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**MINUTES OF THE
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CONVENE – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

Chairman Morris Foster convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 2009, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Morris Foster, Chairman
Mr. Jim Wilson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Dr. Richard A. Box
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Hunter Bollman, Student Regent

Chairman Foster announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Foster announced that the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72 and 74 of the Texas Government Code. Chairman Foster said 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 10:06 a.m. until 12:05 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND RECESS

Chairman Foster reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:06 p.m. He announced that the Board met in executive session from 10:06 a.m. until 12:05 p.m. and considered executive session agenda items and conferred with the Chancellor, several system and university administrators, and system attorneys on personnel, real property and legal matters. Chairman Foster said the Board would recess its executive session and reconvene the Board Meeting in open session at 2:30 p.m. at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center (CWAC), Zachry Family Room.

RECONVENE

At 2:38 p.m., Chairman Foster reconvened the meeting at the CWAC, Zachry Family Room and announced that a quorum was present. He said the Board met in executive session from 10:06 a.m. until 12:05 p.m., and considered executive session agenda items and conferred with the Chancellor, several system and university administrators, and system attorneys on personnel, land/real property and legal matters. Chairman Foster said the Board was scheduled to reconvene in executive session the next day, December 4, at 8:00 a.m., to complete its executive session agenda.

INVOCATION

Chairman Foster called on Ms. Karen Torres of Pasadena, Texas, a TAMU Biomedical Sciences major, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Foster recognized that significant accomplishments had been made since the last meeting, and much more was to be completed. He credited this to system members, staff, students, and future leaders of Texas and the U.S.

Chairman Foster asked for a moment of silence to commemorate and honor those lost and who still suffer from the Aggie Bonfire tragedy ten years ago. He said their memories would be honored now and forever.

Chairman Foster said the Board would host the Regents Professor and Fellow Service Awards dinner and ceremony that evening. He said this prestigious event would recognize the high quality of scholarship, research and leadership these individuals provide. It also represents the devotion to the highest ideals of the A&M System and to the students, which is extremely important.

Chairman Foster said earlier the same day, Governor Perry attended the grand opening of the Texas A&M Institute for Preclinical Studies (TIPS). This important milestone marked a tremendous day for the future of TAMU research, the nation and the world. Chairman Foster said another milestone for this university was the dedication ceremony for the George P. and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics and Astronomy, and the George P. Mitchell, Class of 1940, Physics Building scheduled for Friday, December 4. He said this day would not have been possible without the vision and generosity of George and Cynthia Mitchell, and this investment would pay dividends for years to come.

Chairman Foster said the TAMU presidential search was moving toward completion in early 2010. He said Regent Box would provide more detail in his report.

Chairman Foster said the System's Project Military Friendly had transitioned into its second phase, which would focus on practical assistance to veterans, active duty personnel and their dependents who attend, are about to attend a system university or are employed by a system agency.

Chairman Foster said he was pleased that throughout the System individuals were working together to tighten belts and share services and best practices in the new year, while adhering to the goal of providing the highest standard of education for students. He said they would ask more of everyone in the coming months and was confident he could count on everyone to do what they could.

Chairman Foster said Board meetings were important to illustrate how the students of the System were served by the Board and how carefully the Board utilized taxpayers' money to carry out the System's mission. He said it was critical to the future of Texas and our children.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Mike McKinney said at the direction of the Board and under the leadership of Dr. Frank Ashley, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Mr. Greg Anderson, Associate Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, they began implementation of the savings identified at the September 24-25, 2009 meeting. He said five implementation leaders were chosen to assume the responsibility of implementation and reporting on implementation. Chancellor McKinney said implementations to date had saved \$4.3 million, and a timeline had been identified for an additional savings of \$12.9 million. He said an internal audit would be performed later to verify the savings.

Chancellor McKinney said the ongoing presidential searches (other than TAMU) were Texas A&M University-Central Texas (TAMU-CT) and Texas A&M University-San Antonio (TAMU-SA). Search committees had been appointed and Dr. Ashley would oversee the searches. He said they would accomplish this as expeditiously as possible in an effort to have recommendations to the Board by March 2010.

