cell clones in the world.

TIGM now has 15 employees and scientific operations at the Institute for Biosciences and Technology (IBT) including all functions required for the production, housing, and delivery of Knockout Mice. He said that construction of the TIGM facility in College Station is expected to be completed by July 17, 2007, and following the sanitation procedures required to house mice, is expected to be available for use by October 2007.

Mr. Diedrich said that since beginning operation in June 2006, TIGM has received more than 800 inquiries from Asia, Europe, South America and North America. TIGM is delivering products to research institutions in Australia, Sweden, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Canada, Germany, England, France, Italy and the U.S.

Mr. Diedrich asked if there were any questions. Mr. Nye commented that this was a very impressive rate of progress.

Mr. White recognized and thanked Mr. Larry Meyers, President of Meyers & Associates, and Dr. Lee Peddicord, Vice Chancellor for Research and Federal Relations, and their staffs, who he said have done an incredible job in Washington, D.C. He said that we have been very successful with federal grant money throughout the System.

RECESS

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 10:20 a.m. and adjourned at 11:06 a.m. The Policy Review Committee convened at 11:07 a.m. and adjourned at 11:12 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 11:13 a.m. He announced that no requests to provide public testimony at this Board Meeting had been received in the Board Office.

Mr. White 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, May 24, 2007, considered and approved Item 1. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 086-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF SYSTEM INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Fraga, 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 the System Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2008, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

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Mr. Jones said that one change was made to the Audit Reports. He said that if they receive an item on the report specifically where an issue has been indicated that it has been implemented by a member, and the Audit Committee doubles back and checks to see if this issue was implemented, and it shows that it has not been, then at the next meeting that issue will have to be explained. Mr. Jones said that they will need to add at least 30 additional minutes to the Audit Committee meetings for those people to explain why that item is still on the audit report. Mr. Fraga said that this is going to take priority as far as their meetings are concerned. Mr. Jones said that they had very good reports from TAMU, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) and West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) on enterprise risk management. He said that he appreciated the efforts that everyone puts into the Audit Committee and Audit Committee reports. Mr. Jones said that Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor, and her staff practice what they preach and are always trying to find ways to improve the program and what they do.

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, May 24, 2007, considered and approved Items 2 and 3. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 087-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**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. 07-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

**MINUTE ORDER 088-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE APPAREL CONTRACT WITH  
ADIDAS AMERICA, NIKE USA, AND EASTON SPORTS, INC.,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Nye and by 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 the Apparel Contracts with Adidas America, Nike USA, Inc., and Easton Sports, Inc.

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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, May 24, 2007. He said that they considered and approved Items 4 through 18, and the selection of the Architect/Engineer (A/E) firms as recommended in Items 4 through 7. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 089-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM  
FOR THE CENTRAL PLANT LOOP AT  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The program of requirements for the Central Plant Loop at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, is approved.

The project budget of \$15,500,000 for the Central Plant Loop at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$1,550,000 is appropriated from Account No. 04-233260, Investment Income Reserve-Designated Funds.

The firm of Energy Engineering Associates, Inc., of Austin, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer team to design the Central Plant Loop at Tarleton State University at Stephenville, Texas.

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 090-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM  
FOR THE COMPLETION FINE ARTS THEATER AT  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, LAREDO, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The program of requirements for the Completion Fine Arts Theater, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, is approved.

The project budget of \$4,950,000 for the Completion Fine Arts Theater, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated from Account No. 530052, Killam CSWHT.

The firm of Pfluger Associates Architects of San Antonio, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer team to design the Completion Fine Arts Theater, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.

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 D**, 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 091-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM  
FOR THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER & LOOP ROAD  
& CHILL WATER LOOP AT  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, LAREDO, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The program of requirements for the Student Success Center & Loop Road & Chill Water Loop, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, is approved.

The project budget of \$32,626,600 for the Student Success Center & Loop Road & Chill Water Loop, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 16-302300, Campus Bookstore, and \$200,000 from Account No. 16-530052, Killam CSWHT.

The firm of PBS&J of Austin, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer team to design the Student Success Center & Loop Road & Chill Water Loop, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.

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 E**, 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 092-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET  
AND APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM  
FOR THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES &  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERDISCIPLINARY BUILDING AT  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Program of Requirements for the Emerging Technologies & Economic Development Interdisciplinary Building at Texas A&M University is approved.

The project budget of \$100,000,000 for the Emerging Technologies & Economic Development Interdisciplinary Building at Texas A&M University is approved.

The amount of \$8,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-085330, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds.

The firm of Perkins + Will of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer team to design the Emerging Technologies & Economic Development Interdisciplinary Building at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

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 F**, 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 093-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO  
SELECT AN ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE  
NURSING, HEALTH SCIENCES AND KINESIOLOGY FACILITY  
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The program of requirements for the Nursing, Health Sciences and Kinesiology Facility at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas, is approved.



The project budget of \$45,000,000 for the Nursing, Health Sciences and Kinesiology Facility at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from Account No. 15-069950, Restricted Unallocated; \$650,000 from Account No. 15-029999, Interest Income Designated; \$600,000 from Account No. 15-024511, Fines and Penalties; \$525,000 from Account No. 15-032008, Housing Services; \$725,000 from Account No. 15-024000, Designated Tuition.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to approve the ranked order selection recommendation of the architect/engineer firm to head the Design Team for the Nursing, Health Sciences and Kinesiology Facility at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Authorization is granted to begin negotiations with the selected 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 as approved by the Chancellor, until 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 094-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET AND  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR RHODE HALL RENOVATIONS  
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revised project budget of \$5,500,000 for Rhode Hall Renovations at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

The amount of \$5,129,600 is appropriated from Account No. 17-169999, HEAF - Unappropriated.

