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*(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Audit met from 8:35 a.m. until 10:26 a.m., Thursday, July 26, 2007.)*

**CONVENE – THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007**

Mr. John D. White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 10:32 a.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2007, Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John D. White, Chairman  
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Morris Foster  
Mr. Lupe Fraga  
Mr. J.L. Huffines  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Mr. Gene Stallings  
Mr. Jim Wilson  
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present when the meeting was convened:

Ms. Ida Clement Steen *(joined meeting at 3:42 p.m.)*

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

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. Morris Foster, Mr. J.L. Huffines and Mr. Jim Wilson were appointed by Governor Rick Perry on July 3, 2007, to serve as Members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. They were attending their first meeting. Mr. Foster was appointed to fill the position held by Mr. Phil Adams. Mr. Huffines was appointed to fill the position held by Mr. Lowry Mays. Mr. Jim Wilson was appointed to fill the position held by Dr. Wendy Gramm.)*

**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; Section 72, for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real (including Items 12 and 13); 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 40 through 51).

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 10:35 a.m. until 12:40 p.m.)*

### **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC). He announced that the Board had met in executive session earlier that same day from 10:35 a.m. until 12:40 p.m. Mr. White said that in executive session the Board had considered Items 12, 13 and 40 through 51 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 matters. He said that the Board would reconvene on Friday, July 27, 2007, to continue its executive session agenda.

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

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. White welcomed Mr. Foster, Mr. Huffines and Mr. Wilson as the newest members of the Board.

Mr. White introduced Mr. Foster and said he graduated from Texas A&M in 1965 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is the president of ExxonMobil Production Company, having joined Exxon in 1965 and having served in various production engineering and management assignments in California, Louisiana, Texas, New Jersey, Malaysia and London. He was named a distinguished graduate of Texas A&M in 1993, and serves on the A&M System Chancellor's Century Council and on the board of directors for the Texas A&M International Program.

Mr. White introduced Mr. Huffines and said he had launched six auto dealerships in the Dallas area and founded two banks and a life insurance company over his 60-year career. As a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, he served in World War II and returned to Texas A&M after the war to complete his degree in economics and accounting. From 1962 to 1971, he served on and was elected chairman of the board of regents for the State Senior Colleges of Texas, which included East Texas State University, now Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), and West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). He said Mr. Huffines is

a member of the Texas A&M University Letterman's Association Hall of Honor and Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor.

Mr. White introduced Mr. Wilson and said he is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of JK Acquisition, a specialty acquisition corporation focusing on cash flow positive companies in manufacturing, distribution and service. Mr. Wilson is also co-founder and managing partner in RSTW Partners, a private debt and equity firm opened in 1990, which has raised a series of three private equity funds. In addition, he serves as chairman of the board of Supply One, which is a specialty packaging and distribution company. Mr. Wilson began his career as a certified public accountant with Ernst & Young following his graduation from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of business administration degree. Mr. Wilson serves on the board of directors of Alpha Circuits, Inc., and the First Community Bank of Fort Bend.

**INVOCATION**

Mr. White called on Mr. Frank Barat, a senior political science and history double major at Texas A&M University, who presented the invocation.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. White said that in accordance with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, at the first regular meeting or special meeting following the appointment and qualification of the three new members regularly appointed in odd years, the first business in order is the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mr. White asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 157-2007**

**ELECTION OF  
MR. BILL JONES  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye nominated Mr. Bill Jones for the office of Chairman of the Board of Regents. He said that Mr. Jones had served on the Board for four years, as vice chairman for the past two years, and was clearly imminently qualified to serve in this important position. He said that Mr. Jones, a member of Texas A&M University's Class of 1981, was a member of the Corps of Cadets where he served with dignity as a member of Outfit A-1. He pursued and was awarded a law degree from Baylor University and undertook legal practice in the state. Mr. Nye said that Mr. Jones was an acknowledged and highly respected attorney having practiced with two very well known law firms and subsequently served as general counsel to Governor Rick Perry. Mr. Nye said that Mr. Jones' loyalty and commitment to Texas A&M and to the A&M System were



self-evident. His contributions to the social, civic and political welfare of the State of Texas were notable and those who have worked with him over his four years of service on the Board know him to be a talented, skilled, dedicated, and energetic individual. Mr. Nye said that if elected, Mr. Jones would lead the Board and System with distinction and dignity.

Mr. White asked if there were other nominations. There were none. He called for a second to the nomination. Mr. Fraga seconded the nomination. Mr. White said that there being no further nominations, he declared that the nominations were closed. By a unanimous vote, Mr. Jones was elected Chairman of the Board of Regents.

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Mr. White turned the meeting over to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 158-2007**

**ELECTION OF  
MR. JOHN D. WHITE  
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye nominated Mr. John D. White for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board. He said that Mr. White had served with distinction during the past two years. He said that his background as a business person, lawyer and educator distinguished and qualified him for this purpose and that he enthusiastically nominated Mr. White for the position of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Jones called for a second to the nomination. Mr. Fraga seconded the nomination. Mr. Jones asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairman. There being none, Mr. Jones called for a vote. By a unanimous vote, Mr. White was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Jones asked for a moment of personal privilege and thanked Mr. Nye for his kind words and his nomination. He said he appreciated the confidence that was expressed and thanked Governor Perry for entrusting him on the Board for this awesome responsibility. Mr. Jones thanked the current members of the Board for their vote of confidence.

Mr. Jones said his focus will always be outward and first and foremost to the students. He said that he was often asked why he accepted so many invitations to speak at graduations and why he attended when he was not speaking. Mr. Jones responded that you sit there and watch hundreds, if not thousands, of students walk across the stage and it was a constant reminder of why we do what we do.

Mr. Jones said that his focus will be as stewards of the taxpayers' money. He said that he will never lose this outward focus and hopes the Board shares in that concept. Mr. Jones said that he was a student of history, liked reading about it, talking about it and studying it, but he was not so sure if history was as important as doing the duty for which we have been assigned. He said he assumed that no vote was cast today because of the color of his skin, but because they felt that he could do the job. Mr. Jones said that however, there was a large segment of our society that he hopes will look at this and understand that The Texas A&M University System is open for business for all of Texas, even for those who have been historically excluded. He said in that regard, it was important.

Mr. Jones said that to do this job he would need help. He would need the help of his fellow Board members and he called on each of them to help in this regard. He said that they will all be asked to do things that they do not have time to do. He said they will be asked to serve and "saddle up and ride once again for the ranch," but he was calling on the Board to help as it goes into the next two years to accomplish what was set out before them. Mr. Jones said that he would ask for help from the Board staff, as well as the staff from other organizations. He said that he would ask for help from the presidents, agency heads and from their ultimate consumer -- the students. Mr. Jones said that he would work hard. He said there was no set time limit and there is no such thing as too tired or the work being too difficult. He said if it needs to be done, he would be there to do it for this institution. He said that he would be available and trusted that the members of the Board would be as well and said "let's get to work."

Mr. Stallings stated that Mr. White had done an excellent job as Chairman and he wanted him to know that his work was appreciated. He said that he felt that Mr. Jones would do the same.