Chancellor McKinney said the Board had indicated that considering the current economy, the shared services initiative was imperative to make life easier for the taxpayers' of Texas and the tuition payers of the system member universities. He said that consequently tuition hearings would be held at each university for the upcoming year. Chancellor McKinney sent a letter to system member universities regarding tuition indicating that hearings would be conducted within a 3.95% cap. He said this emulates the 4% cap mandated by the Board last year. He said they utilized 3.9% because it was in a resolution in the House. Chancellor McKinney said this did not mandate a 3.95% increase, but the increase would be no greater than 3.95%.

Chairman Foster asked if the Board mandated that tuition remain flat, would information be available from the universities regarding how they would handle a zero tuition increase. Chancellor McKinney said the letter included a request that universities prepare proposals for a zero tuition increase. He said they would work with the Board toward the same goal, with a commitment to take care of the students and faculty first.

Chancellor McKinney said Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C) had set up a scholarship to be named “The Board of Regents Honor Scholarship.” He said this was a token of respect and appreciation from TAMU-C.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations, said the trend was the same as last reported to the Board. The decline in sales tax collections, representing approximately 65% of the total General Revenue Collections (GRC), rose from 5% in July (month-to-month for a succession of five months) to 12% below the comparable month last year.

Dr. Calvert said on November 24, 2009, the State Comptroller certified that the budget balanced by \$80 million, less than 1%. Dr. Calvert said the Comptroller would revisit this issue and if present trends continued, they might revise the certification. He said the estimated shortfall between what was needed to maintain current services for the next biennium and projected revenues, was in excess of \$20 billion.

Chairman Foster said that six to eight months ago the shortfall was \$10 billion. Dr. Calvert said that was the estimation at the end of the legislative session and at the end of the summer, \$12 billion to \$14 billion was discussed and considered excessive. He said they expected the Governor, Lt. Governor or Speaker to issue an advisory regarding the second year of the current biennium, directing them to adjust expenditures throughout the State’s budget. Dr. Calvert said Senator Steve Ogden stated that the balanced budget was no cause for celebration, but was not yet a funeral.

Dr. Calvert said they had an aggressive plan to make the necessary adjustments to comport with state revenues for the next legislative session. He said the first part was inviting members to visit our system universities and agencies. Often, even if members were reluctant to visit, once they saw the benefits to the State and region and the enthusiasm and commitment of the system faculty, staff, employees and agent; they acquired a new appreciation for that institution.

Dr. Calvert said the second part of the preparation was to have conservative proposals detailing what system institutions and agencies could do for the State. This was the best preparation for a legislative session with potential budget cuts and let the members know they were getting good value for investments made to date. Members needed to know that our universities were optimistic and moving forward, if the State could afford to

fund it. Dr. Calvert said that even if they were not funded for 2011, things might be different in 2013. The plan was not to just be reactive to a hard session, but to have good proposals prepared.

Dr. Calvert said only the Speaker had not issued interim studies, nor had there been the joint charges where the House and Senate were doing studies together. He said in the House, studies we were familiar with were the ones relating to higher education. He said they would find issues salient to the members, as was done with respect to tuition, and be prepared to be foremost with proposals that shaped the discussion. He said a few candidate items that appeared important related to graduation rates, transfer rates, the budget and tuition.

Regent Jones asked if all system member institutions were participating in the campus visits. Dr. Calvert said they were and not just to host their own local delegation, but others across the State, as many as they could get to campus. He said they would like to get the members to campus on the substantive committees. Regent Jones said this was key, since new TAMUS presidents had no experience with the Texas legislature. He said it was a good time to start the process.

Next, Chancellor McKinney said he had spoken with presidents and CEOs in the System regarding the fact that they all had one senator and one representative, but as a system, all the senators represented us. He said working as a system enabled them to have a majority vote.

Chancellor McKinney presented a video from the TAMUS Dimensions video series on the Texas Forest Service (TFS).

UPDATE ON TAMU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Regent Box said the presidential search committee had been vetting, interviewing and running reference checks on candidates since the last update to the Board. He said confidentiality was extremely important during this phase of the search. He said they wanted this to be a transparent process, but that was not possible because the candidates wanted confidentiality. He said there would be a future modification of the process.

Regent Box cautioned the group to ignore rumors regarding the selection process and said the committee would present names to the Board for approval at the January 2010 meeting.

