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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**February 12, 2015**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Phil Adams convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 9:01 a.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Phil Adams, Chairman  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee  
Mr. Morris E. Foster  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Ms. Judy Morgan  
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz  
Mr. Jim Schwertner  
Mr. John D. White  
Mr. Colton L. Buckley, Student Regent

Chairman Adams announced that a quorum was present.

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Adams announced that the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72, 73 and 74 of the Texas Government Code. He said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in executive session would be made or taken.

*(Note: The Board met in executive session from 9:03 a.m. until 12:17 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND RECESS**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:18 p.m. He announced that the Board had met in executive session from 9:03 a.m. to 12:17 p.m. and considered executive session agenda items and conferred with Chancellor John Sharp, several system and university administrators and system attorneys on personnel, real property and legal matters. He recessed the meeting and announced that the Board would reconvene at 1:00 p.m. in the Bethancourt Ballroom in the Memorial Student Center.

**RECONVENE**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. in the Bethancourt Ballroom. All members of the Board were present.

### **INVOCATION**

Chairman Adams called on Mr. Cameron Cutrer, a Texas A&M Senior Kinesiology major and Board of Regents' office assistant, from Corsicana, Texas, who presented the invocation.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Adams thanked everyone for attending this regular meeting of the Board of Regents. He said that he expected new officers to be elected at the next regular meeting, and likely, this would be his last meeting as chairman. He added that it was an honor and privilege, and thanked his fellow Regents for affording him the opportunity to serve in this role, for their support and guidance, for the wisdom shared and for the great commitment they had all shown for the A&M System. Chairman Adams thanked Chancellor Sharp, his staff and vice chancellors for all they did. He said they were moving the System with giant leaps, and enjoying great progress and success.

Chairman Adams extended a special thanks to Regents Schwertner and White, who would cycle off the Board in the near future. He said they had provided extraordinary leadership and terrific contributions. He noted that Regent Schwertner had chaired the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant in superb fashion. Chairman Adams said Regent White had served two terms, plowed a lot of ground and done many great things during that time. He added that he had chaired standing committees and served as vice chairman and chairman of the Board with distinction. He said the Board would miss them, but knew they could count on them for continued support. He thanked Regents Schwertner and White for their dedication to the Board and to the A&M System.

Chairman Adams announced that the Board recently selected a finalist for the presidency of Texas A&M, and thanked the presidential advisory search committee on behalf of the Board. He said Vice Chairman Thomas chaired the committee and Regent Mendoza served, along with Mr. Dan Allen Hughes, Dr. John Gladysz, Dr. Joanne Lupton, Dr. John Stallone, Ms. Cindy Taylor, Ms. Lisa Blum and Mr. Reid Joseph. Chairman Adams reported that they had done a terrific job and Mr. Michael Young would be a very good fit for the office. Chairman Adams said over the last few months he, Regent Schwartz, and others had discussed how Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President of Texas A&M, had done something very special in affording them the opportunity to conduct a thorough, comprehensive, patient and deliberate search for the president. He explained that Dr. Hussey committed to Chancellor Sharp to be there, not as a candidate for the office, for as long as they needed him, which made an unbelievable difference. Chairman Adams said as Regent Schwartz noted, this was the time for the A&M System; they had the momentum, and were functioning very well across the state. He noted that the flagship university had tremendous momentum, the window of opportunity was open, and they could not afford to mess that up and, thanks to Dr. Hussey, the search committee and Chancellor Sharp, they found the right person to get Texas A&M going and make it happen.

Chairman Adams said that this year the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) celebrated its 100-year anniversary. He congratulated Mr. Tom Boggus, Director, and the TFS on this milestone anniversary and the tremendous service they provided for Texas. He said congratulations were in order for Dr. George Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), for his recent election to the board of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Chairman Adams noted that the Board was thankful for Dr. Wright's leadership at PVAMU and wished him the very best in his service on this prestigious board.