Mr. Jones commented that he and Mr. White shared a lot of things. They were born on the same date. Mr. White was first wing commander and he was first brigade commander while in the Corps of Cadets. They were both members of the Ross Volunteers, both lawyers and did some of the same things in their legal careers. Mr. Jones said that it was amazing how alike they were and people would not see a lot of differences in their styles because they were pretty much on the same page. Mr. Jones said he trusted that he would be able to take his term at the helm as successfully as Mr. White had. He thanked Mr. White and his wife, Daisy, for the service they had given the Board and the System. He concluded by saying that while they all worked hard, Mr. White had "gone over and above" and his work and efforts were appreciated.

**CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS**

Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor, recognized Dr. Lelve Gayle, Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab (TVMDL), who was attending his last Board meeting.

Mr. Nye said that there was a tremendous amount of skill and capability in the A&M System. He said Dr. Gayle was highly regarded around the state, not only by the veterinary community but also by the medical community. He said that Dr. Gayle and his organization were known as being the very best. Mr. Nye said Dr. Gayle had done a yeoman’s service.

Dr. McKinney acknowledged the new Regents on behalf of his staff. He commented that this was the best job they would have and he appreciated the opportunity to work for them.

Dr. McKinney gave a brief update on the legislative session. He said Senator Steve Ogden and Senator Judith Zaffirini were very helpful to the A&M System. Mr. Nye said that at a critical point in the appropriations process, Senator Zaffirini reinserted a very important revenue item for Texas A&M. Dr. McKinney named others who were particularly helpful to the System including Representatives Warren D. Chisum (Chairman of the Appropriations Committee), Jimmie Don Aycock, John Zerwas, Dan Gattis, Geanie W. Morrison, Fred Brown and Lois Kolkhorst.

Dr. McKinney said \$40 million was received for the faculty reinvestment program that was begun at TAMU. He said that Representative Kolkhorst, along with Speaker Tom Craddick, devised a competitive knowledge fund. Dr. McKinney said that it did not increase the amount of money we received, but for future reference this was probably the largest single item we received this time.

Dr. McKinney said that the total increase across the System in terms of formula funding was \$53.4 million, with \$34 million of this amount going to TAMU. He said that we received \$25 million in funding for the programs that were started at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) under the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) agreement. Dr. McKinney said that it was now incumbent on us to show that we are starting programs that will provide faculty and graduates for the rest of the state and the world. Ms. Daniel asked if this amount was in total funding. Dr. McKinney said this was an addition. He said we received \$2 million for faculty enhancement at TAMIU for the Student Success Program, \$10 million in operational support for the San Antonio and Killeen centers and \$6.6 million in extra funding for agencies in Brazos County. Dr. McKinney asked Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, to provide additional information.

Dr. Calvert said we approach every session with a set of goals and issues that need to be addressed in a legislative setting that cannot be otherwise handled. A copy of Dr. Calvert’s presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. He said the

most important agenda item in every session is the appropriations bill. In addition, there are institution-specific and System-specific issues that they work on. Dr. Calvert gave a quick overview of how we fared in the last five legislative sessions. He said there were still equity issues and issues that we need to learn and how to state it in the context of the legislature's goals and the way they would like to see problems dealt with. Dr. Calvert said the agencies alone do not have formulas, so consequently we have to make special item or special program proposals to get additional funding for the agencies. He said that in large part, special items are in disfavor right now and we need to find a way to make the case for our agencies in terms that fit the legislature's preferences.

Dr. Calvert said that the bottom line is that the legislature and the Governor treated higher education well in this session. There was \$8 billion in new money and general revenue that was appropriated. Out of the \$8 billion, \$1.4 billion was appropriated for higher education. He said that there were a multitude of funding streams and the only one of those items that had not been distributed was the \$100 million for the Governor's incentive funding program. He said that it was lodged in the Coordinating Board and would be allocated based upon criteria yet to be developed. Dr. Calvert discussed the \$145 million for student financial aid.

Dr. Calvert said that A&M System issues are distinct. He said that there were several items that the System could not get done because they required collaboration with other systems of higher education.

Dr. Calvert briefly discussed issues specific to the A&M System. Dr. Calvert said that institutional or agency-specific items were another term for special items and the System fared well with these. Dr. Calvert said that there was a substantial increase in the Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF). He said that six universities share in this funding and they will receive an additional \$19 million in the upcoming biennium.

Dr. Calvert said that good results for the HSC were mostly related to growth. He said that the agencies had an 8.1 percent increase in appropriations. He said that they were included in the statewide pay increase for regular state employees to the extent that they are paid out of general revenue. Dr. Calvert said that we received almost \$50 million in appropriations to repay the federal government and other states for their help to us in previous years for the wildfires.

Dr. Calvert spoke on selected legislative bills. He said that every item we had on our list was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor.

Dr. Calvert said that the student regent bill was amended and for the first time a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) is required. Ms. Daniel commented that the other really good thing about this is that it is going to change the appointment time to go from May to May.

Dr. Calvert said that they were positioning for the next session. He said that throughout the interim, when legislators are willing to listen, we have the opportunity to do two things broadly -- say thank you for the support they have given us and show them how we are using those funds for the benefit of the State of Texas.

Mr. Jones commended Dr. Calvert and his staff on doing a great job.

Mr. White said that Dr. Calvert does as good a job of anyone in the System of being careful about everybody. He is very collaborative. Mr. White said that this makes a huge difference when you are in front of the legislative session when we are treating everybody with equal dignity and respect. Mr. White said that Chancellor McKinney came in and got started very abruptly in the legislative process and he felt that the combination of the two provided exceptional results.

Dr. McKinney said that they were making changes in the budgeting process. He said that they have already done programmatic budget reviews. He said that the reviews were useful, but he was not initially convinced that they would be. He commended the presidents and CEOs for taking their jobs seriously.

Dr. McKinney discussed the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) visit and issues at TAMU. He said that there were 17 people from different branches of the federal government who conducted the visit. Dr. McKinney summed up their visit by saying that we did some things wrong, but we did not do anything wrong on purpose. He said that some of the issues had already been fixed and the remainder, such as personnel, policies, practices, procedures, monitoring, oversight and outside help (peer review), would be fixed.

Mr. Nye said as he understood it, and he was not blaming anyone, we varied from a definitive protocol on research that called for a certain type of treatment of these agents and we tested on the basis of a different way of dealing with those agents, which was outside protocol and inconsistent with protocol. He asked if he was correct. Dr. McKinney said not completely. He said part of the issue goes to a culture. He said that the culture in research has to be detailed and we got sloppy with our record keeping and the way we exercised our oversight. After further discussion, Mr. Nye made the point that, having been around federal regulatory bodies and having had issues of this type, one of the things that was dangerous was to minimize the nature of the violation or to suggest that we did not do anything wrong. Dr. McKinney said that he had talked to all the presidents about how serious these regulations were and that we will follow every single rule, law and regulation. Dr. Ed Davis, Interim President of Texas A&M University, commented that he had just finished an exit visit with officials from the CDC. He said that Texas A&M has been conducting Brucella research since the 1930s. What has happened is that because of issues of homeland security and threats of terrorism, the federal regulations related to the research done in these areas have become extraordinarily strict and direct and we have nothing but an obligation to follow them. Dr. Davis said he felt that the Chancellor was saying that we have violated those regulations, but not intentionally. He said we have committed to do this with the CDC

and they have given us a very general exit briefing. Dr. Davis said we made mistakes and they were being corrected. Mr. Nye said that he appreciated the fact that Dr. Davis had been on duty while all of this was happening and he knew that it was not easy and he appreciated his statement. Mr. Jones said that perhaps what Dr. McKinney was addressing was that when the news first came out some of the reports seemed to indicate that there was an intentional disregard for protocol and rules required in this type of research. He said that Dr. McKinney wanted to first satisfy himself by saying that there was nothing done intentionally, there was something done wrong, but not intentionally as indicated in the previous reports. He said that his understanding was that Dr. McKinney was trying to assure the Board that it was not intentional but that we did something wrong and will fix it. Mr. Jones said it was not okay and they were going to fix something that was wrong. Mr. Stallings asked if we would be severely penalized. Mr. Jones responded that we would be penalized for years to come -- it was very serious.