Regent Stallings asked if parties involved were required to sign a confidentiality statement. Regent Box said members of presidential search committee had signed a confidentiality statement and those individuals that would be expanded beyond that would be required to sign one. Regent Stallings asked Regent Box if he thought that had been honored. Regent Box said he had some concerns, but believed most people had complied.

Chairman Foster thanked Regents Box, Fraga and Steen for their work on this committee. He said the committee had accomplished a great deal in a short time and brought together all stakeholders in a collective spirit to meet the objectives. He asked Regent Box to express the Board's appreciation to other members of the committee for their dedication to this important process. He said they had done a good job to date and was confident that an excellent selection would be made. Regent Box said he would pass the comments on to the committee.

H1N1 UPDATE

Dr. Nancy Dickey, President of the TAMUS Health Science Center (HSC), said she had worked with system members to ensure they had crisis and emergency management plans in case the pandemic reached the proportions estimated. She thanked Mr. Kevin McGinnis, Director of Risk Management and Safety, and Dr. Scott R. Lillibridge, Professor of Epidemiology and Assistant Dean, TAMUS HSC School of Rural Public Health, for their efforts.

Dr. Dickey said most system member institutions already had crisis management plans and now they had plans written specifically for a flu pandemic or had added specific addendums to their existing management plans.

Dr. Dickey said they had documented the world's mildest flu pandemic recorded. She reported that it was much less substantive than anticipated, but this period was utilized to prepare plans and reaction strategies for the future. She said schools would continue to be foremost in this pandemic, since there were so many people in relatively small spaces. This planning included how to get vaccines, social distancing in institutions and reviewing class alternatives regarding how much education could be delivered in a distance format (if it became necessary). Dr. Dickey said they asked each institution to define the essential services, how they would be maintained in a distance education process, and to update policies regarding alternative work sites.

Dr. Dickey said flu activity had decreased across the U.S. The latest flu activity data for November 15-21, 2009, indicated only 32 states, down from 42 states the previous week. Texas was not on the most recent list. Hospitalizations and deaths were higher than expected from flu for this time of the year, but much lower than predicted, if the H1N1 Flu had been as serious as projected. Dr. Dickey said it was an unpredictable disease and there might be another upsurge in H1N1 or variations of the flu. She said this would cause the cycle to start again to ensure that the correct vaccine was utilized, even for the potential anti-viral resistance H1N1 Flu. The anti-viral medications used over the last decade did not work against all strains, and there was a shortage of these medications.

Dr. Dickey said they have had policy discussions about prioritizing vaccines. The H1N1 vaccine was available, but came out much slower than expected. She said they

would continue to participate with the State and nationally to develop priority lists for limited-supply drugs. Dr. Dickey said nearly all flu viruses tested were H1N1, but some were Influenza A and the seasonal influenza. She thanked system member institutions for distributing the information to campuses as it was received. She said the planning exercise would benefit the system for this or future pandemics.

Regent Stallings asked who decided that inmates received the vaccine before the elderly or pregnant women. Dr. Dickey said state health departments made that decision because social distancing could not be done within a penal institution; people could not be spread out. Regent Stallings asked about a university dormitory and Dr. Dickey said students were not locked into the dormitory. She said early in the flu season, TAMU had encouraged students with symptoms to go home and not stay in the dormitory. She said vaccines were made available to the teen population before it was available to the 20 to 50-year old population. Regent Stallings said he did not agree, since inmates do not pay taxes.

Chairman Foster thanked Dr. Dickey for the update and said they were fortunate it had not been as bad as expected. Regent Jones asked if that was a result of a less severe flu strand, or because people took precautions to limit the spread. Dr. Dickey said the strain appeared less toxic, and the tremendously rapid spread anticipated had not occurred, suggesting a great deal of preventive education had been successful. She believed it was a combination, but they had little control over the severity of the toxicity of the strand.

Chairman Foster asked Mr. Kimbrough to present the update on the System-wide Military Friendly Project.

SYSTEM-WIDE MILITARY FRIENDLY PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Kimbrough thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the update on Phase II of the System-wide Military Friendly Project. He showed a video portraying why TAMUS was “standing strong for veterans of the USA.” He said Chancellor McKinney launched this project 18 months ago to ensure system universities were designated “Military Friendly” and members of the armed forces and veterans would see the designation on websites and government publications as they considered future educational plans. He said this was accomplished by the end of spring and in the summer, the system and Chancellor McKinney hosted a seminar. This well-attended, successful seminar brought representatives from each university to listen to speakers, discuss best practices, and plan for expanded services for veterans on campuses for the fall semester.

