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**MINUTES OF THE
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April 23, 2008**

CONVENE

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 4:08 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 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 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
Ms. Cassie Daniel (Student Regent)

Due to a poor phone signal, Mr. Jones asked Mr. White to call the roll. Mr. White called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Jones announced that this special telephonic meeting had been duly posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code that allows governing boards to meet by telephone. He said that each party to the conference call must clearly identify himself/herself prior to speaking.

Mr. Jones said the purpose of this special meeting was to consider and take action on the following items: Item 1 -- Appointment of Dr. Tammy Beckham as Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory; Item 2 -- Appointment of Dr. Dominic Dottavio as President of Tarleton State University; Item 3 – Appointment of Dr. Dan Jones as President of Texas A&M University-Commerce; Item 4 – Appointment of Dr. Carlisle B. Rathburn as President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana. Mr. Jones said that these individuals were named as sole finalists for these positions at the March 26-28, 2008, Board Meeting and their names had been posted for the required 21 days.

Mr. Jones said the following items would also be considered: Item 5 – Appointment of Vice Chancellor for Research of The Texas A&M University System; Item 6 – Approval for Mr. Guy Diedrich, a System employee, to serve on or provide services to the governing board of an investment fund limited partnership created to provide funding to startup companies in Texas in which the A&M University System will

have a carried interest (*Item 38 from the March Board Meeting*); and Item 7 – Appointment of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Texas A&M University.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Jones said that having convened in open session, the Board would enter into an executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (consultation with system attorneys regarding legal matters) and Section 551.074 (deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee), including Items 1 through 7. He 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. He said that the following members of the administration should stay for this executive session: Mr. Jay Kimbrough, Dr. Frank Ashley, Ms. Vickie Spillers and Mr. Guy Diedrich (for Items 5 and 6).

Mr. Jones asked Mr. White to chair the remainder of the meeting (due to the possibility that he might lose phone signal).

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. White reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:36 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 4:10 p.m. until 4:35 p.m. and considered Items 1 through 7.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 111-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. TAMMY BECKHAM  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE CHANCELLOR TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Tammy Beckham is hereby appointed Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$175,000, effective May 12, 2008.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Beckham.

**MINUTE ORDER 112-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. DOMINIC DOTTAVIO  
AS PRESIDENT OF  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE CHANCELLOR TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Dominic Dottavio is hereby appointed President of Tarleton State University of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$265,000, effective July 1, 2008.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Dottavio.

**MINUTE ORDER 113-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. DAN JONES  
AS PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE CHANCELLOR TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order with the amendment that the Chancellor be authorized to set the salary of Dr. Jones at or above \$210,000 per year. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Dan Jones is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-Commerce of The Texas A&M University System, effective July 1, 2008. The Chancellor is authorized to set Dr. Jones’ initial salary at or above \$210,000.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Jones.

**MINUTE ORDER 114-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. CARLISLE B. RATHBURN  
AS PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE CHANCELLOR TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Carlisle B. Rathburn is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$210,000, effective July 14, 2008.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Rathburn.

**MINUTE ORDER 115-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRETT GIROIR  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH  
AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
THE CHANCELLOR TO CONFIRM THE TERMS OF THE EMPLOYMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Dr. Brett Giroir is hereby appointed Vice Chancellor for Research, The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$265,000, effective June 23, 2008.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby delegated the authority to confirm the terms of employment with Dr. Giroir.

**MINUTE ORDER 116-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL FOR MR. GUY DIEDRICH,  
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE ON OR PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HAS AN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System grants approval for Guy K. Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization, to provide services to a proposed investment limited partnership, tentatively to be named Technology Commercialization Partners, in a capacity determined in the discretion of the Chancellor consistent with the policies of the A&M System. Mr. Diedrich’s services will be provided pursuant to a services contract between the limited partnership and the A&M System containing such terms and conditions as the Chancellor may deem appropriate.

**MINUTE ORDER 117-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. TERRY PANKRATZ  
AS VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Stallings seconded the motion. Mr. White called the regents names so that their votes were properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: Jones – yes, Foster – yes, Fraga – yes, Huffines – yes, Nye – yes, Stallings – yes, Steen – yes, and Wilson – yes. Mr. White said that he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted:

Effective May 14, 2008, Mr. Terry Pankratz is hereby appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Texas A&M University, at an initial full-time salary of \$265,000.

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ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Huffines and by a unanimous vote, the special telephonic meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m., the same day.

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

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