**MINUTE ORDER 095-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET  
AND APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES  
FOR THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE  
STATE HEADQUARTERS AND RESEARCH BUILDING,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revised project scope for the TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute, College Station, Texas, is approved.

The revised project budget of \$18,883,000 for the TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute, College Station, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$502,000 is appropriated from Account No. 12-024030, Reserve for Overhead on TTI Projects.

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 096-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR  
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CERTAIN  
A&M SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Upon review by the Office of General Counsel for legal sufficiency, the Chancellor is hereby authorized to approve and execute contracts for Program Management Services with selected firms for certain A&M System construction projects.

**MINUTE ORDER 097-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICIES 51.01  
(*ADVERTISING POLICY FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS*),  
51.02 (*SELECTION OF ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM*), AND  
51.04 (*DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS*),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The changes to System Policies 51.01 (*Advertising Policy for Construction Projects*), 51.02 (*Selection of Architect/Engineer Design Team*), and 51.04 (*Delegations of Authority on Constructions Projects*), as shown in **Exhibits G, H and I**, are approved and effective immediately, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 098-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**EXCEPTIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 51.04  
(*DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS*)  
TO AUTHORIZE THE CHANCELLOR TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION  
CONTRACTS ON THE FOLLOWING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY PROJECTS:  
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE (NMR) FACILITY,  
MITCHELL PHYSICS BUILDINGS,  
UPGRADE OF CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT AND SATELLITE UTILITY  
PLANT 3, AND VETERINARY RESEARCH BUILDING EXPANSION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor is authorized to award construction contracts on the following Projects: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Facility, Texas A&M University, Project Number 2-2963; Mitchell Physics Buildings, Texas A&M University, Project Number 2-2974; Upgrade of Central Utility Plant and Satellite Utility Plant 3, Texas A&M University, Project Number 2-2982; Veterinary Research Building Expansion, Texas A&M University, Project Number 2-2946, as long as the award does not cause the total project budget to exceed the Board approved amount by 10 percent or more.

**MINUTE ORDER 099-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH  
THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR  
TEN NAVIGATION AID FACILITIES LOCATED AT EASTERWOOD AIRPORT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Interim President of Texas A&M University, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute and deliver to the Federal Aviation Administration, Memorandum of Agreement No. DTFASW-07-L-00152, which provides for the establishment, operation and maintenance of navigation aid facilities by the Federal Aviation Administration at Easterwood Airport. The term of this Memorandum of Agreement will be for a period of twenty (20) years commencing October 1, 2007, and expiring September 30, 2027.

**MINUTE ORDER 100-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**APPROVAL OF RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENTS AND  
RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS LEASE AGREEMENT ACTIONS,  
APPROVAL TO WAIVE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
BEST VALUE BID, AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR  
TO EXECUTE ADDITIONAL HOUSING LEASE AGREEMENTS IN QATAR,  
TEXAS 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, approves 92 residential lease agreements previously entered into for 109 apartment units in Qatar, which are listed on **Exhibit J**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes and attached to this agenda item, and ratifies all actions taken previously with respect to those leases.

In addition, considering the international location of the apartment complexes, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System waives the requirement to undergo the Best Value Bid Process in the selection of additional apartment units in Qatar and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University at Qatar the authority to negotiate and execute residential housing lease agreements in Qatar without further Board approval, provided that prior to execution of such lease agreements, the documents must be reviewed and approved for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, and the System Real Estate Office must be provided with a statement explaining the process used in the selection of the apartment units to be leased and a certification that the source of funds to be used for these leases is from the Qatar Foundation. Once the leases have been executed, copies of the leases must be delivered to the System Real Estate Office.

**MINUTE ORDER 101-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE FORTY APARTMENTS IN THE  
PRAIRIE CROSSING APARTMENTS LOCATED IN  
COMMERCE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease approximately 40 apartment units in the Prairie Crossing Apartments located at 1809 Monroe Street in Commerce, Texas, in support of the Honors College program at Texas A&M University-Commerce. The primary term of the lease will be one (1) year. The total base rental of \$388,800 for these apartments is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 102-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE  
A TRACT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED  
AT 2963 FM 102, COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, and following receipt of a grant from the Wintermann Foundation in the amount of \$270,000, is authorized to present information and documents as requested by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the purchase approval process and to execute all documents necessary to purchase a tract of land containing 77.1 acres, more or less, and improvements located at 2963 FM 102, Colorado County, Texas. The purchase price of \$260,000, and closing costs, are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 103-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DR. JACK AND SUSIE DUGAN WELLNESS CENTER,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Wellness Center located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby named the “Dr. Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 104-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“ALBERT AND MARGARET ALKEK  
UNGULATE RESEARCH FACILITY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Ungulate Research Facility located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Albert and Margaret Alkek Ungulate Research Facility.”

**MINUTE ORDER 105-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JOHN TALMER PEACOCK AUDITORIUM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Auditorium located in Biology-Earth Science Hall (BES) 100, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, is hereby named the “John Talmer Peacock Auditorium.”

