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A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), was convened by Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman, at 2:07 p.m., on Friday, October 26, 2001, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Lowry Mays
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following members of the Board were not present:

Ms. Anne Armstrong
Mr. Lionel Sosa

Mr. Nye said this special meeting had been duly posted with the Secretary of State and the posted purpose of the meeting was to consider and approve three agenda items, receive reports and discuss several items in closed session regarding litigation, real property and personnel matters. Mr. Nye said two reports would be received in open session from Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU, regarding possible enrollment changes and a proposed excellence fee at Texas A&M University.

Mr. Nye announced that after convening in open session, the Board would convene into a closed session to consider matters as permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 71 (consultation with system attorneys); Section 72 (discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate); and Section 74 (discussion of matters involving employment, appointments, evaluations, for officers or system employees). He said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in closed session would be made or taken. The following members of the administration were requested to stay for the closed session: Dr. Howard Graves, Dr. Jerry Gaston, Mr. Delmar Cain, Ms. Vickie Spillers and others would be called as needed. He said to let the minutes of the meeting reflect that the closed session began at 2:09 p.m., on October 26.

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in closed session from 2:09 p.m. until 3:21 p.m.)

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:21 p.m.. He said the Board met in closed session from 2:09 p.m. until 3:21 p.m. Mr. Nye presented Item 2 and asked the Board to approve the employment contract with Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor Emeritus. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 225-2001**

**APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
BETWEEN DR. BARRY B. THOMPSON AND TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Dr. Wynn and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved.

The part-time employment contract between Tarleton State University and Dr. Barry B. Thompson is in the best interest of The Texas A&M University System and is hereby approved. Authority is hereby granted to the President of Tarleton State University to execute the part-time employment contract with Dr. Barry B. Thompson.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 3. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 226-2001**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
WITH HOWARD D. GRAVES, CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Mays, seconded by Dr. Avilés and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved.

The amended employment contract with Howard D. Graves, Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System, is hereby approved. The Chairman of the Board of Regents is hereby delegated authority to execute the amended contract.

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Mr. Nye said it was his distinct pleasure to consider the appointment of Dr. Nancy Dickey as President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUS HSC) and as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. He said a long search had been conducted and asked the Board to approve Item 1. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 227-2001

APPOINTMENT OF DR. NANCY W. DICKEY  
AS PRESIDENT OF  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
AND VICE CHANCELLOR FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Dr. Avilés and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved.

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board of Regents hereby appoints Dr. Nancy W. Dickey to the position of President, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, The Texas A&M University System; and the Board of Regents approves the letter agreement with Dr. Nancy W. Dickey, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

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Mr. Nye said they were delighted with the appointment of Dr. Dickey to this position, along with her commitment and credentials and appreciated her willingness to take on this position. Dr. Dickey said it was an exciting opportunity and looked forward to reporting back to the Board.

Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU, presented a preliminary report on possible enrollment changes. Dr. Ron Douglas, Provost, discussed the task they have taken on to look at broadening the diversity at TAMU and to provide opportunities to a wide variety of students. Mr. Joe Estrada, Director of Admissions, discussed a pilot program to be named the "Freshman Opportunity Admissions Initiatives." He said they are reviewing how this program fares with state and federal mandates that govern admission of students. This would be race neutral and looking at schools in whole. Dr. Estrada said they need to make sure they are being fair to all students and would be in the scope of "Closing the Gaps" and House Bill 588.

Next, Dr. Bowen provided a briefing on the proposed excellence fee at Texas A&M. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m., the same day.

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

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