Dr. McKinney said that they have made a number of trips to San Antonio and Killeen and headway was being made. He said that a foundation had been established to start raising scholarship money to reach a threshold so that they can start talking about whether they can be independent campuses. Dr. McKinney said they have a lot of community support. He said that San Antonio would hold classes in the newly renovated elementary school building. He said that they have received \$100,000 for the San Antonio Foundation and pledges for another \$900,000. The goal is to raise \$8 million. Dr. McKinney said that the best part of both is that they received \$10 million from the legislature to operate and to hire faculty until such time as they can become self-sustained.

Dr. McKinney said that there were a number of on-going presidential searches. He said that Texas A&M had a number of good candidates.

Dr. McKinney mentioned that the System's financial information is now posted online and we were the first system in the State of Texas to do this.

Dr. McKinney said that a Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to Dr. Norman Borlaug. Mr. White commented that he, Dr. Murano, Mr. Diedrich and others attended the ceremony. He said that the ceremony was unbelievably impressive and Dr. Borlaug is credited with saving billions of lives. Mr. Nye commented that Dr. Borlaug is perhaps one of the finest people he has ever met. He said that if you talk with him for 15 minutes you will come away with an incredible admiration for a fellow who grew up on a farm with limited education who is completely dedicated to helping people with their nutritional needs because he saw people in the bread lines during the depression.

Dr. McKinney said that the TEEX fire training school was underway and included approximately 4,000 fire fighters from around the world.

Dr. McKinney said that Dr. Patrick O'Brien, President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), was elected chair of the Lone Star Conference Council of Presidents. In addition, he was named to the National Collegiate Athletic Association

(NCAA) Division II President’s Council and the WTAMU football team was also ranked in the top ten.

Mr. White commented that he knew how seriously Dr. McKinney and Dr. Davis were taking the CDC issue and thanked them for their leadership.

**RECESS**

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 2:19 p.m. He said that every two years at meetings where committee assignments have not been made, they sometimes lack a quorum and therefore operate as committees of the whole. He said that he would also need to name two additional chairs to replace former regents Dr. Wendy Gramm and Mr. Phil Adams. Mr. Jones said that with the approval of the Board he would appoint himself as temporary chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and Mr. Nye as temporary chair of the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jones called for a motion. On motion of Mr. Fraga, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the Board accepted the temporary committee assignments.

*(Secretary’s Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 2:22 p.m. and recessed at 3:22 p.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 3:23 p.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m.)*

*(Secretary’s Note: Ms. Steen joined the meeting at 3:42 p.m.)*

*(Secretary’s Note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 4:06 p.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE – FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2007**

Mr. Jones reconvened the Board meeting on Friday, July 27, 2007, at 8:34 a.m. The following members of the Board were present:

- Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman
- Mr. John D. White, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Morris Foster
- Mr. Lupe Fraga
- Mr. J.L. Huffines
- Mr. Erle Nye
- Mr. Gene Stallings
- Ms. Ida Clement Steen
- Mr. Jim Wilson
- Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Neal Adams, Vice Chairman of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

**TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD REPORT**

Mr. Adams thanked Mr. White for his last two years of service as Chairman of the Board. He congratulated Mr. Jones on his election as Chairman of the Board and congratulated Mr. Foster, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Huffines on their recent appointments.

Mr. Adams introduced several members of the THECB who were present: Mr. Joe Hinton, who graduated from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1957; Mr. George McWilliams, A&M Class of 1963; and Mr. Fred Heldenfels, A&M Class of 1979. Mr. Adams said that Ms. Elaine Mendoza, a member of the Coordinating Board, was A&M Class of 1987, but could not be present.

Mr. Adams said the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session was very successful for higher education. He said that one of the key things that came out of the session was that the legislature fully funded the tuition revenue bond (TRB) recommendations of the Coordinating Board. Mr. Adams said they made recommendations to the legislature on the funding formula. He said that he and Mr. Robert W. Shepherd, Chairman of THECB, believed that it was important for them to go into the session recommending 100 percent funding of the funding formula. It is now based on cost that is reviewed every two years. Mr. Adams said that while they did not get 100 percent funding, they did get a significant increase. The largest percentage increase in student aid funding was received. He said that this is huge if we are going to close the gaps, particularly in participation.

Mr. Adams said that another major issue that came out in the session was that \$100 million was trusted with the THECB for incentive funding. He said there are several challenges that he has discussed with Dr. Davis. There are ongoing discussions because the appropriations rider challenges the THECB and the Governor's Office to come up with recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), who will ultimately make the decision as to how the money is distributed or the criteria. Mr. Adams said that the concern they have is that it can only be funded in 2009, based on a report submitted to the LBB in January 2008. He said one concern is that with incentive funding, normally you would have criteria developed that the institutions could then move toward targets or benchmarks. If they go with the 2007-2008 data, they will not have the criteria developed in time. He said they are now looking at taking the current accountability system and plugging in what has already been done.

Mr. Adams discussed several interim committees. The first being the Select Committee Commission on Higher Education and Global Competitiveness. The goal of this commission is to draft a Texas compact that reflects the long-term vision and step-by-step plan to attain certain goals by 2020 by educating the Texas population to levels comparable to the highest performing competitor states and nations; achieving global recognition for Texas public colleges and universities for excellence and; finally, serving different regions of Texas in ways that respond to each region's unique higher education needs. Mr. Adams said that the second committee, the Select Committee on Higher and Public Education Finance, is a house interim committee chaired by Representative



Dan Branch. It is a very critical committee because it will take a look at the funding formula. The third committee, the Commission for College Ready Texas, consists of a 21-member commission appointed by Governor Perry. He said that this committee is working very closely with what came out of the third special session of the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature or HB 1. He discussed one of the most important things that came out of HB 1, the requirement that higher and public education align their curriculum. He said this will have a huge effect on the success of young men and women that come from our high schools into our higher education programs. The THECB is responsible under this bill, with a contract or memorandum of understanding with the Texas Education Agency (TEA), to have curriculum-writing committees that are dealing with math, science and English.

Mr. Adams said that THECB was asked to select up to three research centers and they have chosen three universities where these centers will be located. He said that HB 1 funded these centers up to \$1 million each. Texas A&M's College of Education was one of the centers selected.

Mr. Adams said that in the history of Texas, there has never been a think tank where researchers were strictly looking at cutting edge issues that they were dealing with as an institution and what are the best practices. He said that the Houston Foundation has funded \$3 million to the THECB to create a think tank.

