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**OF**

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A special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, was convened by Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 8:20 a.m., on Thursday, June 6, 2002, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following member of the Board was present in the Board Room:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman

The following members of the Board were telephonically present:

Dr. Dionel E. Avilés, Vice Chairman

Mr. Phil Adams

Ms. Anne Armstrong

Dr. Wendy Gramm

Mr. L. Lowry Mays

Mr. Lionel Sosa

Mr. R.H. "Steve" Stevens

Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. Nye called the roll to be sure that all members of the Board were present.)*

Mr. Nye said the Board had two matters to consider. He said they have had extensive discussions about both of these matters at prior meetings. Mr. Nye reminded the Board that in accordance with the Texas Government Code, that allows governing boards to meet by telephone, each party to the conference call must clearly identify himself/herself prior to speaking. Mr. Nye said the purpose of this special meeting was to consider two agenda items.

Mr. Nye called for discussion regarding Item 1 (*Appointment of Mr. Willie Tempton as the Interim President of Prairie View A&M University*). Mr. Nye asked Mr. Howard Graves, Chancellor, to present this item. Mr. Graves said they have enjoyed Mr. Tempton's leadership as Acting President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) since May 21. He said they now want to appoint Mr. Tempton as Interim President of PVAMU, effective June 6, 2002, while they conduct a national search for a new president. Mr. Nye said he knew Mr. Tempton would do a good job and the Board extended its very best wishes to him.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 121-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. WILLIE TEMPTON  
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

Mr. Mays made a motion that Mr. Willie Tempton be appointed as Interim President of Prairie View A&M University. Dr. Wynn seconded the motion. Mr. Nye said he would call each regents name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Adams - yes, Armstrong - yes, Avilés - yes, Gramm - yes, Mays - yes, Sosa - yes, Stevens - yes, Wynn, yes. Mr. Nye said he voted “yes” and the vote was unanimous. The following minute order was adopted:

Mr. Willie Tempton’s appointment as Interim President of Prairie View A&M University, effective June 6, 2002, is hereby approved.

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Mr. Nye said he knew that the Chancellor would be appointing a search committee in due course and the search will proceed to attract the very best person.

Mr. Nye said he would move to Item 2 (*Appointment of Dr. Robert M. Gates as President of Texas A&M University and Authorization for the Chancellor to Execute an Employment Agreement with Dr. Gates*). Mr. Nye said both of these matters had been discussed extensively before. He said Dr. Gates was named the finalist for this position at a special meeting held on May 11, 2002. Mr. Nye said Dr. Gates’ name has been posted as a finalist for this position for the required 21 days. Mr. Nye said he would present this item for the Board’s consideration. Mr. Nye said we all know Dr. Gates. He said we all understand Dr. Gates’ substantial capabilities and skills that he brings to this job. Mr. Nye said Dr. Gates has gotten a quick start. He said Dr. Gates has been working on his own time to get prepared and he and the Chancellor have been working with respect to his contract. Mr. Nye said he thought the contract was the same as had been previously discussed, with no really significant changes. Mr. Graves agreed. Mr. Nye referred to Item 2 and the employment agreement. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 122-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. ROBERT M. GATES AS PRESIDENT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Avilés made a motion that Dr. Robert M. Gates be appointed as President of Texas A&M University. Dr. Wynn seconded the motion. Mr. Nye said he would call each regents name so that their vote could be properly recorded: The regents voted as follows: Adams - no, Armstrong - yes, Avilés - yes, Gramm - no, Mays - opposed, Sosa - yes, Stevens - yes, Wynn - yes. Mr. Nye said the Chair recognized five votes for the adoption of the following minute order:

Dr. Robert M. Gates is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University, effective August 1, 2002. The Chancellor is hereby authorized to negotiate and, upon review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, execute an employment agreement with Dr. Gates.

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Mr. Nye said he knew everyone extended their very best wishes to Dr. Gates on this occasion. He said he is an esteemed public servant and a man of substantial capabilities and explicit character. He said he has a lot of energy. Mr. Nye said he knew Dr. Gates would bring some great leadership to this university and he knew that everyone wished him the very best.

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the special telephonic meeting of the Board at 8:30 a.m., the same day.

Regents

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