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**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2002**

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 10:10 a.m., on Monday, September 30, 2002, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were telephonically present:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman  
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Ms. Anne Armstrong  
Dr. Wendy Gramm  
Mr. R.H. "Steve" Stevens  
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following members of the Board did not participate:

Mr. L. Lowry Mays  
Mr. Lionel Sosa

Mr. Nye said he appreciated the hard work of the members of the Board at the September Board Meeting. He said it was a good meeting with a lot of beneficial discussion. 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 one agenda item.

Mr. Nye called for discussion regarding Item 1 (*Delegation of Authority to the Chairman of the Board of Regents to Execute the Amended Employment Contract with the Chancellor, The Texas A&M University System*). Mr. Nye described the contract. He explained that there were three things that had changed with respect to the contract: 1) extend the term for one additional year; 2) include the salary of \$400,000 a year (which was previously approved by the Board); and, 3) change the Chancellor's address to properly address the fact that he has moved, although he maintained the System house for entertaining. Mr. Nye said these were confirmed by Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 179-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
WITH HOWARD D. GRAVES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Stevens made a motion for approval of the contract. Dr. Aviles seconded the motion. Mr. Nye asked for discussion. There was none. Mr. Nye said he would call each regent's name so that his/her vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Adams - yes, Armstrong - yes, Avilés - yes, Gramm - yes, Stevens - yes, Wynn, yes. Mr. Nye said he voted "yes" and the vote was unanimous. The following minute order was adopted:

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 employment contract.

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Mr. Nye asked if there was any other business to be discussed. Dr. Gramm said she would like at some appropriate meeting to sit down with the Chancellor and discuss his performance and what the Board would like to see in the upcoming year in terms of reports. Mr. Nye agreed and said it would be scheduled for the December meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the special telephonic meeting of the Board at 10:13 a.m., the same day.

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

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