Mr. Adams said that while there were a lot of good things going on in higher education, they still have challenges. He said that in 2000, the THECB created the statewide initiative "Closing the Gaps." The four components of "Closing the Gaps" are participation, success, excellence and research. The participation goal was to obtain 500,000 additional students by 2015 above normal growth. Mr. Adams said because of Dr. Steve Murdock's update on demographics, they changed that goal to 630,000 by 2015. He said that recently they asked Dr. Murdock to look at the numbers again and he believes that we are in good shape with 630,000. Mr. Adams said that this number is broken down into components: Hispanic, African American, Asian and all students participating. They are making great strides on participation with two exceptions. The major concern is that we are behind in the Hispanic population. Mr. Adams challenged Dr. McKinney to look at the targets set by the sister institutions. He commended the Board, Dr. Robert Gates and Dr. Davis for the President's Scholar Program. He said that they have increased participation with Hispanics and African Americans. Mr. Adams said that during the past week Dr. Raymund Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education, met with 20 Hispanic leaders in the state. Out of this meeting came a shared concern and the fact that they are going to continue to dialog and be a part of the solution. Mr. Adams said the second component is that they are seeing a significant decrease in African American males entering higher education. He said that the previous week, Dr. Paredes met with Senator Royce West who has agreed to chair a statewide task force to look at this issue and to develop strategies on how to increase awareness in this population about how important it is to move forward and get your education.

Mr. Adams said that in the success area, we can talk about getting them in the door but we have to get them out the door. He said that a big issue right now is “time to degree.” If there are going to be 630,000 students in the infrastructure, there will be huge demands on capital facilities and the faculty needed to support this number of students.

Mr. Adams said that he was excited about the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund, because research and excellence go hand-in-hand. He said that we have got to do a better job of attracting and retaining quality faculty. He commended the Board, Dr. Davis, Dr. Calvert and others for their visionary leadership. Mr. Adams said that he believes it is important for the Regents and the presidents of the institutions to review the Perryman Report.

Mr. Adams said one of the things the THECB recently discussed was retaining quality teachers in the public school system of this state. Recent statistics indicate that we lose 70 percent of the teachers in Texas during the first five years. He said we have to not only attract our brightest to come into this wonderful profession, but we also have to develop a policy to retain them.

Mr. Adams closed his report by mentioning several studies. He said that in a recent publication entitled Tough Choices or Tough Times, the former Chairman and CEO of Lockheed Martin, Norman Augustine, said “anyone who hopes to hold a job in the next several decades should read, if not memorize, this extraordinary report. Hopefully the report will motivate our nation’s leaders to promptly take steps needed to assure that our nation’s citizenry can enjoy a decent quality of life in the years ahead.” Mr. Adams said that the report not only identifies challenges, but also suggests some visionary solutions.

Mr. Adams shared part of the introduction from the report entitled Rigor at Risk, Reaffirming Quality in High School Core Curriculum. He said for decades ACT research has consistently showed that high school students who take the minimum recommended core curriculum (four years of English, three years each of math, science and social studies) are likely to be more prepared for college when they graduate than are students who do not take this curriculum. In recent years, it has become increasingly apparent that while taking the right number of courses is certainly better than not, it is no longer enough to guarantee that students will graduate ready for life after high school. Only one-quarter of ACT tested 2006 high school graduates who took a core curriculum were prepared to take credit bearing entry-level college courses in all four subject areas with a reasonable chance of succeeding in those courses. Mr. Adams said that while some would say this is a public education problem, he thinks it is a higher and public education problem.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Adams and said he had highlighted very accurately and succinctly a number of issues we have facing us in the higher education community. He said that he was very familiar with the statistics concerning college preparedness of our high school students and the numbers are appalling. He said it cuts across racial and social economic boundaries. He said that our students are not prepared and this is not

just a high school or secondary education problem, it is all of our problem. Mr. Jones said that he knew specifically how much time and effort Mr. Adams has put into public and higher education.

Mr. Stallings said that he appreciated Mr. Adams' comments and that losing the teachers was really alarming. He asked if the local school systems set the minimum wage. Mr. Adams responded that typically the local school board adopts a budget which depends on two sources of revenue: state revenue, which is funded through a formula, and local taxes. He said that the interesting thing about the Tough Choices or Tough Times publication is that it reports that currently on average, teachers in Texas with 15 to 30 years of experience are lucky to make \$55,000 per year. Most teachers in Texas are paid less than that. He said the report said that, based on visionary ideas, they can get teachers' pay raised anywhere from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Adams said we need to develop a short-term and long-term strategy because we are losing teachers after five years.

Mr. Nye said he appreciated all members of the THECB and their commitment. He expressed his personal appreciation and respect to Mr. Adams, who he said is an incredible person in terms of his commitment to what he takes on, and he goes above and beyond by throwing himself into what he does 100 percent. He said that Mr. Adams' enlightened view about public and higher education was remarkable and that he has a vision of not only identifying what our problems are, but trying to create a concept of what we might do to resolve those problems.

Mr. White thanked the members of the THECB who were present and especially thanked Mr. Adams for his passion.

Mr. Nye asked Dr. McKinney to forward copies of the reports mentioned by Mr. Adams to the Board.

### **RECESS**

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

*(Secretary's Note: The Policy Review Committee convened at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs reconvened at 9:18 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 a.m.)*

### **RECONVENE**

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 9:32 a.m. He announced that the Board received one request for public testimony on Items 24 and 25, but that request was withdrawn. He said that they received one written testimony, which was distributed to the Board and made part of the official records for this meeting. Mr. Jones said that there were no other requests for public testimony at this Board Meeting.

Mr. Jones called on Mr. Nye to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. Nye, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, July 26, 2007, considered and approved Items 1 through 8. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 159-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 22.02 (*SYSTEM INVESTMENT*),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 22.02 (*System Investment*), as shown in **Exhibit A**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 160-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 23.02 (*DEBT MANAGEMENT*),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Revisions to System Policy 23.02 (*Debt Management*), as shown in **Exhibit B**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 161-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL TO CONSOLIDATE, REVISE AND EXPAND CURRENT SYSTEM POLICIES 26.02 (*APPROVAL OF STUDENT FEES*) AND 26.03 (*TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS AND WAIVERS*) AND CREATE NEW SYSTEM POLICY 26.01 (*TUITION AND FEES*), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 26.01 (*Tuition and Fees*), as described in **Exhibit C**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 162-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 27.03 (*ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET PROCESS*), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 27.03 (*Annual Operating Budget Process*), as described in **Exhibit D**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is modified, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 163-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 27.04 (*BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY*), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 27.04 (*Budget Authorizations, Limitations, and Delegations of Authority*), as described in **Exhibit E**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is modified, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 164-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White 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. 07-06, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**.

**MINUTE ORDER 165-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL OF REVOLVING FUND BANK ACCOUNTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Under the authority of the General Appropriations Act, and effective for the biennium beginning September 1, 2007, each of the following members of The Texas A&M University System is authorized to maintain a centralized Revolving Fund Bank Account in the banks and within the limits indicated below. Such accounts will be used to facilitate the payment of nominal expenses, debt service and payrolls. In addition, the accounts will be used to pay bills within cash discount periods, when the disbursements are reimbursable from funds held in the State Treasury. The employees named below, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to sign checks for the withdrawal of such funds according to law, provided that each check shall be signed by one of the authorized persons.