Mr. Kimbrough said Chairman Foster and Chancellor McKinney gave him the mission to pursue these services throughout the system and take them to the next level, including each of the seven state agencies and the TAMUS HSC. He said that recently representatives from the universities and agencies participated in an online seminar where issues, goals and expectations were discussed for veterans and their families as they attend

universities throughout the country. Mr. Kimbrough said that afternoon they came together via a Trans-Texas Video Conference Network (TTVN) conference with representatives from each university and agency to discuss steps for strategic planning. He said they would continue to use TTVN as a tool to communicate ideas, best practices and network across the System to develop and foster an interagency network to enhance this mission.

Mr. Kimbrough said a new aspect of Phase II included veterans and family members employed by system agencies. He said their goal was that a veteran employed by a system agency could easily access information about benefits, services and/or assistance, even though they were not a student or prospective student. He said TAMUS was unique with the number of state agencies under its authority and had a responsibility to provide this assistance, which would take this mission to the next level of service, information, assistance and coordination for veterans and their families. He said they wanted to become the model for planning and execution for other systems in Texas and across America. Many of our agencies already provide this service.

Mr. Kimbrough said he would be working with members of the legislature, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors (CPUPC) and other state agencies to coordinate efforts. Mr. Kimbrough said he had contacted Congressman Chet Edwards's office to ensure that what they learned was passed on. That network was an important part of the effort, as Congressman Edwards worked for veterans across Texas and the country in his key committee assignment in congress. Mr. Kimbrough said in the next few months he would visit with each university's veteran's resource officers and veteran's associations and leadership on campus. He said they would devise a strategy that fit each university and agency to ensure that TAMUS was "standing strong for veterans of the USA."

Mr. Kimbrough said TAMU's military legacy was a vital part of Texas and American history. He said another way TAMU and the System served the men and women in the armed services was scientific research. Scientific research currently at TIPS would someday save lives in battle. He said much had been done to assist veterans, as indicated by special messages and services on our universities' websites. Mr. Kimbrough thanked Dr. Dan Jones, President, TAMU-C, and his staff for their efforts and said there were many great stories that our universities and agencies had regarding serving our veterans. He said the key was to share ideas about best practices and what was being done across the State. This would ensure that whatever university or agency a veteran or their family might attend; they would know that TAMUS was "standing strong for veterans of the USA."

Regent Schwertner thanked Mr. Kimbrough for his service as a veteran and all the veterans. He said a number of Aggies had helped defend this country and there was no better university and system to implement this program. Many friends and family

members currently deployed should remain in our thoughts and prayers, as well as returning veterans and they should know that they were welcome at TAMU.

Chairman Foster said the Regents Professor Award was established in 1996 to honor faculty members who made exemplary contributions to the university or agency and the people of Texas. To date, 118 faculty members from System member universities, agencies and the HSC had received this award. Chairman Foster said the Regents Fellow Service Award was established in 1997 to recognize exceptional service by professionals in the System agencies. Seventy-one agency professionals had received this award to date.

Chairman Foster said this year, thirteen faculty members were recommended for the Regents Professor Award, and five agency professionals were being recognized for the Regents Fellow Service Award. He said the Board would host a dinner to honor these recipients later the same day.

Regent Jones said this was not just another awards dinner. Having attended six previous awards dinners, Regent Jones said he had been impressed by the recipients' hard work and how much they had sacrificed to accomplish their goals. He encouraged anyone who saw this special award displayed in a recipient's home or office, to comment on it. These are the type of people all our faculty and professionals strive to be, to perform excellent service for the students and the State.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 254-2009 (ITEM 23)**

**DESIGNATION OF THE "REGENTS PROFESSOR AWARDS" AND THE  
"REGENTS FELLOW SERVICE AWARDS" FOR THE 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Jones, seconded by Regent Box and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of "Regents Professor" for 2008-09 to the following thirteen faculty members, effective December 3, 2009:

Dr. Stuart N. Anderson, *Texas A&M University-Commerce*  
Dr. John L. Crompton, *Texas A&M University*  
Dr. Kirby C. Donnelly (posthumously), *The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center*  
Dr. Robert Hansen, *West Texas A&M University*  
Dr. Dallas N. Little, *Texas Engineering Experiment Station; Texas Transportation Institute; Texas A&M University*  
Dr. Pamela S. Littleton, *Tarleton State University*  
Dr. Kerry K. Litzenberg, *Texas AgriLife Research; Texas A&M University*  
Dr. John J. McDermott, *Texas A&M University*  
Dr. Judy A. Perkins, *Prairie View A&M University*  
Dr. David H. Sabrio, *Texas A&M University-Kingsville*  
Dr. Peter Santschi, *Texas A&M University at Galveston*  
Dr. Kathy Svoboda, *The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center*  
Dr. Awni M. Zebda, *Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi*

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents hereby grants the designation of “Regents Fellow” for 2008-09 to the following five agency service, extension and research professionals, effective December 3, 2009:

Dr. Roger P. Bligh, *Texas Transportation Institute*  
Mr. Henderson Lawson, Jr., *Texas Engineering Extension Service*  
Dr. Bruce J. Lesikar, *Texas AgriLife Extension Service*  
Dr. Tom Andrew Vestal, *Texas AgriLife Extension Service*  
Dr. James A. Wall, *Texas Engineering Experiment Station*

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RECESS

Chairman Foster recessed the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 3:42 p.m. and adjourned at 3:51 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 3:53 p.m. and adjourned at 4:20 p.m.)

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

Chairman Morris Foster reconvened the executive session at 8:04 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of TAMU. All members of the Board were present.

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session from 8:04 a.m. until 8:12 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND RECESS

Chairman Foster reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:13 a.m. He announced that the Board reconvened its executive session on December 4, 2009, from 8:04 a.m. until 8:12 a.m. and considered executive session agenda items and conferred with the Chancellor and system attorneys on personnel, real property and legal matters. He said the Board would recess and the meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs would convene at 9:30 a.m. at the CWAC, Zachry Family Room.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:56 a.m. The Policy Review Committee convened at 10:56 a.m. and adjourned at 10:57 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Chairman Foster reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m. He announced that the Board had not received any requests for public testimony in the Board Office.

Chairman Foster called on Vice Chairman Wilson to present the report from the Committee on Audit.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Vice Chairman Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, December 3, 2009, and discussed the Audit Tracking Report, Management's Responses to the Audit Tracking Report (there were none), Update on the EthicsPoint Hotline, approval of Item 1, changes to the Guidelines for the Committee on Audit and the Annual Report on the Performance of the Internal Audit Department. Vice Chairman Wilson said the Committee approved Item 1 and recommended approval to the full Board. He said this consists of language changes to System Policy 10.01 (*Internal Auditing*), necessary to comply with the revisions made in the Institute of Internal Auditor's Standards, effective January 2009. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 255-2009 (ITEM 1)****APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 10.01 (*INTERNAL AUDITING*),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Wilson, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:



The revisions to System Policy 10.01 (*Internal Auditing*), as shown in **Exhibit A**, are approved and effective immediately.

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Chairman Foster called on Regent Adams to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Regent Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, December 3, 2009, and approved Items 2 through 10 and recommended approval to the full Board. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 256-2009 (ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER  
GOVERNMENT CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The individuals occupying the following positions at The Texas A&M University System have been or will be processed for a personnel security clearance for access to classified information, to the level of the facility clearance granted to the A&M System, as provided for in the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual. In addition, all replacements for such positions will be processed for security clearance.

Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor  
*The Texas A&M University System*

B. J. Crain, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budgets and Accounting  
*The Texas A&M University System*

Brett Giroir, Vice Chancellor for Research  
*The Texas A&M University System*

Diane Hassel, Facility Security Officer  
*Texas A&M Research Foundation*

The Board of Regents delegates to the above named group all authority pertaining to the protection of classified contracts awarded to the A&M System by the Department of Defense or user agencies of its Industrial Security Program.

Members of the Board of Regents shall not have or require access to classified information disclosed to the A&M System. Board members can be effectively excluded from access to all classified information disclosed to the A&M System and do not occupy positions that would enable them to adversely affect the policies or practices of the member institutions, agencies, or health science center of the A&M System in the performance of classified contracts; therefore, members of the Board of Regents need not be processed for personnel clearance.