Chancellor Sharp said it had been their privilege to work with Chairman Adams. He added that he had shown leadership and a deep commitment to ensure that Texas A&M and the A&M System continued to become the best system for higher education in the country. He said he looked forward to continuing their progress and congratulated him on his reappointment to the Board. Chancellor Sharp thanked Regent White and Regent Schwertner for their great service to the A&M System. He said their leadership had been invaluable, and their commitment and dedication had made possible so many great opportunities for students, faculty and staff of the A&M System. He emphasized that they were leaving the A&M System a better place and hoped for their continued support. He wished them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Sharp highlighted accomplishments of the A&M System (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), presented a salute to Chairman Adams from the Presidents of the A&M System (copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

Chairman Adams said he was overwhelmed, and was not worthy of those great words. He thanked them all.

Regent Buzbee said today on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, he recalled that the Morrill Act passed the House and Senate in 1862, and nearly three years later Abraham Lincoln signed the act into law, which forever changed higher education, and years later gave birth to Texas A&M. He noted they could look back over time to people who had contributed to Texas A&M, and Chairman Adams would be one of those people. He said it had been a pleasure serving with him.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Adams recessed the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

*(Note: The Committee on Audit convened at 1:33 p.m. and adjourned at 1:49 p.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 1:50 p.m. and adjourned at 2:12 p.m.)*



*The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 2:13 p.m. and adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)*

### **RECONVENE**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 2:40 p.m. He announced that no requests for public testimony had been received.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Regent Buzbee, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the committee met earlier the same day and received presentations, including the First Quarter Audit Report, the Audit Tracking Report and an update on the EthicsPoint Hotline.

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

Regent Mendoza, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the committee met the previous day. She said Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, reminded them why they were doing what they were, and the importance of looking at the students entering the A&M System, and not graduating. She added that they looked at this in terms of the cost and loss of tax dollars, loss of financial aid and scholarship dollars, and of course, the increased student indebtedness once that happened. She reported that they had a briefing on Mindset, a new approach for persistence and graduation with a low-cost implementation, but high yield in terms of the strategies that institutions could employ, some of which they were already working on.

Regent Mendoza said they also heard a success story from Tarleton State University -- a program that focused on men of color and the strategies they were employing to encourage persistence and graduation. She emphasized that great things were going on at Tarleton.

Regent Mendoza said Dr. Hallmark led them through the work plan for the next two years, where they would continue to push the envelope on metrics, transparency, and accountability for important metrics that they needed to look at for each institution. She advised that they were still evolving and employing metrics on the learning outcomes, which would be deployed on the EmpowerU website.

Regent Mendoza announced that the educator preparation initiatives were ongoing and now dubbed, "LearningU," which was a set of strategies to increase the robustness of educator preparations. She said the A&M System was taking responsibility for its part of the success of students in Pre-K 12 who would enter A&M System institutions better prepared. She added that they were looking at advising, and tactical things were being done across the A&M System to improve both professional and faculty advising, and how they measured the effectiveness of student advisors. Regent Mendoza said they were also working on faculty recruitment and retention and how to improve the luring of great faculty to A&M System institutions and improve evaluations of current faculty. She

thanked Dr. Hallmark for his continued leadership in these critical areas, doing exactly what they needed to for students to be both well prepared and exit with a value-added degree. Regent Mendoza extended thanks to the institutional leaders for allocating people and resources to ensure that these initiatives continued. She said the committee thanked Regent White for his participation and for being a valued committee member. Regent Mendoza thanked Chairman Adams for his leadership in encouraging them to keep going and for the opportunity to chair the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Regent Schwartz, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the committee had met earlier, considered Item 1, and recommended the adoption of this item.

On motion of Regent Schwartz, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (002):

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**MINUTE ORDER 002-2015 (ITEM 1)**

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

The revisions to System Policy 22.02 (System Investment), as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved and effective immediately.

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

Regent Schwertner, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, reported that the committee met earlier and recommended approval of Items 2 through 6 as presented.