1. **SYSTEM OFFICES**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$60,000,000 (Operating and Debt Service)

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Gregory R. Anderson, Associate Vice Chancellor and Treasurer

Maria L. Robinson, Director of Treasury Services

Elaine N. Welch, Senior Treasury Analyst

Cindy L. Hanks, Financial Analyst

2. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$7,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Mary Lee Hodge, Vice President for Business Affairs

Rod Mireles, Controller

Betty Ricks, Assistant Controller/Manager of Budgets and Payroll

Cozette Turner, Coordinator of Financial Reporting

3. TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,700,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Dr. Dennis P. McCabe, President

J. W. Graham, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Mary F. Howard, Senior Staff Accountant

Mike Tate, Controller

Naseer Bajwa, Director of Accounting

4. TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Ray M. Keck, President

Jose Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Elena Martinez, Comptroller

Maria Elena Hernandez, Business Manager

Patricia Ornelas, Senior Staff Accountant

5. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$40,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

K. Sue Redman, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Terry Pankrantz, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller

John Crawford, Director, Financial Management Operations

Debbie Phair, Director, Financial Management Operations

5.a TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,100,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Bowen R. Loftin, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

Susan H. Lee, Director of Financial Management Operations

Terry Pankratz, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller

William Hearn, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

6. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,500,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Keith McFarland, President

Bob Brown, Vice President for Business and Administration

Rex Giddens, Comptroller and Assistant Vice President for Business

Alicia Currin, Assistant Vice President for Business and Administration and Director of Budgeting  
and Financial Analysis

Carol Arrington, Director of Accounting

Stephanie Scott, Financial Analyst

Janet Anderson, Accountant

7. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Flavius C. Killebrew, President

Robert L. Lovitt, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration

Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration and Comptroller

Kemberly Wedgeworth, Director of Budgets

Rebecca Torres, Assistant Comptroller and Director of Accounting

8. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo , N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Rumaldo Z. Juarez, President

Gertrud K. Moreno, Interim Vice President for Finance

Gertrud K. Moreno, Assistant Vice President and Comptroller

Paula Hanson, Assistant Comptroller and Director of Financial Reporting

Patricia Hayes, Bursar

Maricela Flores, Chief Accountant

Claudia Conard, Staff Accountant

9. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$600,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Stephen R. Hensley, President

Joan C. Beckham, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Jo Ellen Sutton, Bursar

Sheryl Russell, Controller and Director of Accounting



10. WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,400,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Gary Barnes, Vice President for Business and Finance

Randy Rikel, Controller

Shelly Davis, Director of Accounting

Julie Dempsey, Accountant II/Grants Manager

11. TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,800,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Elsa A. Murano, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences

Mark Hussey, Interim Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

William Dugas, Deputy Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Johnny Fazzino, Assistant Vice Chancellor

Loree Lewis, Coordinator of Management Information

R. W. Jackson, Assistant Director

Michael E. McCasland, Assistant Director

Deanie Dudley, Assistant Dean of Finance and Administration

Shiao-Yen Ko, Manager of Accounting Services

Kimberly Payne, Assistant Financial Manager

William Gray, Financial Analyst

12. TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,200,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Edward G. Smith, Director and Associate Vice Chancellor

Johnny Fazzino, Assistant Vice Chancellor

Loree Lewis, Coordinator of Management Information

Margaret R. Hale, Executive Associate Director

R. W. Jackson, Assistant Director

Michael E. McCasland, Assistant Director

Deanie Dudley, Assistant Dean of Finance and Administration

Shiao-Yen Ko, Manager of Accounting Services

Kim Payne, Assistant Financial Manager

William Gray, Financial Analyst

13. TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

G. Kemble Bennett, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Engineering  
To Be Appointed, Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station  
To Be Named, Assistant Agency Director and Chief Financial Officer  
Carol G. Huff, Controller  
Andrew Hinton, Assistant Controller  
Marsa McKee, Financial Manager  
Janice Ebner, Senior Staff Accountant  
Karen Zuberer, Staff Accountant

14. TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$350,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

John Skrabanek, Interim Associate Agency Director and Chief Financial Officer  
John Skrabanek, Controller  
Carolyn Record, Assistant Controller  
Dianne Smith, Accounting Manager  
Christina Peery, Staff Accountant

15. TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,500,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

James B. Hull, Director  
Robby DeWitt, Associate Director for Finance and Administration  
Travis Zamzow, Budgets and Accounting Manager  
Bill Fox, Payroll and Support Services Manager  
James D. Puckett, III, Senior Business Analyst

16. TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$550,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Don Bugh, Executive Associate Director  
Anna Jo Mitchell, Director of Fiscal Affairs  
Marie Ethridge, Controller  
Susan Massey, Financial Management Supervisor II  
Jennifer Kristynik, Financial Accountant II

17. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$5,000,000

Source of Funds - Institutional Funds

Depository Bank - Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Barry C. Nelson, Vice President for Finance, Administration and Institutional Enhancement

Rayellen Milburn, Senior Associate Vice President and Controller

Jeffery T. Burton, Associate Vice President for Fiscal Services

**MINUTE ORDER 166-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN OUTSIDE COUNSEL CONTRACT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 WITH THE LAW FIRM OF  
BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P.,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, subject to the approval by the Attorney General of Texas, authorizes the General Counsel of The Texas A&M University System to execute and deliver on behalf of The Texas A&M University System an Outside Counsel Contract for legal services in the area of patent services with the law firm of Baker Botts, L.L.P. in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for FY08.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System requests that the Attorney General of Texas approve a contract with the law firm of Baker Botts, L.L.P., by amendment or initial execution, with a cap amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide patent services to The Texas A&M University System for FY08.

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Mr. Jones 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, July 26, 2007. He said that they considered and approved Items 9 through 17. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 167-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 51.06  
(NAMING OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER ENTITIES),  
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 changes to System Policy 51.06 (*Naming of Buildings and Other Entities*), as shown in **Exhibit G**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 168-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-FISCAL YEAR 2011  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO REVISE THE  
FISCAL YEAR START DATE AND THE PROJECT PLANNING AMOUNT  
AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR  
THE UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS PROJECT AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
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 request to amend the FY2007–FY2011 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to advance the projected FY start date for the University Apartments project from FY2008 to FY2007 and to revise the project planning amount from \$48,000,000 to \$35,563,000 is approved.

The amount of \$3,556,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-030062, Residence Halls, for pre-construction services and related project costs.

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 169-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION AND APPROPRIATION FOR  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE (TTI) STATE HEADQUARTERS  
AND RESEARCH BUILDING,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute, College Station, Texas (Project No. 12-2920), is approved for construction.

The amount of \$6,135,350 is appropriated from Account No. 01-085330, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds, \$9,017,650 from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds, and \$2,288,000 from Account No. 12-024030, Reserve for Overhead on TTI Projects, for construction services and related project costs.

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 Participant, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possesses the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 170-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THE  
CENTEQ RESEARCH PLAZA BUILDING  
LOCATED AT 1500 RESEARCH PARKWAY,  
COLLEGE STATION, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Steen 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 negotiate and execute all documents, to include the appropriation of funds, necessary to purchase a building known as the Centeq Research Plaza Building municipally located at 1500 Research Parkway, College Station, Brazos County, Texas. A purchase price not to exceed \$10,000,000, and closing costs, are hereby approved.