**MINUTE ORDER 106-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“OLGA R. PAUL CONFERENCE ROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The College of Arts and Sciences Conference Room, Kleberg Hall (KLBH 131), located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, is hereby named the “Olga R. Paul Conference Room.”

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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, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier that day and considered and approved Items 19 through 26. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 107-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM  
IN FORENSIC AND INVESTIGATIVE SCIENCES, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Forensic and Investigative Sciences.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A & M University to submit this degree 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 108-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUEST TO  
ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF VISUALIZATION, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THIS REQUEST TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the administrative change for Texas A&M University to establish a Department of Visualization within the College of Architecture, as summarized in **Exhibit K**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this administrative change 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 109-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR PRECLINICAL STUDIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University reporting to the Office of the Vice President for Research.



**MINUTE ORDER 110-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM  
IN GEOSPATIAL SURVEYING ENGINEERING, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Master of Science degree in Geospatial Surveying Engineering.

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 have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 111-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE MASTER OF EDUCATION  
DEGREE PROGRAM IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND  
PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATION VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga 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-Texarkana is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Education degree in Educational Administration and Principal Certification via Distance Education, effective Fall 2007.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 112-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for the Texas A&M Health Science Center.

The Board also authorizes the President of the Health Science Center to submit this new degree 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 113-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
USA CENTER FOR RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS  
WITHIN THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
SCHOOL OF RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health.

**MINUTE ORDER 114-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CELL SURFACES;  
THE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHCARE EVALUATION,  
QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY; THE  
INSTITUTE OF MOLECULAR PATHOGENESIS AND THERAPEUTICS; AND  
THE INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Center for the Study of Cell Surfaces, established by Board Minute Order 82-85; the Institute for Health Care Evaluation, Quality and Patient Safety established by Board Minute Order 302-89; the Institute of Molecular Pathogenesis and Therapeutics, established by Board Minute Order 314-83; and the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, established by Board Minute Order 137-79, are hereby dissolved as of May 25, 2007.

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Mr. White called on Mr. Stallings to present the report from the Policy Review Committee.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Stallings, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier that day. He said that they had considered and approved Items 12, 27 and 28. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Item 12 is listed as Minute Order 097-2007 on page 20.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 115-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 01.03  
(APPOINTING POWER AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 01.03 (*Appointing Power and Terms and Conditions of Appointment*), as described in **Exhibit L**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is modified effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 116-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 02.06  
(DIRECTORS OF COMPONENT AGENCIES),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 02.06 (*Directors of Component Agencies*), as described in **Exhibit M**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is modified effective immediately.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. White called on Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), to present Item 29.

Dr. McFarland introduced Coach Denny Downing, Ms. Dawn Montgomery and Ms. Brittany Jordan. He said that when they hired Coach Downing four years ago. He said that a year ago they had their second winning season in 32 years where they won 16 games. Dr. McFarland said that during the recent season they won 28 games, the North Division of the Lone Star Conference, the Lone Star Conference Tournament and advanced to the Division II Elite 8.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 117-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION  
TO THE 2006-2007 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Whereas, the Women's Basketball Team of Texas A&M University-Commerce won the Lone Star Conference championship; and

Whereas, the A&M-Commerce Lions won 28 games, the most in a season in school history; and

Whereas, the Women’s Basketball Team won the South Central Regional Tournament for the first time in school history; and

Whereas, the Women’s Basketball Team made its first appearance in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament in school history; and

Whereas, the Women’s Basketball Team set forty, individual and career school records during the 2006-2007 basketball season; and

Whereas, the Women’s Basketball Team finished the season ranked No. 13 in the final ESPN/USA Today Top 25 poll; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives for the State of Texas paid tribute to the team with a congratulatory resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our sincere congratulations to the members of the A&M-Commerce Lion Women’s Basketball Team for the honor and recognition their accomplishments have brought to Texas A&M University-Commerce and The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to the coach and to each member of the team and to the Archives of A&M-Commerce as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

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Mr. Jones commented that the excitement surrounding the women’s basketball team at TAMU-C is real. He said that on behalf of the entire Board and the System, they are very proud of them.

Mr. Nye presented Items 30 through 40. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 118-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION  
TO THE 2006-2007 FORENSICS TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2006-2007 West Texas A&M Forensics Team competed in the 2007 Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association's State Tournament and the 2007 National Individual Events Tournament in Mankato, Minnesota; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Forensics Team was named the winner of the Guy P. Yates Overall Sweepstakes Award (most points awarded any team) at the TIFA State Tournament and placed 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation at the National Individual Events Tournament; and

Whereas, six students — Megan Loden, Matt Kennedy, Kirk Scarbrough, Nikki Cooper, Sierra Petty and Ben Miller — qualified for competition at NIET by qualifying their events at the state tournament; and

Whereas, Megan Loden placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Impromptu Speaking, 1st in Extemporaneous Speaking, 1st in Persuasive Speaking, 2<sup>nd</sup> in After Dinner Speaking, and 6<sup>th</sup> in Poetry Interpretation; Matt Kennedy placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Informative Speaking, 1<sup>st</sup> in Duo Interpretation, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Programmed Interpretation; Kirk Scarbrough placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Duo Interpretation, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Programmed Oral Interpretation, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Poetry Interpretation, and 1<sup>st</sup> in Dramatic Interpretation; Sierra Petty placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Duo Interpretation; Nikki Cooper placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Duo Interpretation and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dramatic Interpretation, and Ben Miller placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Duo Interpretation at the TIFA State Tournament; and

