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OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

September 2, 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 9:05 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 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 purpose of this special telephonic meeting was to consider the following items: Item 1 – Appointment of Dr. Steven H. Tallant as President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Item 2 – Granting of Development Leave for Dr. Keith D. McFarland for TAMUS; and Item 3 – Naming of the “Rhonda and Frosty Gilliam, Jr. ’80 Indoor Track Stadium” at Texas A&M University.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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) 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, including Item 1.

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 administration to stay for the executive session: Dr. Mike McKinney (Chancellor), Mr. Jay Kimbrough (Deputy Chancellor and General Counsel), Dr. Frank Ashley (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) and Ms. Vickie Spillers (Executive Secretary to the Board).

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session from 9:07 a.m. until 9:13 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:14 a.m. Mr. Jones announced that the Board met in executive session from 9:07 a.m. until 9:13 a.m., and considered Item 1.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 278-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. STEVEN H. TALLANT AS  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Fraga 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: White – yes, Nye – yes, Fraga – yes, Stallings – yes, Wilson – yes, Foster – yes, Steen – yes, Huffines – yes. Mr. Jones said that although he is not required to vote, he voted “yes.” The following minute order was adopted.

Dr. Steven H. Tallant is hereby appointed President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville of The Texas A&M University System, at an initial salary of \$230,000, effective October 1, 2008.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 279-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**GRANTING OF DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR  
DR. KEITH D. MCFARLAND,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Huffines seconded the motion. Mr. Jones said he would call each regent's name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: White – yes, Nye – yes, Fraga – yes, Stallings – yes, Wilson – yes, Foster – yes, Steen – yes, Huffines – yes. Mr. Jones said for the record, he voted yes. The following minute order was adopted:

In accordance with Texas Education Code §51.948 (Restrictions on Contracts with Administrators), Section (f), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System grants paid development leave for Keith D. McFarland from September 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009, at his current salary as president.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. Larry Boleman, Associate Executive Vice President for Operations at Texas A&M University, to present Item 3. Dr. Boleman said the facility in this naming request is an indoor track stadium which is a portion of the McFerrin Athletic Center. He said the gift from Rhonda and Frosty Gilliam, Jr. was in the amount of \$2.8 million.

Mr. Jones asked for any discussion on this item. Mr. Huffines commented that this was a substantial donation. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 280-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“RHONDA AND FROSTY GILLIAM, JR. ’80 INDOOR TRACK STADIUM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Mr. White moved adoption of the minute order. Mr. Nye seconded the motion. Mr. Jones said he would call each regent's name so that their vote could be properly recorded. The regents voted as follows: White – yes, Nye – yes, Fraga – yes, Stallings – yes, Wilson – yes, Foster – yes, Steen – yes, Huffines – yes. Mr. Jones said he would like his vote recorded as a yes. The following minute order was adopted:

The Indoor Track Stadium at the McFerrin Athletic Center is hereby named the “Rhonda and Frosty Gilliam, Jr. ’80 Indoor Track Stadium.”

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ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White and by a unanimous vote, the special telephonic meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m., the same day.

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