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (003 through 007):

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**MINUTE ORDER 003-2015 (ITEM 2)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2015-FY 2019  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO  
ADD THE UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT (04-3187) AT TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY  
WITH A FISCAL YEAR 2015 START DATE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request to amend the FY 2015-FY 2019 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Utility and Infrastructure Improvements Project for Tarleton State University with an FY 2015 start date and a total planning amount of \$25,000,000 is approved.

The amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-085520, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds, Available University Fund, 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 004-2015 (ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND APPROVAL  
FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE ENGINEERING EDUCATION  
COMPLEX PROJECT (02-3155) AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$168,900,000 for the Engineering Education Complex Project is approved.

The amount of \$77,115,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-085520, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds, (AUF), the amount of \$68,250,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds

(Gifts), the amount of \$6,600,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-512857, Engineering Education Complex, the amount of \$900,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-205960, Dean's Leadership Funding; and the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 08-32600-97524, Zachry Engineering Education Complex, for construction services and related project costs. The amount of \$165,000 is reverted to Account No. 02-241414, Engineering Instructional Support.

The Engineering Education Complex Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

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 005-2015 (ITEM 4)**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COMMONS BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT (02-3156) AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$49,100,000 for the Commons Building Renovation Project is approved.

The amount of \$43,100,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Housing Revenue), and the amount of \$2,800,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-030062, Residence Halls, for construction services and related project costs.

The Commons Building Renovation Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

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 006-2015 (REVISED ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR  
THE COMPLETION OF THE CORPS DORM RENOVATION  
PROJECT (02-3162) AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The project scope along with a project budget of \$149,000,000 for the Completion of Corps Dorm Renovation Project is approved.

The amount of \$146,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Housing Revenue) and the amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-510498, Quad Master Plan, for pre-construction and construction services and related project costs. The amount of \$11,500,000 is reverted to Account No. 02-030062, Residence Halls.

The Completion of Corps Dorm Renovation Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, is approved for construction.

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 007-2015 (ITEM 6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LEASE OF TWO  
PARCELS OF LAND AND THE EXISTING TRADITIONS HALL  
FOR PRIVATIZED ON-CAMPUS HOUSING,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a lease covering two parcels of land and the existing Traditions Hall dormitory on the campus of Tarleton State University for the design, construction, renovation and operation of an on-campus housing facility containing approximately 1,128 beds, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

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*(Note: Item 7 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.)*

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Regent Schwertner said since this was his last meeting as chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, he wanted to commend two people who had been instrumental in helping him and the A&M System -- Mr. Phillip Ray, Chief Business Development Officer, and Mr. Russ Wallace, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning & Construction.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD**

Chairman Adams presented Items 13 through 22. He noted that these items were considered in executive session.

On motion of Vice Chairman Thomas, seconded by Regent Mendoza, with Regent Buzbee voting “nay,” by a majority vote, the following minute orders were approved (008 through 017):

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**MINUTE ORDER 008-2015 (ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDED  
AND RESTATED FOUNDERS' AGREEMENT AND A  
COMMITMENT AGREEMENT WITH GMTO CORPORATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The president of Texas A&M University, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a Second Amended and Restated Founders' Agreement and a Commitment Agreement with GMTO Corporation and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

**MINUTE ORDER 009-2015 (ITEM 14)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRUCE AKEY  
AS SOLE FINALIST FOR DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Bruce Akey is hereby appointed sole finalist for director of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

**MINUTE ORDER 010-2015 (ITEM 15)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. AMY K. SWINFORD  
AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,  
TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

Effective immediately, Dr. Amy K. Swinford is hereby appointed Associate Director of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at an initial salary of \$156,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 011-2015 (ITEM 16)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. JEFF RIPLEY  
AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS,  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Effective immediately, Dr. Jeff Ripley is hereby appointed Associate Director for County Operations for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$142,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 012-2015 (ITEM 17)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MS. ROSANNE PALACIOS  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Effective immediately, Ms. Rosanne Palacios is hereby appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Texas A&M International University, at an initial salary of \$142,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 013-2015 (ITEM 18)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT  
TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS  
WITH ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
JOHN CHAVIS AND ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, OFFENSIVE  
LINE/RUNNING GAME COORDINATOR DAVE CHRISTENSEN,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the president of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute employment contracts, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, with the following persons proposed for the positions indicated:

Assistant Football Coach, Defensive Coordinator – John Chavis  
Assistant Football Coach, Offensive Line/Running Game Coordinator –  
Dave Christensen.

