

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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**July 8, 2003**

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SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
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A special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, was convened by Mr. Lowry Mays, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 11:02 a.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, in Room 203 of the Memorial Student Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were telephonically present:

Mr. Lowry Mays, Chairman  
Mr. Erle Nye, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Ms. Anne Armstrong  
Dr. Wendy Gramm  
Mr. Lionel Sosa  
Mr. R.H. "Steve" Stevens  
Mr. John D. White  
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

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

Mr. Mays 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. Mays said the purpose of this special meeting was to consider two agenda items. Item 1 - appointment of Mr. Robert L. (Lanny) Smith as the Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, effective July 14, 2003, and approval of the letter of agreement with Mr. Smith. Item 2 - appointment of Dr. George C. Wright as the President of Prairie View A&M University, effective August 15, 2003, and approval of the contract with Dr. Wright.

Mr. Mays asked if anyone had any questions relating to either of the candidates. There were none.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 119-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT L. (LANNY) SMITH  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE  
AND APPROVAL OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH MR. ROBERT L. SMITH,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye made a motion that Mr. Robert L. (Lanny) Smith be appointed as the Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service and that the letter of agreement be approved. Dr. Wynn seconded the motion. Mr. Mays said he would call each regent's name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Adams - yes, Armstrong - yes, Gramm - yes, Nye - yes, Sosa - yes, Stevens - yes, White - yes, Wynn - yes. Mr. Mays said he voted "affirmative" and the vote was unanimous. The following minute order was adopted:

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appoints Mr. Robert L. (Lanny) Smith to the position of Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service; and the Board of Regents approves the letter of agreement with Mr. Robert L. Smith, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 120-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. GEORGE C. WRIGHT  
AS PRESIDENT OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH DR. GEORGE C. WRIGHT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye made a motion that Dr. George C. Wright be appointed as the President of Prairie View A&M University and that the related employment contract be approved. Dr. Wynn seconded the motion. Mr. Mays said he would call each regent's name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Adams - yes, Armstrong - yes, Gramm - yes, Nye - yes, Sosa - yes, Stevens - yes, White - yes, Wynn - yes. Mr. Mays said he voted "affirmative" and the vote was unanimous. The following minute order was adopted:

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appoints Dr. George C. Wright as the President of Prairie View A&M University and Professor of History, with tenure, at both Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M University, effective August 15, 2003; and the Board of Regents approves the contract with Dr. George C. Wright, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

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There being no further business, Mr. Mays adjourned the special telephonic meeting of the Board at 11:05 a.m., the same day.

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

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