Whereas, Megan Loden finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Impromptu Speaking and 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Persuasive Speaking at NIET; and

Whereas, Megan Loden was elected as a national student representative for the American Forensics Association; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of Professor Connie McKee, West Texas A&M University Forensics, resulted in the team's outstanding accomplishments and national recognition for the University; and has resulted in recognition by District 3 in the awarding of the Barbara and Carroll Hickey Award as the Outstanding Coach; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Forensics Team for their contributions to West Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 119-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION  
TO THE 2006-2007 UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF THE  
NATIONAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2006-2007 West Texas A&M University Chapter of the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) attended the national convention in Chicago, Illinois; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Chapter was named the ‘Model Chapter of the Year’ for a record-setting ninth consecutive year; and

Whereas, West Texas A&M’s NBS Chapter adviser, Dr. Leigh Browning, was named National Adviser of the Year for the second time in four years; and

Whereas, West Texas A&M’s NBS Chapter won the National Title for Community Service for a record-setting sixth consecutive year; and

Whereas, thirteen students—Jacob Albracht, Kathryn Barnes, Jarred Elrod, Matt Harmel, Erin Hartigan, Stephanie Hazel, Drew Hicks, Houston Howell, Leighan Rankin, Troy Reich, Trey Roach, Melissa Rueda and A.J. Swope—won five National Championships in audio production, video production and web design; and

Whereas, Troy Reich and Melissa Rueda received national convention grants to attend; and

Whereas, nine WTAMU students, more than any other school in the nation, were inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Rho Honor Society; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of Dr. Leigh Browning, associate professor and director of broadcasting, and Randy Ray, assistant director of broadcasting, resulted in the chapter’s outstanding accomplishments and national recognition for the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Chapter of the National Broadcasting Society for their contributions to West Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 120-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. ROBERT W. HARVEY  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE  
AS TRUSTEE OF THE TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Robert W. Harvey, a member of the Class of 1977, has served Texas A&M University with honor and distinction in a variety of capacities; and

Whereas, Mr. Harvey earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University, where he served as Cadet Corps Commander and Student Body President; and

Whereas, Mr. Harvey is a business leader of exceptional ability; serving Reliant Energy since its formation, from 2001 to 2005; and serving as vice chairman of its parent company, Reliant Energy, Inc., from 1999 to 2001; and managing partner of McKinsey & Company, Inc. for seventeen years; and

Whereas, Mr. Harvey served his profession in many roles over the years, including overseeing Reliant's wholesale commercial and plant operations; and has been active in numerous civic activities, serving as a director or trustee of Central Houston, Inc., Houston Zoo, Inc., United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, Houston Technology Center, and The Post Oak School; and

Whereas, Mr. Harvey and his wife, Vicki, have given generously to The Association of Former Students and recently established the Robert W. Harvey '77 and Vicki E. Harvey '79 Corps of Cadets Leadership Excellence Program; and

Whereas, Mr. Harvey serves in membership positions with the Texas A&M University Vision 2020 Advisory Council, The Texas A&M University System Chancellor's Century Council; and has served on the Board of Trustees of the Texas A&M Foundation, and was instrumental in guiding the Foundation during the crucial, initial stages of the One Spirit One Vision Campaign; now, therefore, be it



Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, gratefully recognize the dedication and service of Mr. Harvey as a trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation and his lifelong efforts to maintain the margin of excellence that defines Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M Foundation; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Mr. Harvey and to the Archives of Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for Mr. Robert W. Harvey '77.

**MINUTE ORDER 121-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2006 WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Women's Soccer Team distinguished itself by winning the 2006 Big 12 Championship; and

Whereas, the championship marked the third consecutive year to win the Big 12 regular-season championship; and

Whereas, the team compiled a record of 17-6-1 overall and fashioned a 9-1 Big 12 ledger; and

Whereas, the team advanced to the NCAA Championships for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and reached the Elite Eight in the 2006 NCAA Championships; and

Whereas, the team finished ranked No. 5, the highest final ranking in the school's history; and

Whereas, the team distinguished itself by setting a single-game NCAA national attendance record at the Aggie Soccer Stadium in front of 8,204 fans against North Carolina to open the 2006 campaign; and

Whereas, Head Coach G. Guerrieri is to be highly commended for providing exceptional leadership in guiding the soccer program to such national prominence; and

Whereas, three members of the soccer team received All-America recognition and are to be congratulated, to wit: Kristin Arnold, Amy Berend and Ashlee Pistorius; and

Whereas, six other members of the squad distinguished themselves by earning All-Big 12 mention, to wit: Paige Carmichael, Suzette Devloo, Amber Gnatzig, Nicole Ketchum, Allison Martino and Emily Peterson; and

Whereas, a high degree of dedication and countless hours of training are also evident on the part of other members of the squad, to wit: Sarah Albrecht, Julie Almeida, Annie Burnett, Cydne Currie, Natalie Currie, Melissa Garey, Elisabeth Jones, Madison Klovstad, Kat Krambeer, Lauren Pfister, Linda Pierson, Laura Grace Robinson, Julie Spearink, Micah Stephens and Kelly Wilmoth; and