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 171-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE GROUND LEASE OF 1.856 ACRES,  
MORE OR LESS, IN COMMERCE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,  
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 Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute a ground lease with Ralph E. Moyer Enterprises, LLC, for the construction and operation of a casual dining restaurant on 1.856 acres, more or less, out of the Josiah Roads Survey, Abstract No. 1228, City of Commerce, Hunt County, Texas. The primary term of the ground lease will be thirty (30) years commencing on August 1, 2007, and expiring July 31, 2037. The lessee will have the option of extending this lease for an additional fifteen (15) year term.

**MINUTE ORDER 172-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A  
PIPELINE EASEMENT IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS,  
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 of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, is authorized to execute a non-exclusive right-of-way pipeline easement for an eight-inch (8") propylene pipeline, twenty-feet (20') in width and approximately 1,001.74 rods (16,528.71 linear feet) in length across The Texas A&M University System property in Brazoria County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term in favor of BASF Corporation. Total consideration for this easement is \$100,174.

**MINUTE ORDER 173-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN OIL, GAS AND SULPHUR  
LEASE COVERING 575.10 NET MINERAL ACRES,  
MORE OR LESS, IN DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
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 of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute an Oil, Gas and Sulphur Lease with Hollis R. Sullivan, Inc., covering 575.10 net mineral acres, being described as the North Half of Section 222 and all of the South Half of Section 247, less and except the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 247, in Dickens County, Texas, for a total bonus of \$86,265.00, or \$150 per net mineral acre, and 25% royalty, and to perform other acts necessary in connection with the lease as required by law and Board policy.

**MINUTE ORDER 174-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT  
OF A STATE HISTORICAL MARKER AT BUFFALO COURTS,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authorization is hereby granted to the President of West Texas A&M University to accept and approve the placement of a State Historical Marker at Buffalo Courts.

**MINUTE ORDER 175-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“AT&T HIGH DEFINITION PRODUCTION STUDIO,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

A digital broadcast studio in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex located on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “AT&T High Definition Production Studio.”

**MINUTE ORDER 176-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“SPICER GRIPP CLASSROOM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

A classroom in the Stanley Schaeffer Agricultural Education Learning Laboratory located on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Spicer Gripp Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 177-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“STANLEY SCHAEFFER AGRICULTURAL  
EDUCATION LEARNING LABORATORY,”  
WEST 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 Agricultural Education Learning Laboratory on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Stanley Schaeffer Agricultural Education Learning Laboratory.”

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Mr. Jones presented the report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.



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

Mr. Jones, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, July 26, 2007, and Friday, July 27, 2007. He said that they considered and approved Items 18 through 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 178-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
SYSTEM MEMBER UNIVERSITIES AND THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
FOR THE 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the 2008-09 admission requirements of the System member universities and the Health Science Center, on terms and conditions substantially the same as those shown in Exhibits H, I and J, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 179-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW B.S. DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nye 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 International University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders.

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 180-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW PH.D. IN  
AGRIBUSINESS AND MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nye 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 Ph.D. in Agribusiness and Managerial Economics.

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.

**MINUTE ORDER 181-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR  
COMMUNICATION STUDIES/SPEECH COMMUNICATION AND  
RHETORIC AT THE MASTER’S LEVEL, AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
SUBMIT AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Board of Regents approves amending the Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to include preliminary authority for communication studies/speech communication and rhetoric at the master’s level.

The Board also authorizes submission of this amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 182-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE  
CENTER FOR VIRTUAL MEDICAL EDUCATION  
WITHIN THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Center for Virtual Medical Education is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in the Office of Special Projects.

**MINUTE ORDER 183-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUEST  
TO CREATE A COLLEGE OF NURSING, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents approves the administrative change request to create a College of Nursing at the Texas A&M Health Science Center, effective January 2, 2008.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 184-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE FROM  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION TO  
TEXAS AGRILIFE RESEARCH,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The name of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is changed to Texas AgriLife Research effective January 1, 2008. In accordance with this name change, the Director of Texas AgriLife Research is authorized to amend administrative titles and the names of offices, programs and statewide centers to reflect this agency name change.

**MINUTE ORDER 185-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE FROM  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO  
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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

The name of Texas Cooperative Extension is changed to Texas AgriLife Extension Service effective January 1, 2008. In accordance with this name change, the Director of Texas AgriLife Extension Service is authorized to amend administrative titles and the names of Extension offices, programs and centers to reflect this agency name change.

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Mr. Jones presented 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, July 26, 2007. He said that in their continuous effort for improvement, they came up with a better “mouse trap” for Audit Tracking Reports. He said that he thought this particular mouse trap will work very well. Mr. Jones explained the three strike rule. He said that they will have an audit where items and issues will be identified for improvement or correction—this is strike one. Once the items are corrected and it has been indicated to the Audit Committee that those items have been corrected and they are checked, if the items have not been corrected -- this is strike two. Strike three is once those items have been indicated to have been corrected the second time, and the Committee checks and the items have not been corrected. Mr. Jones said that he believes this will help the institutions operate more efficiently. He said that following the meeting several individuals approached him and said that this has done more for their institutions than anything else the Board has done, because they can hold people accountable and now have the strength of the Board and the Audit Committee behind them. Mr. Jones thanked the presidents and agency heads for their assistance in getting the Audit Committee and its functioning where it is more understandable, simple, and holds everyone accountable.

Mr. Fraga congratulated Mr. Jones on taking the decisive actions that they did to make this happen. Mr. Jones said that he had help from Mr. Fraga, Mr. Stallings, Ms. Smock and other committee members.

Mr. Jones 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 1 through 5, 9 and 26. The Board took action as set forth below:

*(Secretary's Note: Item 1 is listed as Minute Order 159-2007; Item 2 is listed as Minute Order 160-2007; Item 3 is listed as Minute Order 161-2007; Item 4 is listed as Minute Order 162-2007; Item 5 is listed as Minute Order 163-2007; and Item 9 is listed as Minute Order 167-2007.)*

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**MINUTE ORDER 186-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 02.02 (OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 02.02 (*Office of the Chancellor*), as described in **Exhibit K**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is modified, effective immediately.

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**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Murano to present Item 27.

Dr. Murano thanked the Board for giving their full consideration to the changes that were proposed to the two agencies. She pledged to Mr. Nye that they would not propose a change to the name of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and also that they would do all that they could to make sure that people know that what it meant is that agriculture is life.

