

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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**March 8, 2011**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Morris Foster convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 10:02 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Foster called each Regent's name to confirm that a quorum was present. The following members of the Board were present by telephone:

Mr. Morris Foster, Chairman  
Mr. James P. Wilson, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Phil Adams  
Dr. Richard A. Box  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Ms. Judy Morgan  
Mr. Jim Schwertner  
Mr. Cliff Thomas  
Mr. John D. White  
Mr. Cresencio Davila (Student Regent)

*(Secretary's Note: Ms. Mendoza, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Thomas were appointed by Governor Rick Perry on February 7, 2011, to serve as Members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. They were attending their first meeting. Ms. Mendoza was appointed to fill the position held by Mr. Gene Stallings; Ms. Morgan was appointed to fill the position held by Ms. Ida Clement Steen; and Mr. Thomas was appointed to fill the position held by Mr. Lupe Fraga.)*

Chairman Foster said that this special telephonic meeting had been duly posted with the Secretary of State and 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.

Chairman Foster said the posted purpose of this special telephonic meeting was to consider and take action on seven items as listed on the agenda:

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:06 a.m., Chairman Foster announced that the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Section 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, including Items 1 and 2.

*(Item 1 – Authorization for the President of Texas A&M University to Enter Into Negotiations For and Execute an Agreement for Future Telecast Rights in the Big 12 Conference, Texas A&M University)*

*(Item 2 – Appointment of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University)*

Chairman Foster 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.

*(Secretary’s Note: The Board met in executive session from 10:06 a.m. until 10:41 a.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Foster reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:42 a.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 10:06 a.m. until 10:41 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2011, and considered Items 1 and 2.

Chairman Foster presented Item 1.

Regent Box moved for adoption of the minute order. Regent Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent’s name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents’ vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (042):

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**MINUTE ORDER 042-2011 (ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT  
FOR FUTURE TELECAST RIGHTS IN THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Pursuant to The Texas A&M University System’s Policy 25.07 (*Contract Administration*), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to enter into negotiations for and execute an agreement, and all other related documents, involving future telecast rights in the Big 12 Conference.

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Chairman Foster presented Item 2.

Regent Schwertner moved for adoption of the minute order. Regent Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent's name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents' vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted "yes." The following minute order was approved (043):

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**MINUTE ORDER 043-2011 (ITEM 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. KARAN L. WATSON  
AS PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Effective upon approval by the Board of Regents, Dr. Karan L. Watson is hereby appointed Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, at an initial salary of \$360,000.

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Chairman Foster called on Chancellor McKinney who presented Item 3. He said this lease was on property that was held by the Board of Regents around Prairie View A&M University to build an additional 144 beds in the University Village Housing Complex. He said this construction project would be under contract with American Campus Communities, Inc. (ACC), and be similar to the existing 600 beds. He said this project was required because of the increasing enrollment and the intent of having at least all freshmen reside on campus. Chancellor McKinney said there was a waiting list for student housing due to the rapid growth in enrollment. He said this item was presented to the Board at this special telephonic meeting because time was of the essence to get the complex completed and operational by the first class day in September 2011.

Regent Morgan asked if they could really get this project finished by September 2011. Chancellor McKinney said he was impressed also, but ACC had committed to completing this project on a private construction schedule to be ready for occupancy by the first of September.

Regent Schwertner asked the terms of the lease. Mr. Tim Coffey, A&M System Managing Counsel, Property & Construction, said it was a 30-year ground lease and the rent was \$8,000 per year, increasing 2.3% per year. He said ACC was building these units on their equity and once they got permanent financing, it would go back to the current agreement with them. He said that agreement was nominal rent, plus 50% of the net cash flows.

Regent Schwertner said there was 50% net cash flow, and asked what they were figuring as a rate of return on the value of the ground lease. Mr. Coffey said figures from Mr. Greg Anderson, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer, indicated an 11% internal rate of return.

Regent Box moved for adoption of the minute order. Regent Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent’s name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents’ vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (044):

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**MINUTE ORDER 044-2011 (ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE FOR  
AN ADDITIONAL PHASE OF ON-CAMPUS HOUSING,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute a ground lease agreement with American Campus Communities, Inc. (ACC) covering 1.89 acres, more or less, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) for the construction of an on-campus housing facility consisting of two buildings with a total of 144 beds.

Upon completion of construction and termination of the ground lease, the Chancellor or designee shall further have the authority to execute and deliver a facility use agreement governing the operation and maintenance of the housing facility. Under the facility use agreement, ACC will pay PVAMU a minimal annual payment, plus 50% of the net cash flows generated by the housing facility. The term of the facility use agreement will commence upon execution and expire 30 years thereafter.

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Chairman Foster presented Item 4. He said that Chairman Emeritus Erle Nye had graciously ended his term on The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) a few months early so that the A&M System Board could get an early start and submit their candidates. He said the Board wanted to express its appreciation to Chairman Emeritus Nye and serving the board well during his time.

