

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**DALLAS, TEXAS**

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A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, was convened by Mr. Don Powell, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 10:13 a.m., on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, Bachman II Room, of the Embassy Suites/Dallas Love Hotel, 3880 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman  
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert H. Allen  
Ms. Anne Armstrong  
Dr. Dionel Avilés  
Mr. John H. Lindsey  
Mr. Frederick D. McClure

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Erle Nye  
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

Mr. Powell said the purpose of this special emergency meeting was to receive a report from attorneys concerning potential litigation regarding the disbursement of the proceeds owed to the State of Texas from the settlement in the case of *The State of Texas vs. The American Tobacco Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 5-96CV-0091, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana Division, and to grant authority to the Chancellor to proceed with any necessary legal action to protect the interests of The Texas A&M University System and the people of the State of Texas.

At 10:14 a.m., Mr. Powell announced that having convened in open session, the Board would convene in a closed session as permitted by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Mr. Powell said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in closed meeting would be made or taken.

At 11:25 a.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session.

Mr. Powell adjourned the special emergency meeting of the Board at 11:26 a.m., the same day.

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

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