Whereas, Coach G. Guerrieri received highly valuable support from Assistant Coaches Phil Stephenson, Lori Stephenson and Curt Magnuson; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Soccer support staff, composed of Niki Janecka, Paul Sealey, Trevor Moawad, Elvis Takow, Kati Jo Spisak, Jay Martin, Brandon Bonilla, Mike McGuire, Ashley Reibenstein, Casey Walling, Daniel Sipes and Sarah Mengers, also provided valuable support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate Head Coach G. Guerrieri and everyone associated with the soccer program for their contributions to Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Coach Guerrieri, to the assistant coaches and support staff, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 122-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TRAP AND SKEET TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Department of Recreational Sports and the Sport Club program at Texas A&M University has a longstanding tradition of producing national championship teams; and

Whereas, students participating on the Trap and Skeet Team develop valuable group dynamic skills which build individual self-confidence and leadership skills; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Trap and Skeet individuals have excelled in international trap competition; and

Whereas, the 2007 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Recreation Program annually sponsored National Intercollegiate Trap and Skeet Championships were held April 4-8, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas; and

Whereas, team members worked tirelessly preparing for the competition under the encouragement of coach Steve Musser and advisors, Keith Joseph and Shannon Shaffer; and

Whereas, Brazos Lackey of College Station, Texas won the Men's Overall Individual National Championship and Mimi Wilfong of Malakoff, Texas won the Women's International Trap National Championship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate the members of the Texas A&M University Trap and Skeet Team for their outstanding achievement and performance at the 2007 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Recreation Program annually sponsored National Intercollegiate Trap and Skeet Championships and for bringing national recognition to the Department of Recreational Sports and the Sport Club program and Texas A&M University for their efforts; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team, coaches and advisors, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 123-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2007 NATIONAL CHAMPION WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Department of Recreational Sports and the Sport Club program at Texas A&M University has a longstanding tradition of producing national championship teams; and

Whereas, students participating on the Women's Gymnastics Team develop valuable group dynamic skills which build individual self-confidence and leadership skills; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Women’s Gymnastics Team has excelled in gymnastics; and

Whereas, the 2007 National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs National Championships were held April 12-15, 2007, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

Whereas, members of the Texas A&M University Women’s Gymnastics Team included Jackie Barrett of College Station, Texas; Alexandra Bryson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Kearra Comer of Plano, Texas; Kimberly Davis of Austin, Texas; Tiffany Davison of Friendswood, Texas; Candice Deroche of Houston, Texas; Sarah Dorenkamp of Sealy, Texas; Courtney Harris of College Station, Texas; Lindsey Heartsfield of Bedford, Texas; Katherine Jennings of San Marcos, Texas; Kacie Jeppesen of Katy, Texas; Amber O’Connor of Arlington, Texas; Megan Ortego of Dallas, Texas; Buffy Porter of San Antonio, Texas; Juliette Rickert of Richardson, Texas; Jessica Rodgers of Anderson, Texas; and Jessiy Warren of Boerne, Texas; and

Whereas, team members worked tirelessly preparing for the competition under the encouragement of advisors, Keith Joseph and Shannon Shaffer; and

Whereas, Megan Ortego of Dallas, Texas won the Women’s Individual All-Around National Championship for the third consecutive year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate the members of the Texas A&M University Women’s Gymnastics Team for their outstanding achievement and performance at the 2007 National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs National Championships and for bringing national recognition to the Department of Recreational Sports and the Sport Club program and Texas A&M University for their efforts; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team, coaches and advisors, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 124-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2007 NATIONAL CHAMPION MEN’S POLO TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Department of Recreational Sports and the Sport Club program at Texas A&M University has a longstanding tradition of producing national championship teams; and

Whereas, students participating on the Polo Team develop valuable group dynamic skills which build individual self-confidence and leadership skills; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Men’s Polo Team has excelled in polo, having won six national championships since 1996 and 13 Regional Championships since 1993; and

Whereas, the 2007 United States Polo Association Intercollegiate National Championships were held April 2-7, 2007, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky; and

Whereas, members of the Texas A&M University Men’s Polo Team included Parker Flannery of Charlottesville, Virginia; Mason Wroe of Stanton, Texas; and Steve Krueger of Argile, Texas; and

Whereas, team members worked tirelessly preparing for the competition under the encouragement of Coach Mike McCleary and advisors, Keith Joseph and Shannon Shaffer; and

Whereas, Mason Wroe was named All-American; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate the members of the Texas A&M University Men’s Polo Team for their outstanding achievement and performance at the 2007 United States Polo Association Intercollegiate National Championships and for bringing national recognition to the Department of Recreational Sports and the Sport Club program and Texas A&M University for their efforts; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team, coaches and advisors, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 125-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2007 VARSITY EQUESTRIAN TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Equestrian Team distinguished itself by winning the 2007 Varsity Equestrian National Championship in western riding; and

Whereas, the equestrian team won its sixth national championship in its eight years as a varsity sport; and

Whereas, the team captured its second Varsity Equestrian National Championship in western riding in three years; and

Whereas, Head Coach Tana Rawson is to be highly commended for providing outstanding leadership in guiding the team to championships and national recognition; and

