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OF

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CONVENE

Chairman Richard A. Box convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 10:02 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2012, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present by telephone:

Dr. Richard A. Box, Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams, Vice Chairman
Ms. Judy Morgan
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. Cliff Thomas
Mr. John D. White
Mr. Quinten Womack (Student Regent)

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

Ms. Elaine Mendoza

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Morris Foster
Mr. Jim Wilson

Chairman Box announced 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.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:02 a.m., Chairman Box 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 Item 1. He 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.

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session from 10:04 a.m. until 10:19 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Box reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:20 a.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 10:04 a.m. until 10:19 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2012, considered Item 1, and conferred with attorneys.

Chairman Box asked for a motion to adopt Item 1.

Regent Morgan moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 1. Vice Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Box said he would call each regent's name so that their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regent's vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes. Chairman Box voted "yes." The following minute order was approved (145):

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**MINUTE ORDER 145-2012 (ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIKE SHERMAN,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with Mike Sherman, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

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Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M International University (present by telephone), presented Item 2, noting that Senator Judith Zaffirini's relationship to the university has been a constant and steady blessing for the community for 26 years. He pointed out that Senator Zaffirini wrote the legislation that created the university and has remained in office and ensured that the tuition revenue bonds and programmatic resources have been put in place to allow the university to grow as it has. Dr. Keck said this request reflected what Dr. Zaffirini had done for Laredo; however, she has had a much wider role in promoting higher education throughout the state of Texas. He added that this request not only recognized her support in Laredo, but also her importance to education and her time in place represented an entire generation of public life dedicated to education.

Chairman Box noted that President Keck requested an exception to System Policy 51.06 due to the extraordinary facts surrounding this request and with the vote, that exception would be allowed.

Chairman Box asked for any discussion or questions concerning the naming item.

Chancellor John Sharp said Senator Zaffirini was not only important to our past, but important to our future as well and extremely important to higher education.

Chairman Box asked for a motion to adopt Item 2.

Regent Schwertner said he was honored to make a motion to name the Student Success Center at Texas A&M International University as the "Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center."

Regent Schwertner moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 2. Regent Mendoza seconded the motion.

Chairman Box asked if there was any further discussion or debate. There was no further discussion.

Chairman Box said he would call each regent's name so that their vote was properly recorded. The record of the regent's vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes. Chairman Box voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (146):

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**MINUTE ORDER 146-2012 (ITEM 2)**

**NAMING OF  
SENATOR JUDITH ZAFFIRINI STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

The Student Success Center on the campus of Texas A&M International University is hereby named the “Senator Judith Zaffirini Student Success Center.”

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Morgan, seconded by Regent Thomas and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m., the same day.

Vickie Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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(Darlene Levens, Assistant to the Board of Regents, Office of the Board of Regents transcribed these minutes.)