**MINUTE ORDER 014-2015 (ITEM 19)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. JASON MADDOCK  
AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Jason Maddock is hereby appointed Dean of the School of Public Health at Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$350,000, effective immediately.



**MINUTE ORDER 015-2015 (ITEM 20)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. CYNTHIA TENIENTE-MATSON  
AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO, AND  
PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION, WITHOUT  
TENURE, AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio and Professor of Educational Administration, without tenure, at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$254,000.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Teniente-Matson.

**MINUTE ORDER 016-2015 (ITEM 21)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. PHILLIP RAY  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Mr. Phillip Ray is hereby appointed Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, The Texas A&M University System, at his current salary.

**MINUTE ORDER 017-2015 (ITEM 22)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MS. TERRY MCDEVITT  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Ms. Terry McDevitt is hereby appointed Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications, The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$280,000.

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Regent Buzbee pointed out that because the items were voted on in a group, he would have voted in favor of all except for one. He said he did not want Mr. Ray, who he thought very highly of, to think he voted against his promotion.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Adams presented Items C-1 through C-37. He noted that Item C-12 was revised.

On motion of Regent Buzbee, seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (018 through 054):

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**MINUTE ORDER 018-2015 (ITEM C-1)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE PROGRAM,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board also authorizes submission of Tarleton State University'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 019-2015 (ITEM C-2)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW UNIVERSITY RULE 12.03.99.T1,  
FACULTY ACADEMIC WORKLOAD AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

New Rule 12.03.99.T1 Faculty Academic Workload and Reporting Requirements, for Tarleton State University, as shown in the attached exhibit, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 020-2015 (ITEM C-3)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE 12.02.99.T0.01,  
PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING TENURE,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

New Procedure 12.02.99.T0.01, Procedures for Implementing Tenure, for Tarleton State University, as shown in the attached exhibit, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 021-2015 (ITEM C-4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO MR. LANCE CROSBY,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

The president of Tarleton State University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Mr. Lance Crosby.

**MINUTE ORDER 022-2015 (ITEM C-5)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M International University leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M International University'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 023-2015 (ITEM C-6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY DEGREE TO MS. ELENA PONIATOWSKA, TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The president of Texas A&M International University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Ms. Elena Poniatowska.

**MINUTE ORDER 024-2015 (ITEM C-7)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 10 TRANSIT BUSES, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

An amount of \$4,470,000 from Account No. 01-083536 Revenue Financing System debt proceeds (University Advancement Fee) is hereby appropriated for the purchase of 10 transit buses.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for the amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and

that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 025-2015 (ITEM C-8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED  
“THE DONALD AND MELBA ROSS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP  
IN OCEANOGRAPHY QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment entitled “The Donald and Melba Ross Graduate Scholarship in Oceanography Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds received as a beneficiary of a charitable trust fund established by Carol Litchfield. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for graduate students in the Department of Oceanography.

**MINUTE ORDER 026-2015 (ITEM C-9)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED  
“THE DONALD AND MELBA ROSS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP  
IN MICROBIOLOGY QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment entitled “The Donald and Melba Ross Graduate Scholarship in Microbiology Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds received as a beneficiary of a charitable trust fund established by Carol Litchfield. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships for graduate students in the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology.

