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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 3:35 p.m., on Wednesday, December 18, 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. Lowry Mays
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen

The following member of the Board was present in the Board Meeting Room:

Mr. Tyson Voelkel (Student Regent)

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 to consider any and all things leading to the selection of the President of Texas A&M University, including Item 1 – Possible action to name the Interim President of Texas A&M University.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:38 p.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 Item 1.

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: Dr. Mike McKinney (Chancellor), 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 4:05 p.m. He called the roll and all members of the Board were present. Mr. White announced that the Board met in executive session from 3:38 p.m. until 4:04 p.m., and considered Agenda Item 1.

Mr. White called on Dr. McKinney to present Item 1. Dr. McKinney recommended that Dr. Ed Davis be appointed as Interim President of Texas A&M University, effective December 19, 2006. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 278-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. ED DAVIS  
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved that Dr. Ed Davis be appointed Interim President of Texas A&M University, effective December 19, 2006, upon the Chancellor's recommendation. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. White said that he would call each regent's name so that their vote was properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Adams - yes, Fraga - yes, Gramm – yes, Mays – yes, Nye - yes, Stallings - no, and Steen - yes. Mr. White said that he voted "yes."

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Mr. White said Item 1 was approved. He asked Dr. McKinney to call Dr. Davis to inform him of the Board's action. Mr. Nye suggested that Mr. White and Dr. McKinney contact the candidates, particularly Dr. David Prior to ensure him how highly the Board regards him and his current role and appreciates all that he has done and that many factors go into this interim position and that he should not take it anything other than a need of the System and of the University, that the Board holds him in very high regard and hopes that he will understand. Mr. White agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the special telephonic meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m., the same day.

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