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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 9:03 a.m., on Wednesday, November 22, 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 Dr. Michael D. McKinney as Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and Delegation of Authority to the Chairman of the Board to Confirm the Terms of the Employment with Dr. McKinney; and Item 2 – Consideration of Any and All Things Leading to the Selection of the President of Texas A&M University, including Possible Action to Name the Interim President of Texas A&M University. Mr. White said that Dr. McKinney was named the finalist for the position of Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System at the November 1, 2006, Special Board Meeting and his name has been posted as the finalist for this position for the required 21 days.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:07 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 9:45 a.m. and announced that the Board met in executive session from 9:08 a.m. until 9:44 a.m., and considered Agenda Items 1 and 2.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 277-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

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MICHAEL D. MCKINNEY, M.D.  
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Mr. Jones moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Nye 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.” Mr. Voelkel said he gave a “yes” vote, even though he was not allowed to vote. The following minute order was adopted:

Michael D. McKinney, M.D., is hereby appointed Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, effective November 22, 2006. The Chairman of the Board of Regents is hereby delegated authority to confirm the terms of the employment with Dr. McKinney.

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Mr. White congratulated Dr. and Mrs. McKinney.

Mr. White said Item 2 was tabled. He said there would be no action on naming an interim president of Texas A&M University until Dr. Gates' confirmation by the U.S. Senate. He said any action on the Board's part would be premature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. White adjourned the special telephonic meeting at 9:50 a.m., the same day.

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

(The minutes were transcribed by Jackie Bell, Executive Secretary, Office of the Board of Regents.)