**MINUTE ORDER 027-2015 (ITEM C-10)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF ENGINEERING  
IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING DEGREE PROGRAM, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University'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 028-2015 (ITEM C-11)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENERGY  
DEGREE PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED PROGRAM FEE, AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program, and the associated program fee, at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Science in Energy.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University'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 029-2015 (REVISED ITEM C-12)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DEGREE  
PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Financial Management.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University'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 030-2015 (ITEM C-13)**

**NAMING OF  
"THE LOU & WANDA WATERS CONFERENCE ROOM,"  
IN THE OUTREACH BUILDING OF THE  
THOMAS G. HILDEBRAND, DVM '56 EQUINE COMPLEX,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The conference room in the Outreach Building of the Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex on the campus at Texas A&M University is hereby named "The Lou & Wanda Waters Conference Room."

**MINUTE ORDER 031-2015 (ITEM C-14)**

**APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL WILLIAM M. FRASER III, USAF (RET),  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appoints General William M. Fraser III, USAF (Ret), to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years, effective February 13, 2015.

**MINUTE ORDER 032-2015 (ITEM C-15)**

**APPROVAL FOR DR. DAVID CLARIDGE AND DR. CHARLES CULP,  
SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO EACH SERVE AS AN OFFICER,  
A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEE OF  
AN ENTITY THAT PROPOSES TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY FROM  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves for Dr. David Claridge and Dr. Charles Culp, employees of Texas A&M University, to each serve in their individual capacity as an officer, a member of the Board of Directors and an employee of Claridge-Culp, Inc., an entity that proposes to license technology from The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented, developed and supported by Dr. Claridge and Dr. Culp.

**MINUTE ORDER 033-2015 (ITEM C-16)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2016,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2016, Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 034-2015 (ITEM C-17)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2015,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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 at Texas A&M University as set forth in the attached exhibit, Tenure List No. 15-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 035-2015 (ITEM C-18)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO DR. LEIF ANDERSSON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The president of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. Leif Andersson.

**MINUTE ORDER 036-2015 (ITEM C-19)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO MR. JON L. HAGLER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The president of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mr. Jon L. Hagler.

**MINUTE ORDER 037-2015 (ITEM C-20)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN  
HONORARY DEGREE TO DR. MARIO J. MOLINA,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The president of Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. Mario J. Molina.

**MINUTE ORDER 038-2015 (ITEM C-21)**

**NAMING OF  
“THE SUBHANI FOUNDATION ALCOVE,”  
“THE GREATER KILLEEN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE  
ROOM,” AND “THE MICHAEL S. AND REVA A. HOLMES  
HISTORY READING ROOM,” WITHIN WARRIOR HALL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS**

The Alcove (Room 400H) on the fourth floor of Warrior Hall is hereby named “The Subhani Foundation Alcove.”

The Conference Room (Room 403) on the fourth floor of Warrior Hall is hereby named “The Greater Killeen Young Professionals Conference Room.”

The Small Group Private Study Room in the Library (Room 101C) on the first floor of Warrior Hall is hereby named “The Michael S. and Reva A. Holmes History Reading Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 039-2015 (ITEM C-22)**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Analytics.

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 040-2015 (ITEM C-23)**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Master of Science in Business Analytics.

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 041-2015 (ITEM C-24)**

**NAMING OF TUTORING ROOM #1, THE “DR. J.E. FRANKLIN  
AND MR. T. GALVAN MEMORIAL TUTORING ROOM,” AND  
TUTORING ROOM #2, THE “AUBREE BUTTS AND DEVIN OLIVER  
TUTORING ROOM,” IN ATHLETICS ACADEMIC CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**



The Tutoring Room #1 in the Athletics Academic Center in the Texas A&M University-Commerce Field House is hereby named the “Dr. J.E. Franklin and Mr. T. Galvan Memorial Tutoring Room.”

The Tutoring Room #2 in the Athletics Academic Center in the Texas A&M University-Commerce Field House is hereby named the “Aubree Butts and Devin Oliver Tutoring Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 042-2015 (ITEM C-25)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JOHN CAIN FAMILY SOFTBALL FIELD,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The softball field on the Texas A&M University-Commerce campus is hereby named the “John Cain Family Softball Field.”