Whereas, a high degree of dedication and countless hours of training are also evident on the part of all members of the squad, to wit: Sassie Broaddus, Courtney Brooks, Tonna Brooks, Tyler Bryson, Lauren Chihal, Viviana Cordero, Amanda Cushman, Renee´ Dirkse, Holly Dittmar, Brittany Dodson, Genna Fishgold, Christine Fowler, Jordan Gardner, Maggie Gratny, Crissy Greebon, Caroline Gunn, Laura Hansen, Stephanie Harmon, Audrey Hart, Christina Heine, Katie Henion, Morgan Hill, Erin Ivy, Megan James, Laura King, Lindsey Lawrence, Hanna Lindskog, Morgan Lucas, Jessica Lucia, Christina Matz, Vanessa Mitchell, Ali Mueller, Merrin Mueller, Missy Murphy, Erica Palomo, Sibyl Parsons, Joelle Petrosky, Jenna Pine, Amanda Ryan, Christine Sceets, Jenn Scholl, Erin Sharp, Lindsay Smith, Ashley Snoey, Ashlie Soderstrom, Kate Toomey, Megan Von Tungeln, Kristi Waldal, Leah Ward, Maddi Williams, Alex Wisniewski, Kelsey Wyble and Tegan Zealy; and

Whereas, Coach Rawson received valuable support from Assistant Head Coaches Beth Bass and Linzy Woolf; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Equestrian Team’s support staff composed of Director of Operations Katie Cahill and other support staff including Ashlean McKenna, Debbie Ramirez, Lauren Bicknell, Whitney Bicknell, Stephanie Weaver, Leslie Jansa, Chris Harrell, Bob Calvin, and Sherrice King, also provided valuable support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate Head Coach Tana Rawson and everyone associated with the equestrian program for their contributions to Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Coach Rawson, to the assistant coaches and support staff, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 126-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2007 WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Women’s Basketball Team distinguished itself by winning the 2007 Big 12 Championship; and

Whereas, the championship was the first ever women’s basketball conference championship in school history; and

Whereas, the team compiled a record of 25-7, the second most wins in school history along with the best conference season record of 13-3; and

Whereas, the team advanced to the NCAA Championships for the second year in a row, the first time that has happened in school history; and

Whereas, the team distinguished itself by winning every home game (16-0) at Reed Arena, the first undefeated home schedule in school history; and

Whereas, Head Coach Gary Blair is to be highly commended for providing outstanding leadership in guiding the team to championships and national recognition; and

Whereas, Coach Blair was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, A’Quonesia Franklin and Takia Starks distinguished themselves by earning first-team All-Big 12 honors; and

Whereas, La Toya Michaeux was named to the All-Big 12 Defensive team and Katy Pounds and Jennifer Wilks were named to the Academic All-Big 12 honor team; and

Whereas, a high degree of dedication and countless hours of training are also evident on the part of other members of the squad, to wit: Morenike Atunrase, Damitria Buchanan, Danielle Gant, LaToya Gulley, Ashlaa Horton, Katrina Limbaha, Adrian McGowen, Patrice Reado and Lenka Zimova; and

Whereas, Coach Blair received valuable support from Associate Head Coach Vic Schaefer and Assistant Coaches Kelly Bond and Amy Tennison; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Women's Basketball support staff composed of Director of Operations, Erich Birch and other support staff including Marlene Navor, Torie Brown, Charlee Simmons, DeAnna Doles, Jamila Ganter, Mike Ricke, Tami Hawkins, Amy Wright, Suzanne Shanks, Chanee Reed, Katy Axtell, Christian Bray, Taylor Cooley, Ryan Lindsey, Kristen Merrifield, J. D. Wood and Jayme Sprague, also provided valuable support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate Head Coach Gary Blair and everyone associated with the Women's Basketball program for their contributions to Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Coach Blair, to the assistant coaches and support staff, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 127-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2007 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Men's Basketball Team distinguished itself by finishing second in the Big 12 Conference and advancing to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen; and

Whereas, the NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance was the second in school history; and

Whereas, the team compiled a record of 27-7, the most wins in school history along with the best Big 12 season record of 13-3; and

Whereas, the team advanced to the NCAA Championships for the second year in a row, the first time that has happened in school history; and

Whereas, the team distinguished itself by losing just one home game (18-1) at Reed Arena, the most home victories in school history; and

Whereas, Head Coach Billy Gillispie is to be highly commended for providing outstanding leadership in guiding the team to national recognition; and



Whereas, Coach Gillispie was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Acie Law IV distinguished himself by becoming the first consensus first-team All-American in school history in addition to being awarded the Bob Cousy Award as the nation's top point guard; and

Whereas, Law was a finalist for the Naismith Trophy and Wooden Award as the nation's top player; and

Whereas, Joseph Jones and Antanas Kavaliauskas were named second-team All-Big 12; and

Whereas, Dominique Kirk and Joseph Jones were named to the All-Big 12 Defensive Team and Dominique Kirk and Acie Law IV were named to the Defensive All-America Team; and

Whereas, Josh Carter led the nation in three-point field goal percentage, becoming the first A&M player ever to lead the nation in a statistical category; and

Whereas, a high degree of dedication and countless hours of training are also evident on the part of other members of the squad, to wit: Bryan Beasley, Martellus Bennett, Brian Blackburn, Chris Chapman, Bryan Davis, Chinemlu Elonu, Bryson Graham, Jerrod Johnson, Josh Johnston, Logan Lee, Beau Muhlbach, Marlon Pompey, Derrick Roland, Shawn Schepel, Donald Sloan and Slade Weishuhn; and