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Morris E. Foster, Chairman  
James P. Wilson, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Phil Adams  
Richard A. Box  
Lupe Fraga  
Bill Jones  
Jim Schwertner  
Gene Stallings  
Ida Clement Steen  
Hunter Bollman

**MINUTE ORDER 257-2009 (ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
THE PATENT LAW FIRM OF CONLEY ROSE, P.C.,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System requests that the Attorney General of Texas amend the contract with the law firm of Conley Rose, P.C., to increase the current cap amount in excess of \$299,999 to no more than a proposed cap of \$800,000 to provide patent prosecution-related legal services to The Texas A&M University System for FY10.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, subject to approval by the Attorney General of Texas, authorizes The Texas A&M University System to expend up to \$800,000 with the law firm of Conley Rose, P.C., in exchange for legal fees and expenses in the area of patent prosecution for FY10.

**MINUTE ORDER 258-2009 (ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY THE QUASI-ENDOWMENT  
NAMED THE “PRESIDENT’S GOVERNMENT SERVICE  
INTERN PROGRAM QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to use earnings from the “President’s Government Service Intern Program Quasi-Endowment” to support student intern programs in additional locations besides Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 259-2009 (ITEM 5)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT  
NAMED THE “KPMG ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment to be named the “KPMG Endowed Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with proceeds received from the Mays Business School. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support scholarships for accounting students at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 260-2009 (ITEM 6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT  
NAMED THE “LINDSAY DIAN WALTERS ‘09  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment to be named the “Lindsay Dian Walters ’09 Memorial Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with proceeds received from the Mays Business School. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support scholarships for students from the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 261-2009 (ITEM 7)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT  
NAMED THE “ROBYN L. ’89 AND ALAN B. ROBERTS ’78/  
CENTER FOR EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT UNDERGRADUATE  
SCHOLARS PROGRAM QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment to be named the “Robyn L. ’89 and Alan B. Roberts ’78/Center for Executive Development Undergraduate Scholars Program Quasi-Endowment.” Earnings from the “Robyn L. ’89 and Alan B. Roberts ’78/Center for Executive Development Undergraduate Scholars Program” will be used to support undergraduate student scholarships.

**MINUTE ORDER 262-2009 (ITEM 8)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
MEDICAL STUDENT LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Amendments to The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Medical Student Liability Self-Insurance Plan (Plan) are hereby adopted as set forth on the restatement of the Plan.

**MINUTE ORDER 263-2009 (ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF 2010 STILES FARM FOUNDATION BUDGET,  
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The operating budget for the Stiles Farm Foundation for calendar year 2010, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 264-2009 (ITEM 10)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS AWARD  
ENDOWMENT AND THE GREER AND GILCHRIST AWARDS FROM  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The transfer of the administration of the Texas Highway Department Engineers Award Endowment and the Greer and Gilchrist Awards from Texas A&M University to the Texas Transportation Institute is hereby granted.

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Chairman Foster called on Regent Box to present the report from the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Regent Box, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, December 4, 2009, and recommended approval of Items 11 through 16 as presented. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 265-2009 (ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PLAN  
TO ADD THE NEW PARKING GARAGE PROJECT FOR  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI  
WITH A FY 2010 START DATE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The request to amend the FY 2010–FY 2014 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the New Parking Garage Project for Texas A&M University-

Corpus Christi with an FY 2010 start date and a total planning amount of \$24,000,000 is approved.

The amount of \$2,400,000 is appropriated from Account No. 15-830492, CIP Parking Garage, for pre-construction services and related project cost.

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 266-2009 (ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO APPROVE AND  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES  
TO PREPARE A CAMPUS MASTER PLAN FOR  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is hereby authorized to approve and execute a contract for Architect/Engineer services for a Campus Master Plan for Prairie View A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 267-2009 (ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL ROADWAY  
EASEMENT IN EL PASO, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute a conditional roadway easement for improvements to the intersection of Loop 375 (Joe Battle Boulevard/Americas Avenue) and Interstate Highway 10 across The Texas A&M University System property in El Paso, Texas. This easement will remain in effect so long as the property is used as a roadway.

