

MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

September 7, 2013

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CONVENE

Chairman Phil Adams convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 10:50 a.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013, 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. Cliff Thomas, Vice Chairman
Mr. Anthony Buzbee
Mr. Morris Foster
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
Mr. Charles Schwartz
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. John D. White
Mr. Nicholas Madere (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Ms. Judy Morgan

Chairman Adams announced that a quorum was present.

Chairman Adams announced that the Board workshop would include a presentation by and discussion with Dr. Richard Chait, Professor Emeritus, Harvard Graduate School of Education, concerning the roles, responsibilities and best practices for members of a higher education governing board. He said no Board action would be taken.

Dr. Chait discussed his interviews with individual Board members. Next, there was discussion regarding the following topics: the need to adopt and sustain strategic focus; strategic planning for system/flagship; goals and metrics for chancellor/presidents; purposeful time allocation; and suggestions for streamlining the Board meeting schedule and agenda materials. Additional topics included: the need to focus on change of delivery of higher education in the future using new technology, implications and impact on the use of buildings; student learning, education values and outcomes; research goals; and employer satisfaction with the students that are graduating from the A&M System.

ADJOURN

On motion of Regent Mendoza, seconded by Regent Schwertner and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents