

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

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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 of the Board, at 3:35 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2003, in Room 206 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC), on the campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Phil Adams  
Ms. Anne Armstrong  
Dr. Wendy Gramm  
Mr. Lowry Mays  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Mr. Lionel Sosa  
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens  
Mr. John D. White

The following member of the Board was not present:

Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. John D. White was attending his first meeting as a member of the Board of Regents. Mr. White succeeded Dr. Dionel E. Avilés. Mr. Erle Nye was reappointed to the Board of Regents. Both were appointed by Governor Rick Perry on April 2, 2003; confirmed by the Texas Senate on April 9, 2003; and qualified by the administration of their oaths of office on April 10, 2003. The oaths of office were administered by The Honorable John L. Hill, Jr., Former Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.)*

Mr. Nye said that the purpose of the meeting was to organize the Board after the appointment of the two new Regents. Mr. Nye welcomed Mr. White to the Board of Regents. He said that he had been acquainted with Mr. White for many years and greatly admired him.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Nye said that he had called this special meeting to elect officers of the Board, which is the custom at this time, after the appointment of new regents. Mr. Nye said that in reviewing this matter, he found that there was a slight issue to be dealt with. He said that Article II, Section 1(b), of the *Bylaws*, which the Board adopted and upholds, read as follows: "at the first regular meeting or special meeting following the appointment, qualification and confirmation of the three new members, regularly appointed in odd years, the first business in order is the election of chairman and vice chairman." Mr. Nye said that The Texas A&M University System, as well as the University of Texas System, did not get three new regents appointed. Mr. Nye said that is a bylaw which the Board passed, and which the Board follows, unless the Board

suspends it. Mr. Nye said that State law says that the Board is organized at the pleasure of the Chairman. He said that it is his pleasure that the Board organize at this time. He said that he believes that State law overrides the *Bylaws*, but in abundance of caution, he asked that the Board consider the suspension, for this day only, of Article II, Section 1(b) (requiring three new members). Mr. Nye said that he had spoken to Dr. Wynn, who was not present at this special meeting, and she was comfortable with the decision. Mr. Nye asked for a motion from the Board, recognizing that only two Board Members were appointed, qualified and confirmed. He asked that Article II(1)(b) of the *Bylaws* be suspended so that officers could be elected. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 83-2003**

**SUSPENSION OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 1(b),  
BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Recognizing that only two board members were appointed, qualified and confirmed, Article II, Section 1(b) of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System*, are suspended, for the purpose of electing officers.

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The Board took further action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 84-2003**

**ELECTION OF MR. LOWRY MAYS AS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye said he would like to exert the Chairman's privilege to place the name of Lowry Mays in nomination as Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. Mr. Nye said that he has known Mr. Mays for a long time. He said he is a special guy, a wonderful Aggie and a great American. Mr. Nye said everyone knows of Lowry's distinctions. He said that anyone who knows Lowry Mays knows of his love for Texas A&M, TAMUS, higher education and the State of Texas. Mr. Nye said that there could not be a better leader. He said that Mr. Mays will serve with distinction and dedication. He said he is proud to be on the Board with him. Mr. Nye formally offered the name of Lowry Mays in nomination for Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Adams said it was his great privilege to second the nomination of Lowry Mays as Chairman of the Board. He said he would like to speak briefly to four hallmarks of Mr. Mays. He said that those four hallmarks are service, industry leadership, stature and commitment to family. He said that Lowry Mays' distinguished service to Texas A&M is known by Aggies world-wide and appreciated by us all. He said that the business school proudly bears the Mays name and his name brings great honor to the business school and to Texas A&M. He said that Mr. Mays' distinguished record of service reaches far beyond Texas A&M to the Harvard Business School, the United Way, M.D. Anderson and many others. He said that Lowry Mays is a distinguished alumnus of Texas A&M, a former regent and a current regent and was named International Citizen of the Year by the San Antonio World Affairs Council. Mr. Adams said that Mr. Mays was inducted into the prestigious Texas Business Hall of Fame in 1999. He said that Mr. Mays is a member of the Broadcasting Hall of Fame and ranked as number one among the ten most powerful people in radio. He said that Lowry Mays is a great American, a great Texan and a great Aggie who continues to serve and give back. Lowry Mays is an industry leader, in fact the industry leader, and the most powerful man in radio who leads an industry world-wide that he changed from one radio station in 1972 to over 1,200 to date. Mr. Adams said that Mr. Mays owns 36 television stations, 770,000 outdoor advertisement displays and the world's leading live entertainment company. He said that Mr. Mays gives Texas A&M much credit for helping mold and shape a young man by helping him formulate his concept of value-creation. Mr. Adams said that today, Mr. Mays is one of the world's great value-creators. He said that Mr. Mays forever changed an industry for the better for mankind. Mr. Adams said that Mr. Mays is a man of great stature. He said every year when *Forbes* magazine comes out with its list of the world's 400 wealthiest people, Lowry doesn't want to talk about it; he is so humble. He said it is just great for Texas A&M to have as our chairman, and one of our own, someone with such enormous stature.

Mr. Adams said that Mr. Mays is a wonderful family man, and he admires his tremendous courage, ability, intellect, great vision, leadership ability and impeccable character and integrity, but is most impressed with the time he spends with his family. Mr. Adams said that Mr. Mays and his wife Peggy have been married almost 45 years. He said that they have four wonderful children who have been raised to be loving, giving, productive members of society just like their parents. Mr. Adams seconded the nomination.

Mr. Nye asked if there were any additional comments or nominations. There were none. He closed the nominations for Chairman of the Board, and declared that Lowry Mays was the new Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System.

Mr. Nye handed the gavel to Mr. Mays.

Mr. Mays thanked Mr. Nye and Mr. Adams for their kind remarks. He congratulated Mr. White on his confirmation and said that he looks forward to serving with him. Mr. Mays said that Mr. Nye has been a great leader over the last six years and in particular the last two where he served as Chairman. Mr. Mays said that he began his love affair with this system in 1986 and has been active in support of the System on all fronts. He said that while attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the new pharmacy school at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) Senator Truan commented that he was there when Texas A&I University (now TAMU-K) became part of the System and also when Laredo State University (now Texas A&M

International University) (TAMIU) joined the System. Mr. Mays said that he has been involved for a long time in the development of this great system and he recently attended his class reunion at Texas A&M. Mr. Mays said that his roots were very deep at Texas A&M and with the System.

Mr. Mays announced that nominations were in order for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 85-2003**

**ELECTION OF MR. ERLE NYE AS  
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Ms. Armstrong nominated Mr. Erle Nye for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents. Dr. Gramm seconded the nomination. Dr. Gramm said that she felt that Mr. Nye had done a great job, and she was delighted at his reappointment.

Ms. Armstrong said that all they have to do is look at what Mr. Nye has done in the last six years and especially the last two. She said that Mr. Nye is one of the busiest men, not only in Texas, but in the country, but he always returns phone calls and takes care of Texas A&M business first. She said that this has been an unusually productive six years for the Board. She said she gives Erle an enormous amount of credit for that. She said that he has a way of being totally fair and open to every idea and if all else fails has a joke to bring everyone together. She said it has been a great era for A&M, the System and College Station as well. She said it had been a joy to serve with him, and she could not think of a better team. She said it was with great confidence and pride that we can produce a team like this.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any other comments or nominations. There were none. By a unanimous vote, Mr. Nye was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mays adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. He said that he would contact the Board regarding the new committee structure for the next two years. He asked the Board if they would postpone the May Board Meeting a week or so as he had a scheduling conflict.

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