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CONVENE

Mr. John White, Chairman of the Board, convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 9:04 a.m., on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, Memorial Student Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present by telephone:

Mr. John White, Chairman
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Tyson Voelkel (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays

Mr. White 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. White called the roll and said a quorum was present.

Mr. White said that the posted purpose of this special meeting was for discussion and action on the following items: Item 1 – Appointment of Dennis L. Christiansen as Director of the Texas Transportation Institute; and Item 2 – Possible Action(s) Leading to the Selection of the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, including Possible Action in Naming the Finalist(s) for this Position. Mr. White said that Dr. Christiansen was named the finalist for the position of Director of the Texas Transportation Institute at the September 21-22, 2006, Board Meeting and his name has been posted as the finalist for this position for the required 21 days.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. White announced that having convened in open session, the Board would enter into executive session to consider matters as permitted by Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code that includes deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee, including Items 1 and 2.

Mr. White said that in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken. Mr. White asked the following members of the administration to stay for the executive session: Mr. Mike Godfrey (General Counsel), Mr. Jay Kimbrough (Deputy General Counsel), and Ms. Vickie Spillers (Executive Secretary to the Board).

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. White reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:17 a.m. and announced that the Board met in executive session from 9:08 a.m. until 9:16 a.m., and considered Agenda Items 1 and 2.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 275-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. DENNIS L. CHRISTIANSEN  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mrs. Steen seconded the motion. Mr. White said that he would call each regent's name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes; Adams - yes, Fraga - yes, Gramm – yes, Nye - yes, Stallings - yes, and Steen - yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board of Regents hereby appoints Dr. Dennis L. Christiansen, Director of Texas Transportation Institute, effective November 1, 2006, at the initial salary of \$230,000.

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Mr. White asked if there was a motion regarding Item 2. Mr. Jones nominated Dr. Mike McKinney as the finalist for the position of Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. He said Dr. McKinney served as senior executive vice president and chief operating officer at The University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston

(UTHSC-H) since September of 2003. He added that this position sits within the Office of the President and manages the operations of the university’s eight components as well as the medical school’s clinical practice plan. Mr. Jones said that Dr. McKinney joined The University of Texas System (UTS) in 2002 after serving as chief of staff to Governor Rick Perry. As vice chancellor of health affairs at UTS, Dr. McKinney concentrated on business management, financial issues related to the six health science institutions in UTS. Before joining the Governor’s Office, Dr. McKinney served for three years in a variety of executive positions with Centene Corp., a managed care company. Dr. McKinney was Texas commissioner of health and human services where he oversaw 11 state agencies, a staff of 64,000 and a budget of \$24 billion. He was appointed to that position by then Governor George W. Bush. Mr. Jones said that Dr. McKinney’s other career experiences include serving as medical director of a health care plan, a consultant to the Texas health commission, a member of the Physician Payment Review Commission in the Federal Office of Technology, and a family practitioner for 16 years in Centerville, Texas. From 1984 to 1991, he represented Leon, Madison, Grimes, Houston and Montgomery Counties in the House of Representatives, where he was speaker pro-tempore of the House from 1989 to 1990. He was also selected as one of the 10 best legislators by *Texas Monthly* during his tenure. Mr. Jones said that Dr. McKinney is married to Lou Ann, who is absolutely wonderful. He added that while Dr. McKinney is not an Aggie, if you were to ask him, he would tell you he knows how to be one, since he has two sons, Steve and Seth who both played football at Texas A&M University and had distinguished careers while at Texas A&M and are currently both playing in the NFL.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 276-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MICHAEL D. MCKINNEY, M.D.  
AS THE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
CHANCELLOR OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Jones nominated Michael D. McKinney, M.D. as finalist for the position of Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (see comments shown above). Mr. Nye seconded the motion. Mr. White said as required by state law, final action would be taken after 21 days. Mr. White said he would call each regent’s name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones - yes, Adams - yes, Fraga - yes, Gramm – yes, Nye - yes, Stallings - yes, and Steen - yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” Mr. Voelkel, the student regent, said if he was eligible to vote, his vote would be “yes.”

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. White called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nye made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and by a unanimous vote, the special telephonic meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m., the same day.

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