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October 27, 2008

Mr. Bill Jones, 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., Monday, October 27, 2008, 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. Bill Jones, Chairman
Mr. John D. White, Vice Chairman
Mr. Morris Foster
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Mr. J.L. Huffines
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Jim Wilson
Mr. Anthony Cullins (Student Regent)

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

Mr. Jones said the posted purpose of this special telephonic meeting was to consider Item 1 (Authorization for the President of Texas A&M University to Settle *In Re: Bonfire Injury Cases*) and to consider personnel matters.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:04 a.m., Mr. Jones announced that having convened in open session, the Board would enter into executive session to consider matters as permitted by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (consultation with system attorneys regarding legal matters), including Item 1 and Section 551.074 (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).

Mr. Jones said 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. Jones asked the following members of the administration to stay for the executive session: Dr. Mike McKinney

(Chancellor), Mr. Scott Kelly (Deputy General Counsel), Dr. Elsa Murano (President of TAMU), Mr. Jerry Brown (Assistant General Counsel) and Ms. Vickie Spillers (Executive Secretary to the Board). Mr. Jones said all persons who had not been requested to stay for the executive session were requested to leave the meeting room.

(Secretary’s Note: The Board met in executive session from 9:05 a.m. until 9:34 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:35 a.m. Mr. Jones announced that the Board met in executive session from 9:05 a.m. until 9:34 a.m., and considered Item 1 and discussed personnel matters.

Mr. Jones said as it related to Item 1, the Board considered the authorization of the President of Texas A&M University to Settle *In Re: Bonfire Injury Cases*, 03-001246-CV-361 in the 361st Judicial District Court of Brazos County, Texas.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 346-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR  
THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
TO SETTLE *IN RE: BONFIRE INJURY CASES*,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. Jones said he would call each regent’s name so that their vote was properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Mr. Jones said he wanted to record his vote as “yes.” The following minute order was approved:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to Settle *In Re: Bonfire Injury Cases*.

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Mr. Jones said that the Student Regent does not vote, but Mr. Anthony Cullins had been a part of the executive session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Huffines and by a unanimous vote, the special telephonic meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m., the same day.

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

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