Whereas, Coach Gillispie received valuable support from Assistant Coaches Alvin Brooks, Jeremy Cox, Albert Johnson; Director of Student-Athlete Development Barry Davis; Athletic Assistant Jerrance Howard; and Administrative Staff members Peter Warden and Jonathan Simpson; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Men's Basketball Team received great support all year long from Athletic Trainer Matt Doles; Academic Advisor Garry Gibson; Strength and Conditioning Coach Vern Banks; Associate Media Relations Director Colin Killian; Radio Announcers Dave South and Al Pulliam; Office Associate Gwen Brown; Office Assistants Dustin Clark and Teress Williams; Videographer Buddy Kimberlin; Student Trainer Darcy Nugent; Student Managers Craig Callahan, Randal Jackson, Michael Lagrasta, Logan Edmisson, Ross Hairgrove, Eric Timmerman, Zeb Carter, Matt Kopil, Ryan Nichols and Patrick Hebert; and Honorary Managers Austin Cox and Joseph Payne; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate Head Coach Billy Gillispie and everyone associated with the Men's Basketball program for their contributions to Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Coach Gillispie, to the assistant coaches and support staff, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 128-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2007 WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Women's Swimming and Diving Team distinguished itself by winning the 2007 Big 12 Championship; and

Whereas, the championship was the first ever women's swimming and diving conference championship in school history; and

Whereas, the team compiled an undefeated dual meet record of 9-0; and

Whereas, the team advanced to the NCAA Championships and finished #8, the highest finish in school history; and

Whereas, the team distinguished itself by setting a school record with 198 points scored in the NCAA Championships; and

Whereas, Head Coach Steve Bultman is to be highly commended for providing exceptional leadership in guiding the team to the conference championship and the highest NCAA finish in school history, as well as being named the Big 12 Coach of the Meet and the Big 12 Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Christine Marshall was named Big 12 Swimmer of the Meet and Alia Atkinson was named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Meet; and

Whereas, Kristen Heiss was named Big 12 Swimmer of the Year and Alia Atkinson was named Big 12 Newcomer of the Year; and

Whereas, twelve members of the squad achieved qualifying marks to reach the NCAA Championship competition, to wit: Triin Aljand, Alia Atkinson, Melissa Hain, Codie Hansen, Kristen Heiss, Erin Mahoney, Christine Marshall, Emily Neal, Meghan Nebera, Jenni Stratton, Rebecca Sturdy and Julia Wilkinson; and

Whereas, co-captains Beth McCullough and Whitney Thomson provided excellent leadership and encouragement; and

Whereas, a high degree of dedication and countless hours of training are also evident on the part of other members of the team, to wit: Rebekah Bleyl, Leslie Dlugopolski, Ella Doerge, Chelsea Helgason, Renee Iserman, Marissa Jasek, Brittany Lentz, Megan Rains, Sally Ranzau, Tracey Renfrew, Kylee Robinson, Kendall Smelser, Alex Tipple and Sarah Woods; and

Whereas, Coach Bultman and the team received highly valuable support from Diving Head Coach Kevin Wright and Assistant Coach Tracy Duchac, along with Director of Operations Tia Buchanan; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Women’s Swimming and Diving support staff, composed of Milton Overton, Donna Jones, Chris Harrell, Katie Harrell, Paul Sealey, Chris Barttelbort, Meggan Galloway, Cassidy King, Stacy Crowell, Marlene Easterly, Caitlin Hengst, Erin Briskie, Britney Pesek, Jenna Wheeler and Ewelina Zwierzykowski, also provided essential assistance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, heartily congratulate Head Coach Steve Bultman, Head Diving Coach Kevin Wright and everyone else associated with the women’s swimming and diving program for their contributions to Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Coach Bultman and Coach Wright, to the assistant coaches and support staff, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to all of these individuals for a job well done.

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Mr. White called on Dr. McFarland to present Item 46. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 129-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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 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 N**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2008, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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Mr. White presented Items 41 A-D. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 130-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 41-A)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. MARK LYONS  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
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 June 1, 2007, Mr. Mark Lyons, is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 131-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 41-B)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. KEITH W. MCFATRIDGE, JR.  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
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 June 1, 2007, Mr. Keith W. McFatridge, Jr., is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 132-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 41-C)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MS. PHYLLIS R. MILSTEIN  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
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 June 1, 2007, Ms. Phyllis R. Milstein is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 133-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 41-D)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. TERRY A. RAY '80  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
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 June 1, 2007, Mr. Terry A. Ray 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. Nye commented that the honorary doctor of letters degrees were a very significant designation for people they know well and hold in high regard. He proposed that they approve Item 42 through 45. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 134-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO  
DR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. Robert M. Gates.

**MINUTE ORDER 135-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO  
MRS. REBECCA W. GATES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mrs. Rebecca W. Gates.

**MINUTE ORDER 136-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO  
DR. R. ROLANDO HINOJOSA-SMITH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. R. Rolando Hinojosa-Smith.

**MINUTE ORDER 137-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO  
MR. ROBERT G. STANTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Robert G. Stanton.

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Mr. Nye presented Items 47 through 51. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 138-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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 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 O**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2008, Tarleton State University.

**MINUTE ORDER 139-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**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 P**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Tenure List No. 07-05.

**MINUTE ORDER 140-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 49)**

**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 the individuals as shown in **Exhibit Q**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Emeritus Title List No. 07-05, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 141-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF  
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM 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 Michael Cunningham as a peace officer.

**MINUTE ORDER 142-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**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 hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of the peace officers by the Presidents of the respective members of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in **Exhibit R**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.