Dr. Murano said that it had been her tremendous pleasure over the last two and a half years to have worked with Dr. Lelve Gayle, who she said is a true champion of animal health for the State of Texas and the nation. Through his leadership, he has overseen an agency that goes quietly about its business, but yet is responsible for protecting and preserving not only animal health for the state but also human health to a great extent. She said that many people may not realize that TVDML is one of very few labs designated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as capable and able to test for diseases such as mad cow disease and others that can impact human health. She said that he is a gentleman, a class act, and he will be missed terribly.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 187-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF  
DR. LELVE G. GAYLE  
AS ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY  
AND CONFERRING THE TITLE OF  
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Dr. Lelve G. Gayle graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas with a bachelor of science degree in animal science and earned a doctor of veterinary medicine degree and a master of science degree in veterinary toxicology, both from Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, before joining the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in 1976, he worked in veterinary medicine for the U.S. Air Force, in private practice, and for Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, during his 31-year career with the laboratory, Dr. Gayle served as case supervisor, associate agency director, head of diagnostic services, and executive director; and

Whereas, during his tenure as executive director, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory became one of the most active full-service diagnostic facilities in the world, and Dr. Gayle oversaw a major upgrade in its capabilities, making the agency one of five laboratories in the country that comprise the National Animal Health Laboratory Network providing surveillance and response to high-consequence animal diseases; and

Whereas, he has received numerous honors and awards including the Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Professional Services and the Regents Fellow Service Award, both from The Texas A&M University System; and

Whereas, Dr. Gayle has served in many leadership roles with numerous organizations and committees, including the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice, the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, and The Texas A&M University System; 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 Dr. Lelve G. Gayle; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in recognition of his retirement and distinguished 31-year service within the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory of The Texas A&M University System, the title of Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Director Emeritus is conferred upon Dr. Lelve G. Gayle, and he is granted all rights and privileges of this title effective July 31, 2007; 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 Dr. Lelve G. Gayle and to the Archives of Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for his service as Executive Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

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Dr. Murano recognized Dr. and Mrs. Gayle. Dr. Gayle said that it had been an honor and pleasure to be a part of the System. He said that it has been a special opportunity and a treat to work with the people he has worked with in the System.

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of Tarleton State University (TSU), to present Item 28. Dr. McCabe said that this resolution would allow TSU to name its Effective Schools Project in honor of Dr. Jim Boyd. He said that Dr. Boyd had served TSU with honor and distinction as head of the Department of Education and Physiology and the Dean of the College of Education and Fine Arts, as well as serving as the President of Weatherford College from 1994 to 1998. Dr. Boyd was very instrumental in 1987 in developing the Effective Schools Project that has served many school districts and public school teachers. Dr. McCabe said that for the past 25 years this program has done such things to unite the public schools and TSU.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 188-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
DR. JIM BOYD  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND HIS VISION  
IN INITIATING THE EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS PROJECT,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Dr. Jim Boyd served Tarleton State University with honor and distinction as head of the Department of Education and Psychology and dean of the College of Education and Fine Arts, and served as president of Weatherford College from 1994-1998; and

Whereas, Dr. Jim Boyd was instrumental in developing and initiating Tarleton’s Effective Schools Project while serving as dean of the College of Education and Fine Arts, and continued to provide his time and expertise to the project after leaving Tarleton and after retirement; and

Whereas, Tarleton’s Effective Schools Project is a collaborative professional development program and school improvement network linking the Tarleton faculty with campus leadership teams from Texas schools in an ongoing effort to enhance school effectiveness; and

Whereas, since its inception, Tarleton’s Effective Schools Project has evolved into one of the nation’s largest and longest-running school-improvement ventures, partnering with 266 different public school campuses and Education Service Centers to provide comprehensive professional development opportunities for educators; and

Whereas, Tarleton’s Effective Schools Project received recognition as an Exemplary Program in Staff Development by the National Council of States on Inservice Education; 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 Dr. Jim Boyd and his role in furthering the vision of excellence for Tarleton State University and the field of education; and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Tarleton State University Effective Schools Project will henceforth be known as the “Dr. Jim Boyd Effective Schools Project”; 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 Dr. Jim Boyd and to the Archives of Tarleton State University as an expression of appreciation and respect.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), to present Items 29 through 32. Dr. Killebrew said that this was TAMU-CC’s first year of play in the Southland Conference. He said that it has been a joy to watch the successes the school has had throughout the year.

The Board took action as set forth below:



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**MINUTE ORDER 189-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO  
HICKEL WOOLERY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, Hickel Woolery competed at the NCAA Championship in the discus; and

Whereas, Hickel Woolery placed tenth in the preliminaries at the NCAA Championship to advance to the finals; and

Whereas, Hickel Woolery finished third at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a school-record throw; 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 Hickel Woolery for the honor and recognition his accomplishments have brought to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 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, Hickel Woolery and to the Archives of A&M-Corpus Christi as a remembrance of this Board's appreciation.

**MINUTE ORDER 190-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO  
SHADRACK SONGOK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, Shadrack Songok became the first National Champion in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi history by winning the 10,000-meter run; and

Whereas, Shadrack Songok became a three-time All-American in track and cross country; and

Whereas, Shadrack Songok qualified for the NCAA Championship for the third straight year; and

Whereas, Shadrack Songok won Southland Conference titles in Cross Country and the 1,500-meter run; 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 Shadrack Songok for the honor and recognition his accomplishments have brought to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 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, Shadrack Songok and to the Archives of A&M-Corpus Christi as a remembrance of this Board's appreciation.

**MINUTE ORDER 191-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-07 MEN'S TENNIS TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, the men's tennis team of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi won its third Southland Conference championship in the past four seasons; and

Whereas, the Islanders went undefeated in league play; and

Whereas, the men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history; and

Whereas, Andrey Kumantsov was named the Southland Conference Player of the Year; and

Whereas, Steve Moore was named the Southland Conference Coach of the Year; 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-Corpus Christi Islander's men's tennis team for the honor and recognition their accomplishments have brought to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 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-Corpus Christi as a remembrance of this Board's appreciation.

**MINUTE ORDER 192-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, the men's basketball team of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi won the regular season and Southland Conference Tournament in its first year in the league; and

Whereas, the Islanders won a school record 26 games; and

Whereas, the Islanders won a school record 10 consecutive games; and

Whereas, the men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history; and

Whereas, the men's basketball team made its first appearance in an NCAA postseason event; and

Whereas, Chris Daniels was named the Southland Conference Player of the Year; and

Whereas, Ronnie Arrow was named the Southland Conference Coach of the Year; 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-Corpus Christi Islander's men's basketball team for the honor and recognition their accomplishments have brought to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi 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-Corpus Christi as a remembrance of this Board's appreciation.

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Mr. Jones said that as the athletic liaison for the Board he had kept up with the progress of TAMU-CC. He congratulated them on their efforts and said Mr. Songok is a true student athlete.

Mr. Fraga said that Dr. Killebrew should be commended for his ability to attract good coaches.

Mr. Jones called on Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, Vice President and CEO at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), to present Items 33 and 34. Dr. Loftin said that when he came to TAMU two years ago he found the Board of Visitors at TAMUG was comprised of eight people. He said that the Board has steadily grown in strength and diversity.

The Board took action as set forth below.

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**MINUTE ORDER 193-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
FRANS GILLEBAARD  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective September 1, 2007, Mr. Frans Gillebaard is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 194-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
WILLIAM E. JENKINS  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective September 1, 2007, Mr. William E. Jenkins 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. Jones called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 35 through 38. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 195-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Holidays for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008, for the System Offices of The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the Texas Transportation Institute, The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (A&M campus employees), the Texas Cooperative Extension (A&M campus employees) and the Texas Forest Service, not otherwise excepted, shall be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas – New Year	7	December 24, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	2	March 13-14, 2008
Memorial Day	1	May 26, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008

Exceptions are established as set forth below:

The proposed holiday schedule for Prairie View A&M University is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2007
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas – New Year	7	December 24, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Memorial Day	1	May 26, 2008
Emancipation Day	1	June 19, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008

The proposed holiday schedule for Tarleton State University is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2007
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas – New Year	7	December 24, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	2	March 20-21, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M International University is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2007
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas – New Year	7	December 24, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	2	March 20-21, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University at Qatar is as follows:

<u>Holiday*</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Qatar Independence Day	1	September 3, 2007
Eid Al-Fitr	3	October 14-16, 2007
Qatar National Holiday	1	December 18, 2007
Semester Break	8	December 19-30, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 20, 2008

\* Standard work week is Sunday – Thursday.