**MINUTE ORDER 268-2009 (ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RE-CONVEY  
21.4 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, FROM  
THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER BRYAN CAMPUS TO  
BRYAN COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT, INCORPORATED,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to re-convey 21.4 acres of land, more or less, out of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center's Bryan Campus to Bryan Commerce and Development, Incorporated, a local government corporation and an affiliate of the City of Bryan.

**MINUTE ORDER 269-2009 (ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A WORKING  
FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT COVERING 7,842 ACRES,  
MORE OR LESS, OF PRIVATELY-OWNED FOREST LAND  
IN TYLER COUNTY AND HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones 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 execute a Working Forest Conservation Easement covering 7,842 acres, more or less, of privately owned forestland in Tyler County and Hardin County, Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 270-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JANICE AND JOHN G. THOMAS ’59 HONEY BEE FACILITY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ newly constructed honey bee building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Janice and John G. Thomas ’59 Honey Bee Facility.”

**MINUTE ORDER 271-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JEFFREY S. CONANT BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH LABORATORY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Mays Business School Behavioral Research Laboratory on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Jeffrey S. Conant Behavioral Research Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 272-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF THE “SETON EDUCATION WING,”  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

A wing on the third floor of the Health Science Center Round Rock Campus is hereby named the “Seton Education Wing.”



**MINUTE ORDER 273-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF THE “ST. DAVID’S FOUNDATION LECTURE HALL,”  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The large lecture hall on the first floor of the Health Science Center Round Rock Campus is hereby named the “St. David’s Foundation Lecture Hall.”

**MINUTE ORDER 274-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF “SAM’S PLACE,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The palapas/gazebos located in the area near student housing on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby named “Sam’s Place.”

**MINUTE ORDER 275-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF THE “AMARILLO NATIONAL BANK CLASSROOM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The ITV classroom located on the second floor of the Classroom Center Building on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Amarillo National Bank Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 276-2009 (ITEM 16)**

**NAMING OF “THE JAMES D. KEMMERLING DESIGN STUDIO,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The studio classroom located in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named “The James D. Kemmerling Design Studio.”

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Chairman Foster called on Regent Fraga to present the report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Regent Fraga, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Students Affairs, reported that the Committee met on Friday, December 4, 2009. He said the Committee received Academic Affairs Updates for Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and a report on the Status of Core Curriculum at System Universities. Regent Fraga said the Committee approved Items 17 through 22 and recommended approval to the Board. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 277-2009 (ITEM 17)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING DEGREE PROGRAM, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Regent Fraga, seconded by Regent Stallings 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-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 278-2009 (ITEM 18)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER EXISTING  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE BY  
DISTANCE EDUCATION AT SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE,  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-San Antonio is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Business Administration degree by face-to-face and online instruction to Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, effective spring 2010.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 279-2009 (ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at West Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

The Board also authorizes the submission of West Texas A&M University's new baccalaureate degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 280-2009 (ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
DEGREE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION TO NOTIFY  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new graduate program at West Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Social Work degree.

The Board also authorizes notification of West Texas A&M University's new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 281-2009 (ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND TABLE OF PROGRAMS FOR PRELIMINARY  
AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the amended table of programs for West Texas A&M University, which seeks preliminary authority for the following new program:

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (13.0202.00)

The Board also authorizes the submission of West Texas A&M University's preliminary authority request to amend its table of programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 282-2009 (ITEM 22)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENERGY ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (E<sup>2</sup>I),  
A TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Energy Engineering Institute, a TEES Institute, is hereby established, reporting to the Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering and Director of TEES.

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Chairman Foster called on Regent Schwertner to present the report from the Policy Review Committee.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Regent Schwertner, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee, reported that the Committee met on Friday, December 4, 2009. He said the Committee approved Item 1, which was previously approved by the full Board through the Committee on Audit; therefore, no further action was required by the Board.

Chairman Foster called on Regent Stallings to present the Athletic Liaison report.

ATHLETIC LIASION REPORT

Regent Stallings reported that ten members of the TAMU football team were named to the 2009 Academic All-Big 12 Football Team. He said the team did a fine job against the University of Texas. He said the TAMU Men's Golf Team was ranked 6th nationally by Golfweek Magazine.

Regent Stallings said the Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) football team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Western Divisional title and would play Alabama A&M in the 2009 SWAC Championship game on December 12, 2009.