**MINUTE ORDER 043-2015 (ITEM C-26)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JIM THROWER ATHLETICS ACADEMIC CENTER,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

The Athletics Academic Center in the Texas A&M University-Commerce Field House is hereby named the “Jim Thrower Athletics Academic Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 044-2015 (ITEM C-27)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE 18.03.99.K0.01,  
POST-SEASON ATHLETIC COMPETITION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

Revisions to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Procedure 18.03.99.K0.01, Post Season Athletic Competition, regarding incentives for post-season athletics participation and championships, shown in the attached exhibit, are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 045-2015 (ITEM C-28)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, FEBRUARY 2015,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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 member at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, as set forth in the attached exhibit, Tenure List No. 15-03.

**MINUTE ORDER 046-2015 (ITEM C-29)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2016,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2016, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

**MINUTE ORDER 047-2015 (ITEM C-30)**

**NAMING OF CLASSROOM – OLD MAIN 207,  
“THE WILLIAMS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LABORATORY,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

West Texas A&M University Classroom – Old Main 207 is hereby named “The Williams Early Childhood Education Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 048-2015 (ITEM C-31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
2014 WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HORSE JUDGING TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 049-2015 (ITEM C-32)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 050-2015 (ITEM C-33)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 051-2015 (ITEM C-34)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

**MINUTE ORDER 052-2015 (ITEM C-35)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2014,  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING; NOVEMBER 6, 2014,  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING; DECEMBER 6, 2014,  
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING; AND JANUARY 31, 2015,  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Minutes of the November 6, 2014, Regular Board Meeting; the November 6, 2014, Special Workshop Meeting; the December 6, 2014, Special Telephonic Meeting; and the January 31, 2015, Special Board Meeting are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 053-2015 (ITEM C-36)**

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

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.

**MINUTE ORDER 054-2015 (ITEM C-37)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA, FEBRUARY 2015,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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 the attached exhibit, Emeritus/Emerita Title List No. 15-03, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD**

Chancellor Sharp presented Item 8, and thanked Dr. Maria Ferrier, President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio, for all she had done. He reported that Dr. Ferrier was the founding president of what would someday, because of her efforts, be one of the largest and greatest universities in Texas. He said she took a chance with her career to take on the fledgling university tied to Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Chancellor Sharp noted that Dr. Ferrier had promised to stay until A&M-San Antonio stood on its own, and they received full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in December 2014, retroactive to January 2014.

Regent Mendoza said that since she lived in San Antonio, she wanted to make a few comments. She explained that no one could have envisioned what it would take to get A&M-San Antonio to where it was today. She said the San Antonio community was split on having the university there, and doubted that a campus located on the far south side would or could ever flourish. Regent Mendoza emphasized that Dr. Ferrier had a passion for the potential of what could be. She said envision portable buildings on the campus of Palo Alto Community College that they promoted as an upper division university. Or, envision many community school districts' graduation rates being very low, and Dr. Ferrier emphasizing that they believed those citizens had the potential everyone else had and they could educate them. She said envision taking land that was brush, and a few three to four foot tall mesquite trees and painting a picture of a vibrant campus filled with beautiful buildings -- Dr. Ferrier had to sell that every day.

Regent Mendoza pointed out that Dr. Ferrier took that land and created a beautiful, historical campus, which was a landmark for San Antonio. She said now the community was supportive and excited about having A&M-San Antonio located there. She added that they now knew the power of hope when students of an average age of 32-33 years old crossed the stage to graduate, or when a father, mother and son graduated at the same time. She said Dr. Ferrier carried that flag every day and that is why they were able to celebrate A&M-San Antonio. Regent Mendoza emphasized that it was because of Dr. Ferrier's foundational passion, foundational execution on strategies and her commitment to the A&M-San Antonio students. She thanked Dr. Ferrier for what she had done.