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Dr. McKinney presented Items 52 and 53. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 143-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 52)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A  
TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,  
TENTATIVELY TO BE KNOWN AS  
TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR NANOTECHNOLOGY, LLC,  
TO CREATE, MANAGE AND OPERATE A STATE LABORATORY  
FOR NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,  
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 Chancellor is authorized on behalf of the A&M System to (i) negotiate, execute, and deliver the documents necessary to participate in the organization, management, and operation of a Texas limited liability company whose purpose shall be to create an advanced nanotechnology research and development infrastructure and to provide opportunities for collaboration among researchers to further the development, promotion, and commercialization of nanotechnology in the State of Texas, and (ii) designate, from time to time, employees of the A&M System to serve on behalf of the A&M System as members of the Board of Managers of the company.

The Chancellor is further authorized to take any and all other actions, and to negotiate, execute, and deliver any and all other documents, following review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, that the Chancellor deems necessary to carry out the purpose of this minute order.

**MINUTE ORDER 144-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 53)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MR. GUY K. DIEDRICH,  
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF A  
BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM  
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 hereby authorizes Guy K. Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization, to continue serving, on behalf of The Texas A&M University System, as a member of the board of directors of MacuCLEAR, Inc., a business entity licensing technology from The Texas A&M University System, and in which the A&M System has an equity interest.

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Mr. White presented Items 54 and 55. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 145-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 54)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
MARCH 29-30, 2007, REGULAR BOARD MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF 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 Minutes of the March 29-30, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, held in College Station, Texas, are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 146-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 55)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE  
PREAMBLE AND SECTION 4 (GENERAL COUNSEL)  
OF ARTICLE III OF THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF 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 Preamble and Section 4, *General Counsel*, of Article III of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, as described in **Exhibit S**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved effective immediately.

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Mr. White called on Dr. McKinney who presented Items 56 through 65. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 147-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 56)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
WITH MARK TURGEON, HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm 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 with the following person:

Mark Turgeon – Head Men’s Basketball Coach

**MINUTE ORDER 148-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 57)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. GEORGE ALLEN RASMUSSEN,  
AS DEAN OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND HUMAN SCIENCES,  
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:

Effective June 1, 2007, Dr. George Allen Rasmussen is hereby appointed Dean of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, at an initial salary of \$125,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 149-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 58)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JAMES A. RENNIER,  
AS DEAN OF THE SYBIL B. HARRINGTON  
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES,  
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:

Effective July 1, 2007, Dr. James A. Rennie is hereby appointed Dean of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities at West Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$125,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 150-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 59)**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE  
POSITION OF VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION,  
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:

Pursuant to System Policy 01.03.1.3, the Board confirms the elimination of the position of Vice Chancellor for Administration held by Mr. James Fletcher.

**MINUTE ORDER 151-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 60)**

**CHANGE IN TITLE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL TO  
VICE CHANCELLOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL,  
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 title of Mr. Cullen M. Godfrey is hereby changed from General Counsel to Vice Chancellor and General Counsel of The Texas A&M University System, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 152-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 61)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. JAY T. KIMBROUGH  
AS DEPUTY CHANCELLOR,  
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:

Mr. Jay T. Kimbrough is hereby appointed Deputy Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, at an annual salary of \$265,000, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 153-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 62-AMENDED)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. LEE PEDDICORD  
AS THE SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION,  
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:

Dr. Lee Peddicord is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

**MINUTE ORDER 154-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 63)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. MARK HUSSEY  
AS THE SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, AND  
APPOINTMENT OF DR. HUSSEY AS INTERIM DIRECTOR,  
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:

Dr. Mark Hussey is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

Dr. Hussey is hereby appointed Interim Director for this position, at an initial salary of \$200,000, effective June 1, 2007.

**MINUTE ORDER 155-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 64)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. WILLIAM DUGAS  
AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
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:

Dr. William Dugas is hereby appointed Deputy Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System, at an annual salary of \$185,000, effective June 1, 2007.

**MINUTE ORDER 156-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 65)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO A  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN  
EJAZ, SAQUIB, ET AL. V. TAMU, ET AL.,  
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 agrees to the settlement of the lawsuit styled Ejaz, Saquib, et al. v. TAMU, et al. on specific terms and conditions acceptable to the Office of General Counsel, and as approved by the Interim President.

The Interim President of Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to execute settlement documents, and any other documents related to the settlement. All documents shall be approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to execution.

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REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON

Mr. Jones said that this report would be different in that he would not feature all of the teams, but would show highlight videos from TAMU, WTAMU and TAMU-CC. In addition to the videos, Mr. Jones said that they had 116 TAMU student athletes who graduated this year, which is the most ever. He said that six coaches received Big XII Coach of the Year honors including Steve Bultman, women's swimming; Kevin Wright, men's diving; Pat Henry, women's indoor track and field; Gary Blair, women's basketball; Billy Gillispie, men's basketball, and Jeanne Sutherland, women's golf.

Mr. Jones said that while athletics is not our number 1 priority, it serves an important purpose. Mr. Jones said that a good friend, Baldemar Garza, who played football for Texas A&I said that it changed his life because he did not grow up under the best of circumstances. He said that football provided him a way to go to school and he went on to become a lawyer and multi-term Mayor of Rio Grande City.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. White thanked Dr. Juárez again and said that it had been a great meeting and that the campus and community showed well. He announced that the next regular meeting was scheduled for July 26-27, 2007, on the campus of TAMU.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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

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