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University–Commerce is as follows:

<u>Holiday*</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas	4	December 24-27, 2007
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	5	March 17-21, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008

\*A&M-Commerce will work 10-hour days on May 27-30, in order to be closed on this additional holiday:

Memorial Day	1	May 26, 2008
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The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Hours*</u>	<u>Date</u>
Labor Day	08	September 3, 2007
Thanksgiving	14	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas – New Year	58	December 24, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	08	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	10	March 20**-21, 2008
Memorial Day	08	May 26, 2008
Independence Day	06	July 4, 2008

\*Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi operates a ten-hour day on Tuesdays and a six-hour day on Fridays.

\*\* 4 hours only on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University–Kingsville is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2007
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas – New Year	7	December 24, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	1	March 21, 2008
Memorial Day	1	May 26, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University–Texarkana is as follows:

<u>Holiday*</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas	5	December 24-28, 2007
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	5	March 17-21, 2008

\*Texas A&M University–Texarkana will work four, ten-hour days during the following weeks in order to be closed on these public holidays:

Labor Day	September 3, 2007	(Four, ten-hour days on September 4, 5, 6 and 7)
Memorial Day	May 26, 2008	(Four, ten-hour days on May 27, 28, 29 and 30)
Independence Day	July 4, 2008	(Four, ten-hour days on June 30, July 1, 2 and 3)

The proposed holiday schedule for West Texas A&M University is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Date</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2007
Christmas	5	December 24-28, 2007
New Year’s Day	2	December 31, 2007 – January 1, 2008
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2008
Spring Break	3	March 19-21, 2008
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2008





The Chancellor is hereby authorized to modify the holiday schedule when such a change is deemed to be in the public interest.

**MINUTE ORDER 196-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White 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 N**, Tenure List No. 07-06, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 197-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White 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 O**, Emeritus Title List No. 07-06, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 198-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White 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 officer by the President of the respective member of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in **Exhibit P**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 199-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
MAY 24-25, 2007, REGULAR BOARD MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the May 24-25, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, are hereby approved.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 40 through 51. Dr. McKinney asked Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juárez, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K), to introduce Dr. Terisa C. Remelius, newly appointed Vice President for Student Affairs at TAMU-K.

Mr. Jones said that before he received motions on the following items, he wanted to make the record clear that all of the individuals were discussed in detail during their executive session. He said that he did not want anyone to think that they were treating these appointments cavalierly.

The Board took action as set forth below:

**MINUTE ORDER 200-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. RAJA IYER  
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective August 1, 2007, Dr. Raja Iyer is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Business Administration at Tarleton State University, at an initial salary of \$126,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 201-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JAMES R. PIERCE  
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective August 1, 2007, Dr. James R. Pierce is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Science and Technology at Tarleton State University, at an initial salary of \$116,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 202-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JEFFREY M. BROWN  
AS DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective August 1, 2007, Dr. Jeffrey M. Brown is hereby appointed Dean of Graduate Studies at Texas A&M International University at an annual salary of \$90,004.

**MINUTE ORDER 203-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH  
TRELLE KITE MCCOMBS,  
HEAD WOMEN’S GOLF COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to the President of Texas A&M University to execute an employment contract with the following person:

Trelle Kite McCombs – Head Women’s Golf Coach

**MINUTE ORDER 204-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. MANUEL LUJAN  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

Effective July 27, 2007, Manuel Lujan is hereby appointed Vice President for Enrollment Management at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, at an initial salary of \$120,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 205-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. TERISA C. REMELIUS  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

Effective July 27, 2007, Dr. Terisa C. Remelius is hereby appointed Vice President for Student Affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, at an initial salary of \$128,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 206-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. DAN D. GARCIA  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT,  
WEST 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 August 1, 2007, Mr. Dan D. Garcia is hereby appointed Vice President for Enrollment Management at West Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$115,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 207-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. NEIL W. TERRY  
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS,  
WEST 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 August 1, 2007, Dr. Neil W. Terry is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Business at West Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$136,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 208-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. MARK HUSSEY  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
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:

Dr. Mark Hussey is hereby appointed Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$200,000, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 209-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 49)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. KENNETH L. PEDDICORD  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION,  
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:

Dr. Kenneth L. Peddicord is hereby appointed Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$247,000, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 210-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. MALCOLM G. “GAYNE” FEARNEYHOUGH  
AS INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,  
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:

Dr. Malcolm G. “Gayne” Fearneyhough is hereby appointed Interim Executive Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory of The Texas A&M University System, effective August 1, 2007, at an annual salary of \$115,951.

**MINUTE ORDER 211-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. JAY T. KIMBROUGH  
AS GENERAL COUNSEL,  
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:

Mr. Jay T. Kimbrough is hereby appointed General Counsel of The Texas A&M University System, effective immediately. Mr. Kimbrough’s appointment will be as Deputy Chancellor and General Counsel.

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**REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON**

Mr. Jones said that since Dr. McCabe has announced his retirement effective May 2008, he wanted to give him an opportunity to present a video of TSU athletic programs.

Dr. McCabe presented Mr. Jones with a vest that was worn by the TSU Rodeo Team. He said that their Women’s Rodeo Team finished fifth in the nation and the men’s team finished eighth. He said that they are the only school that had both men’s and women’s teams ranked in the top 10. He said that Mr. Matt Robertson won the national championship in team roping.

Dr. McCabe announced that Dr. Gary Peer, Assistant Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, would retire at the end of the month.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jones said that Governor Rick Perry would announce that day that the A&M System would receive a \$6 million grant from the state's Emerging Technology Fund for Texas A&M's Texas Institute for Pre Clinical Studies (TIPS). He said that the Board approved the establishment of this institute earlier this year. The institute will train veterinarians, physicians, scientists, technicians and engineers to meet the needs of Texas' biomedical industry. It will also serve as the key resource for bringing in new medical technologies to the market place. Mr. Jones said that the grant comes following approval of a \$4 million low-interest loan from the Texas Economic Development Bank for seed money to help start the new institute plus \$2.5 million from the local research valley partnership. He said that the TAMU Bioenergy Alliance also received a \$5 million Emerging Fund Technology Grant earlier that month. Mr. Jones said that in the month of July alone \$17.5 million in new funding was received from state and local sources for our technology initiatives.

Mr. Jones announced that the next regular meeting was scheduled for September 27-28, 2007, on the campus of TAMU.

Mr. Jones announced the Board would reconvene in executive session in the Board Meeting Room to continue with its executive session agenda. Mr. Jones 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. Mr. Jones asked the following members of the administration to stay for the executive session: Dr. McKinney, Mr. Kimbrough and Ms. Spillers.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

*(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session from 10:35 a.m. until 2:12 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:12 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session earlier that day from 10:35 a.m. to 2:12 p.m. He said that in executive session the Board conferred with the Chancellor and their attorneys on personnel and legal matters.



**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Jones adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

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

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