

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
November 4, 2004**

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 11:03 am, on Thursday, November 4, 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. R.H. "Steve" Stevens  
Mr. John D. White

The following members of the Board were not present:

Dr. Susan Rudd Bailey  
Mr. Lionel Sosa

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 that the purpose of this special meeting was to take final action on the appointments of Dr. Robert D. McTeer as Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), and Dr. Elsa A. Murano as Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at TAMU, and Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES). Mr. Mays said that these two individuals were named as sole finalists for these two positions at a Special Telephonic Board Meeting held on October 13, 2004. Mr. Mays said as required by state law, their names have been posted as the finalists for these respective positions for the required 21 days.

Mr. Mays said agenda items regarding these two appointments had been forwarded to each member of the Board. Mr. Mays presented Item 1 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 158-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. ROBERT D. MCTEER  
AS CHANCELLOR OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DR. MCTEER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. White 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, Gramm - yes, Jones - yes, Nye - yes, Stevens – yes, and White - yes. Mr. Mays said he voted “yes” and the vote was unanimous. The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Robert D. McTeer is hereby appointed Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial annual salary of \$450,000.00, effective November 4, 2004. The Chairman of the Board of Regents is hereby delegated authority to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Robert D. McTeer.

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Mr. Mays presented Item 2 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 159-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. ELSA A. MURANO  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES;  
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY; AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Dr. Gramm 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, Gramm - yes, Jones - yes, Nye - yes, Stevens – yes, and White - yes. Mr. Mays said he voted “yes” and the vote was unanimous. The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Elsa A. Murano is hereby appointed Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, The Texas A&M University System; Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University; and Director of The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$275,000.00, effective January 3, 2005.

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In response to a question by Dr. Gramm, Mr. Mays said that he had been informed by Dr. Gates that it was his belief that Dr. Murano would definitely accept the position. Mr. Mays said that Dr. Gates would follow up with Dr. Murano immediately after the meeting adjourned. Mr. Stevens said that he had spoken with Dr. Murano the day before and he could confirm that she would accept the position. Mr. Nye said that he had also spoken with her and confirmed that she is coming.

There being no further business, Mr. Mays adjourned the special telephonic meeting of the Board at 11:10 am, the same day.

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

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