Regent Stallings said Tarleton State University's (TSU) football team made the playoffs for the first time since 2003. He said their kicker kicked a 64-yard field goal.

Regent Stallings said Texas A&M International University's (TAMIU) Student Athletic Advisory Committee sponsored a raffle and raised over \$1,200 for Operation Homefront of Texas. This non-profit organization assisted enlisted military families in times of financial crisis.

Regent Stallings said Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's (TAMU-CC) Women's Cross Country Team won their third consecutive championship.

Regent Stallings said Texas A&M University-Kingsville's (TAMU-K) football team finished the season with the most wins and earned their first playoff game since 2004.

Regent Stallings said West Texas A&M University's (WTAMU) football team claimed a share of the Lone Star Conference (LSC) South Championship and the WTAMU Volleyball Team was in the final four tournament in Minnesota.

Regent Stallings said TAMU-C's football team won the LSC North Divisional title, which was the first outright conference divisional title since 1990. He said Mr. Guy Morris, Head Football Coach was named the LSC North Division Coach of the Year.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

Chairman Foster called on Chancellor McKinney who presented Items 24 through 31-b and 32 through 33. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Items 26 through 30, 32 and 33 were considered in executive session.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 283-2009 (ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, DECEMBER 2009,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones 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 C**, Tenure List No. 10-02.

**MINUTE ORDER 284-2009 (ITEM 25)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD  
A POSTHUMOUS DEGREE TO MS. DEDRE J. GARDINER,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to award the posthumous degree - Bachelor of Science in biology - to Ms. Dedre J. Gardiner at its December 2009 Commencement.

**MINUTE ORDER 285-2009 (ITEM 26)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRIAN NICHOLS  
AS DEAN OF CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Brian Nichols is hereby appointed Dean of Campus Life and Student Development at Texas A&M University-Commerce, at an initial salary of \$86,000, effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 286-2009 (ITEM 27)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. STEPHAN J. NIX  
AS DEAN, FRANK H. DOTTERWEICH COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective February 8, 2010, Dr. Stephan J. Nix is hereby appointed Dean, Frank H. Dotterweich College of Engineering, at Texas A&M University-Kingsville at an initial salary of \$173,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 287-2009 (ITEM 28)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. RANDY RIKEL  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective immediately, Mr. Randy Rikel is hereby appointed Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, at an initial salary of \$135,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 288-2009 (ITEM 29)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. MICHAEL D. TURNER  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUCCESS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective immediately, Dr. Michael D. Turner is hereby appointed Vice President for Student Engagement and Success at Texas A&M University-Texarkana at an initial salary of \$116,500.

**MINUTE ORDER 289-2009 (ITEM 30)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. CRAIG L. NESSLER  
AS DIRECTOR OF TEXAS AGRILIFE RESEARCH,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Craig L. Nessler is hereby appointed Director of Texas AgriLife Research of The Texas A&M University System, effective immediately, at an initial salary of \$210,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 290-2009 (ITEM 31-a)**

**GRANTING OF ADDITIONAL  
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2010,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101–108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the additional faculty member as shown in **Exhibit D**, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2010, Texas A&M University.



**MINUTE ORDER 291-2009 (ITEM 31-b)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA, DECEMBER 2009,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones 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 E**, Emeritus/Emerita Title List No. 10-02, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 292-2009 (ITEM 32)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH  
MR. JOHN JAMES LEREW, ASSISTANT DIVING COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

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

Mr. John James Lerew, Assistant Diving Coach

**MINUTE ORDER 293-2009 (ITEM 33)**

**APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR RYAN C. CROCKER  
AS DEAN OF THE BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker is hereby appointed Dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$270,000, effective January 25, 2010.

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Chairman Foster presented Item 33-c and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 294-2009 (ITEM 33-c)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2009,  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING, BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Regent Jones, seconded by Regent Box and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Minutes of the September 24-25, 2009, Regular Board Meeting is hereby approved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Foster announced that the next regular meeting was scheduled for January 21-22, 2010, on the campus of TAMU.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Fraga, seconded by Regent Jones and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m., Friday, December 4, 2009.

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

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(These minutes were transcribed by Gwen Kirby, Senior Office Associate, Office of the Board of Regents.)