Chairman Foster said he recommended the names of Regents Wilson and Adams be submitted as candidates to The University of Texas Board of Regents. He asked if either one had a comment. Vice Chairman Wilson said that was fine with him. Regent Adams said they should strongly consider Vice Chairman Wilson, who had a lot of ability and UTIMCO was an important entity for the A&M System. He said Chairman Emeritus Nye did a good job and

became UTIMCO chairman. Regent Adams expressed his belief that Vice Chairman Wilson would lead in the same fashion.

Regent Adams moved for adoption of the minute order. Regent Box seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent’s name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents’ vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (045):

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**MINUTE ORDER 045-2011 (ITEM 4)**

**APPROVAL OF LIST OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR(S) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY (UTIMCO), BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 66.08(e), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System submits a list of candidates with substantial background and expertise in investments to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. The University of Texas System Board then selects one or more of those persons to serve on the Board of Directors of The University of Texas Investment Management Company.

The following list of candidates is hereby recommended:

- Mr. Jim Wilson
- Mr. Phil Adams

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Chairman Foster presented Item 5, the adoption of a resolution honoring Mr. Lupe Fraga for his outstanding dedication and service as a member of the Board of Regents and bestowing the title of Regent Emeritus, Board of Regents of the A&M System.

Regent White moved for adoption of the minute order. Regent Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent’s name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents’ vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (046):

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**MINUTE ORDER 046-2011 (ITEM 5)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. LUPE FRAGA  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF REGENT EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Whereas, Mr. Fraga received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University in 1957; and

Whereas, while a student at Texas A&M University, Mr. Fraga was a letterman on the baseball team; and

Whereas, after graduation he joined the United States Army, where he earned the rank of First Lieutenant; and

Whereas, Mr. Fraga has been active with Harris County community activities including serving as chairman of the board of the Harris County Child Protective Services, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Houston Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank Dallas-Houston Branch; and

Whereas, Mr. Fraga has served his community as a member of numerous boards including the Development Board for the Galveston-Houston Catholic Diocese, Metropolitan and National YMCA, Houston Hispanic Forum, Strake Foundation, Houston Urban League, Houston Proud, Houston Area Boy Scouts, and Trees for Houston and Zoological Society; and

Whereas, he also has served on the executive committees of the United Way-Gulf Coast Chapter, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Mayoral Economic Task Force; and

Whereas, Mr. Fraga's company, Tejas Office Products, Inc., has been recognized as one of Houston's Top 100 Small Businesses and as one of Houston's Largest Area Minority-Owned Businesses, and has won several supplier of the year awards; and

Whereas, Mr. Fraga is a 2003 recipient of the Mays Business School Outstanding Alumnus Award from Texas A&M University and been awarded numerous honors concerning his community work; and

Whereas, Mr. Fraga served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, having been appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2005; and

Whereas, while a member of the Board of Regents, he served as chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and the Committee on Educational Access and as a member of the Committee on Audit, the Policy Review Committee and the Committee on Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement; and



Whereas, he also served as the Board’s Special Liaison to the executive committee of the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum; and

Whereas, during his six years of service on the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center grew significantly with a new campus in Bryan; and

Whereas, during his tenure, two new universities, Texas A&M University-Central Texas and Texas A&M University-San Antonio, joined the A&M System; and

Whereas, during this time, student enrollment at A&M System institutions grew from 101,295 to more than 120,000; and

Whereas, during this time, funding for research across the A&M System increased from \$563 million to \$772 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for his distinguished service; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of his esteemed service, the title of Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Lupe Fraga; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and be presented to Mr. Fraga and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for The Texas A&M University System and for the State of Texas.

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Chairman Foster presented Item 6, the adoption of a resolution honoring Mr. Gene Stallings for his outstanding dedication and service as a member of the Board of Regents and bestowing the title of Regent Emeritus, and authorizing the naming of “Gene Stallings Boulevard,” at Texas A&M University.

Chairman Foster said he believed Mr. Stallings would be very pleased with the naming of this boulevard. Dr. Loftin said it would be Clark Street, the north/south street immediately west of the Board of Regents Annex. He said they could not determine a historical reason for that name being selected in the past and felt it was a very good way to honor Mr. Stallings for his dedicated service to Texas A&M as a Regent and coach.

Regent Adams moved for adoption of the minute order. Vice Chairman Wilson seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent’s name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents’ vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (047):

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**MINUTE ORDER 047-2011 (ITEM 6)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. GENE STALLINGS  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS, BESTOWING THE TITLE OF REGENT EMERITUS, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF “GENE STALLINGS BOULEVARD,”  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Whereas, Mr. Stallings, a native Texan, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1957; and

Whereas, while a student at Texas A&M University, Mr. Stallings was a member of the “Junction Boys” on the Texas A&M University football team from 1954 to 1956 and helped win the first Southwest Conference championship since 1939; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallings was the head coach for Texas A&M University from 1965 to 1972 and led the Aggies to win the Southwest Conference in 1967; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallings held a distinguished 18-year professional football coaching career, including assistant coach of the Dallas Cowboys, head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals and head coach of the Phoenix Cardinals; and

Whereas, during that time he earned induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Texas A&M University Hall of Fame, Gator Bowl Hall of Fame, Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame, and the College Football Hall of Fame as part of the 2010 class; and