Dr. Ferrier said being the founding president of A&M-San Antonio was beyond her wildest dreams. She added that Chancellor Sharp and the Board's support had made thousands of dreams come true, and A&M-San Antonio proudly displayed the A&M name. She said when the university was built they knew it must be worthy of the A&M name. Dr. Ferrier emphasized that she was certain Dr. Cynthia Tienente-Matson would take A&M-San Antonio to the next level. She said the A&M System had also given her the privilege of remaining in the System to become the Director of Development and Mexico Relations. She noted that there were no words to thank the A&M System for herself, her family and the thousands that had been touched by the generosity for A&M-San Antonio and as they moved on internationally at the System level.

On motion of Regent Mendoza, seconded by Regent Morgan, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (055):

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**MINUTE ORDER 055-2015 (ITEM 8)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. MARIA HERNANDEZ FERRIER AS  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chancellor Sharp presented Item 9.

Mr. Boggus accepted the resolution on behalf of the employees of the TFS. He said that they were the first state forestry agency to be part of a land-grant university system. Mr. Boggus said he was proud that the TFS was the premiere state forestry agency in the nation.

On motion of Vice Chairman Thomas, seconded by Regent Buzbee, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (056):

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**MINUTE ORDER 056-2015 (ITEM 9)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE  
100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chairman Adams presented Item 10. He said they would all miss Regent Emeritus Allen. He added that he was a great man, a great Aggie, and his fingerprints and steps would be seen on the Texas A&M campus for a long time to come.

Regent White commented that it was most appropriate that the Board recognized Regent Emeritus Allen.

On motion of Regent White, seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (057):

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**MINUTE ORDER 057-2015 (ITEM 10)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
THE MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT H. ALLEN, REGENT EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chairman Adams presented Item 11.

On motion of Regent Schwartz, seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas, with Regent Schwertner recusing himself, and by a majority vote, the following minute order was approved (058):

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**MINUTE ORDER 058-2015 (ITEM 11)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. JIM SCHWERTNER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF REGENT EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Chairman Adams presented Item 12.

On motion of Regent Foster, seconded by Regent Mendoza, with Regent White recusing himself, and by a majority vote, the following minute order was approved (059):

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**MINUTE ORDER 059-2015 (ITEM 12)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. JOHN D. WHITE, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS,  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE  
AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

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Regent Buzbee said it had been a privilege and honor to serve with both these gentlemen. He noted that Regent Schwertner brought excitement and enthusiasm to everything he did, and had indicated that in the cattle industry, business was conducted with a handshake and trust. He said that was how Regent Schwertner had conducted himself.

Regent Buzbee stated that Regent White had such a great depth and scope of knowledge and was always a calming influence for the Board. He said that he thought through things and was a great addition to the Board.

Regent Morgan said Regents Schwertner and White would be missed in Board meetings for their love of the A&M System, their knowledge, their expertise, their understanding and for their friendship.

Chairman Adams said both these Regents and their wives had made a great contribution to the A&M System and their friendships were appreciated.

Regent White said ironically, both his and Regent Schwertner's fathers were graduates of Texas A&M '42. He added that it had been an honor to serve and it was amazing what had happened during his time on the Board; three universities were built -- A&M-San Antonio, Texas A&M University-Central Texas and Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMUT). He said collaboration was the key; they were doing better than they ever had, but could still do better.

Chairman Adams agreed that they had one of the best university systems in the entire country, and should be pleased with their leadership. He said Chancellor Sharp had built an unbelievable team. He noted that the 11 universities had such a high quality of presidents and such great leadership, which was key. Chairman Adams said the A&M System agencies and the chief executive officers (CEOs) were leaders nationally. He thanked the institutions and agencies for their leadership and collaboration and for helping

the Board do a better job in governance and decision-making. He added that he appreciated their commitment, long hours, hard work and all they continued to do.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Adams announced that the next regular Board meeting would be held on April 29-30, 2015.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Buzbee, seconded by Regent White, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Gwen Kirby, Office of the Board of Regents.)*