

MINUTES

OF THE

SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS

OF

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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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 2:06 p.m., Friday, June 29, 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
Mr. Morris Foster
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
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:

Mr. Jim Wilson

Chairman Box 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.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:07 p.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 2:08 p.m. until 2:50 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Box reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:51 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 2:08 p.m. until 2:50 p.m., Friday, June 29, 2012, considered Items 1 and 2, and conferred with attorneys.

(Secretary's Note: Vice Chairman Adams was not present for this portion of the meeting.)

Chairman Box asked for a motion to adopt Item 1.

Regent Jim Wilson moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 1. Regent Elaine Mendoza 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: Foster – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Box voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (147):

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**MINUTE ORDER 147-2012 (ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION  
TO IDENTIFY A CANDIDATE; AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN  
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH SUCH CANDIDATE AS  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to take any and all action to identify a candidate, and negotiate and execute an employment agreement with such candidate as Texas A&M University's athletic director, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

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Chairman Box asked for a motion to adopt Item 2.

Regent Schwertner commended Chairman Box and his leadership of the Board, Chancellor Sharp and President Loftin, noting that this was a momentous occasion. Regent Schwertner said that he was honored to make a motion to approve this item.

Regent Schwertner moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 2. Regent Judy Morgan 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: Foster – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson - yes. Chairman Box voted “yes.” The following minute order was approved (148):

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**MINUTE ORDER 148-2012 (ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND  
THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION TO INVESTIGATE AND PURSUE  
A POTENTIAL AFFILIATION WITH TEXAS WESLEYAN SCHOOL OF LAW,  
INCLUDING APPROVAL TO AMEND THE TABLE OF PROGRAMS FOR  
PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY FOR A FIRST-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN LAW  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and the President of Texas A&M University to take any and all action to investigate and pursue a potential affiliation with Texas Wesleyan School of Law, including approval to amend Texas A&M University's Table of Programs for preliminary authority for a first-professional degree program in law.

The Board also authorizes the submission of Texas A&M University's preliminary authority request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Wilson, seconded by Regent Schwertner and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

VBS:kdl

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