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OF

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Mr. Lowry Mays, Chairman of the Board, convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 9:00 am, on Friday, April 16, 2004, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, 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
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. "Steve" Stevens
Mr. John D. White
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

Mr. Mays said 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 the special meeting was for the consideration of any and all things leading to the selection of the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), including the appointment of a search committee for the position.

Mr. Mays said that having convened in open session; the Board would enter into an executive (closed) session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74, of the Texas Government Code. He said that in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive meeting would be made or taken. Mr. Mays said that Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel, and Ms. Vickie Burt Spillers, Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents, were requested to stay for the closed session. He said that all other persons should leave the meeting room until the meeting was reconvened in open session.

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session from 9:02 am until 9:13 am.)

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:14 am.

Mr. Mays said that after discussion of the matter in executive session, and with legal advice by the General Counsel, he was of the opinion that the Board should conduct a search to fill the position of Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. He

urged each member of the Board to be available to give time as needed for the search. Mr. Mays said that he was asking that Regent Nye act as the point person together with Regents Stevens, Jones, and White, to work with the System staff to begin a process for seeking the best candidates, and for arranging a method to check backgrounds, conduct preliminary interviews, and begin narrowing the list to the most capable and qualified candidates. Mr. Mays asked that each of the Regents be available as they could even if it were on short notice and stressed that it was extremely important to find the best person to fill the position before the next session of the legislature.

There being no further business, Mr. Mays adjourned the special telephonic meeting of the Board at 9:15 am, the same day.

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

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