

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**AUGUST 13, 1999**

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
AUGUST 13, 1999**

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 11:00 a.m., on Friday, August 13, 1999, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman  
Mr. Frederick D. McClure, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert H. Allen  
Ms. Anne Armstrong  
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Mr. R.H. Stevens, Jr.  
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lionel Sosa

Mr. Powell said the purpose of the meeting was to consider five items. Mr. Powell asked Mr. Nye to present Items 1 through 4.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee had met earlier and considered and approved Items 1 through 4. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 200-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The following operating budgets of the Members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2000, are hereby approved and adopted subject to the provisions contained in System Policy 27.04 (Budget Authorizations and Delegations of Authority):

| The Texas A&M University System                   | Operating Budget          |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Prairie View A&M University                       | \$83,302,859.00           |
| Tarleton State University                         | 60,261,445.00             |
| Texas A&M International University                | 27,530,227.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Combined                     | 716,241,096.00            |
| Texas A&M University-Commerce                     | 70,531,381.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi               | 61,777,652.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Kingsville                   | 71,827,672.00             |
| Texas A&M University-Texarkana                    | 12,541,187.00             |
| West Texas A&M University                         | 64,598,967.00             |
| Texas Agricultural Experiment Station             | 131,048,438.00            |
| Texas Agricultural Extension Service              | 78,399,396.00             |
| Texas Engineering Experiment Station              | 68,858,938.00             |
| Texas Engineering Extension Service               | 57,472,813.00             |
| Texas Forest Service                              | 42,059,037.00             |
| Texas Transportation Institute                    | 33,370,000.00             |
| Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory    | 9,345,347.00              |
| Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service          | 6,443,835.00              |
| Texas A&M University System Health Science Center | 72,071,533.00             |
| System Administrative and General Offices         |                           |
| Operations                                        | 9,818,494.00              |
| Debt Service                                      | 122,000,499.00            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                                | <b>\$1,799,500,816.00</b> |

**MINUTE ORDER 201-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 2-REVISED EXHIBIT)**

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

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

Effective August 13, 1999, the provisions of the revised System Investment Policy of The Texas A&M University System, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, are hereby adopted.

**MINUTE ORDER 202-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR  
AN EXCEPTION TO THE FTE LIMITATIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The service department accounts of the Members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2000, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, are hereby approved subject to the provisions contained in System Regulation 21.01.05, Service Departments.

**MINUTE ORDER 203-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPROVAL OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the request by the Members listed in **Exhibit C**, attached to the official minutes, for an exception to the FTE limitations specified in House Bill 1, 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

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**OTHER ITEM**

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor, to present Item 5. Mr. Graves read the resolution. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 204-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
DR. CHARLES LEE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Dr. J. Charles Lee earned a bachelor of science and a Ph.D. in forest management and forestry from North Carolina State University; and

Whereas, Dr. Lee built an outstanding academic career at the University of Arkansas at Monticello as department head and later at Mississippi State University as

Dean of the School of Forest Resources and Associate Director of Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station; and

Whereas, he joined The Texas A&M University System in 1983 as Professor and Department Head of Forest Science at Texas A&M University and later served as Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Associate Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and

Whereas, in 1990, he was promoted to Deputy Vice Chancellor and Executive Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M, also serving in 1992 as Interim Deputy Chancellor, Dean of the College and Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and

Whereas, in 1994, he stepped up to the call again, providing transitional leadership as Interim Executive Vice President and Provost for Texas A&M University for 18 months; and

Whereas, in November 1995, he was appointed Vice Chancellor for Research, Planning and Continuing Education for The Texas A&M University System, with a charge to enhance federal research development and support, organize and strengthen research and legislative efforts in Washington, D.C., and develop continuing education programs for the A&M System across the state, in addition to coordinating the implementation of a strategic plan for the entire A&M System, exploring cooperative programs with other universities and agencies, providing support for A&M System urban and rural initiatives, and developing collaborative programs to help enhance primary and secondary education in the state; and

Whereas, Dr. Lee became a driving force in the consolidation of all major health program components of the System into one statewide, coordinated Health Science Center that is poised to serve Texans in new and innovative ways; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in the creation of a successful "Back to Basics" initiative to increase funding for higher education in the state, the development of a systemwide master plan for distance education, the implementation of Regents Professor and Regents Fellow Award Programs to honor distinguished service by faculty and agency personnel throughout the System, and the development of a successful proposal for a regional A&M System presence to serve Central Texas; and

Whereas, Dr. Lee's strong commitment and collaborative leadership style were key to developing a quick-response institutional analysis capability for the entire system, as well as developing procedures for future expansion of The Texas A&M University System; and

Whereas, he tackled with forthrightness and understanding the implementation of a post-tenure review policy on all A&M System campuses in response to a Board of Regents mandate and led the effort to streamline the process for presenting academic

program proposals to the Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

Whereas, Dr. Lee has taken on a visionary statewide leadership role in bringing together academic officers from major higher education systems in Texas to analyze and discuss common issues and take collective action; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with great appreciation recognizes the outstanding service provided by Dr. J. Charles Lee throughout his 16 years with The Texas A&M University System, and hereby grants heartfelt congratulations on his new position with Mississippi State University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to Dr. Lee and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University as a sincere expression of his dedication and leadership to the citizens of Texas and the students, faculty and staff of The Texas A&M University System.

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A framed resolution was presented to Dr. Lee and he thanked the Board for this special honor.

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Avilés for a special presentation. Dr. Avilés introduced Mr. Rodolfo Perdomo '50, who presented remarks regarding a memorandum of understanding between Guatemala and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

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

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

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