Whereas, he also received recognition as National Coach of the Year, American Football Coaches’ Coach of the Year, Paul Bryant Coach of the Year, and two-time Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallings has been actively involved with humanitarian work and has been the recipient of numerous humanitarian awards and honors including the Arthritis Humanitarian Award of Alabama, National Boys Club Alumni of the Year, Dallas Father of the Year, Humanitarian Award of the Lion’s Club of Alabama, and Paris Boys Club Wall of Honor; and

Whereas, he is serving, or has served, as a member of numerous boards including the Tandy Brand Corporation, the Texas Rangers Law Enforcement Association, the Great Southern Wood Corporation, Boys and Girls Club of Paris, Texas, People’s National Bank of Paris, Disability Resources, Abilene Christian University, and President George W. Bush’s Commission on Intellectual Disability; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallings was awarded Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University in 2000; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallings is the author of a book, Another Season, which describes the love he has for his late son who was born with Down Syndrome; and

Whereas, Mr. Stallings was appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Rick Perry in 2005; and

Whereas, while a member of the Board of Regents he served as chairman of the Policy Review Committee and as a member of the Committee on Audit, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, the Committee on Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement and the Committee on Educational Access; and

Whereas, he also served as the Board’s Special Athletic Liaison to System members; and

Whereas, during his six years of service on the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University Health Science Center grew significantly with a new campus in Bryan; and two new universities, Texas A&M University-Central Texas and Texas A&M University-San Antonio, joined the A&M System; and

Whereas, during his service, student enrollment at A&M System institutions grew from 101,295 to more than 120,000; and

Whereas, during his time, funding for research expenditures across the A&M System increased from \$563 million to \$772 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for his distinguished service; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of his esteemed service, the title of Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Gene Stallings; and, be it, further

Resolved, that to recognize the legacy of Coach Gene Stallings and the distinction he has brought to Texas A&M University during his lifetime, Clark Street on the Texas A&M University campus is hereby renamed “Gene Stallings Boulevard”; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and be presented to Mr. Stallings and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for The Texas A&M University System and for the State of Texas.

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Chairman Foster presented Item 7, the adoption of a resolution honoring Mrs. Ida Clement Steen for her outstanding dedication and service as a member of the Board of Regents and bestowing the title of Regent Emerita, and authorizing the award of an honorary degree from Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Chairman Foster said this was a degree that she had earned through her efforts to bring Texas A&M-San Antonio to the forefront and making it a stand-alone, four-year university.

Regent Mendoza moved for adoption of the minute order. Regent Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he would call each regent's name so their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regents' vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Box – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Foster said he voted "yes." The following minute order was approved (048):

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**MINUTE ORDER 048-2011 (ITEM 7)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. IDA CLEMENT STEEN  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE AS A  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, BESTOWING THE TITLE OF  
REGENT EMERITA, AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN  
HONORARY DEGREE FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Whereas, Mrs. Steen was raised on a South Texas ranch that has been in her family since 1853; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from Trinity University; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen was a teacher and administrator at the Learning about Learning Educational Foundation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen is director of Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. and North Frost Bank, and past president of Club Giraud; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen is serving as sponsor of the Charity Ball Association and as a member of the Advisory Council of San Antonio Academy; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen has served, or is serving, as director of the Children’s Hospital Foundation, Charity Ball Association, Learning About Learning Educational Foundation, San Antonio Botanical Center Society and Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital Foundation, and as trustee of Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital Endowment Fund and Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Academy, as co-chairman of the Cattle Barons Gala benefiting the American Cancer Society, president of Pan-Texas Assembly, and as a member of the Junior League and the Advisory Council of the San Antonio Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen served as chairman of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of King Ranch, Inc. and the 2011 Texas Inaugural Committee; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, having been appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2005; and

Whereas, while a member of the Board of Regents, Mrs. Steen served as chairman of the Committee on Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, and as a member of the Committee on Finance, the Policy Review Committee and the Herman F. & Minnie Belle Heep Texas A&M University Foundation; and

Whereas, Mrs. Steen also served as the Board’s Special Liaison to the Texas Growth Fund Board, the Bill and Irma Runyon Art Collection Committee, the Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Development Council and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

Whereas, during her six years of service on the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center grew significantly with a new campus in Bryan; and

Whereas, during her tenure, two new universities, Texas A&M University-Central Texas and Texas A&M University-San Antonio joined the A&M System; and

Whereas, during this time, student enrollment at A&M System institutions grew from 101,295 to more than 120,000; and

Whereas, during this time, funding for research across the A&M System increased from \$563 million to \$772 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for her distinguished service; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of her esteemed service, the title of Regent Emerita of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Mrs. Ida Clement Steen; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in tribute to her service to the State of Texas, the City of San Antonio and service with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, the President of Texas A&M University-San Antonio is hereby authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Mrs. Ida Clement Steen; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Mrs. Steen and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude for all that she has done for The Texas A&M University System and for the State of Texas.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Box, seconded by Regent Adams and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m., the same day.

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

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*(These minutes were transcribed by Gwen Kirby, Senior Office Associate, Office of the Board of Regents.)*