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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 9:05 a.m., Friday, August 17, 2012, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

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

Mr. Phil Adams, Vice Chairman
Mr. Morris Foster
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
Ms. Judy Morgan
Mr. John D. White
Mr. Quinten Womack (Student Regent)

The following members of the Board were present in the Board Meeting Room:

Dr. Richard A. Box, Chairman
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. Jim Wilson

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Cliff Thomas

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.

Chairman Box announced that there were no executive session items for this meeting. He asked Regent Jim Schwertner, Chair of the Committee on Buildings & Physical Plant to introduce the first item. Regent Schwertner asked Dr. George Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), who was available by phone, to present Item 1.

Dr. Wright presented this item, seeking authorization to execute a ground lease for six acres, more or less, to American Campus Communities for construction of Phase VII of student housing at PVAMU. He said PVAMU had outsourced its housing operation since 1996 and have had a long standing and positive working relationship with American Campus Communities. He reported that for the past few years, they had reached 100% occupancy and had a wait list of hundreds of students who wished to live and learn in their campus housing community. Dr. Wright said the phase they were requesting would add between 325-350 beds, would bring their total bed count to 3,900 and represented almost 70% of their undergraduates. He noted that it was probably the largest on-campus housing percentage-wise of any school in

the state of Texas. He pointed out that this request was primarily for graduate and family housing. As they were trying to increase graduate enrollment, it meant they were dealing with an older population who were often married with children and wanted to be in facilities away from the average 17 or 18 freshman and sophomore. Dr. Wright added that this plan was consistent with the campus master plan. There were no questions or comments.

Chairman Box asked for a motion to adopt Item 1.

Regent Jim Schwertner moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 1. 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: Adams – yes, Foster – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Box voted "yes." The following minute order was approved (212):

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**MINUTE ORDER 212-2012 (ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE FOR PHASE VII OF  
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING FOR PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his 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), or its affiliate, covering six acres, more or less, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University for the construction of Phase VII of on-campus student housing consisting of approximately 96 units/336 beds.

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Chairman Box said Item 2 was a request for namings in the Lobby of the Leadership Learning Center I and the Leadership Learning Center II Facilities at Texas A&M University.

Chairman Box said Item 3 was a request for namings of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Lower Level Basement Facilities, MSC Pillars and 12th Man Hall Pillar at Texas A&M.

Chairman Box asked Dr. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M, to present these items.

Dr. Loftin presented Item 2, a request to provide namings for two areas of the first Leadership Learning Center, which was just finished for the Corps of Cadets. The first was naming of the Lobby for Helaine & Gerald Ray '54 and Barbara & Donald Zale '55 and the other was for the second Leadership Learning Center's naming in honor of H. Grady Ash, Jr. '58. Dr. Loftin added that they were very pleased with the generous support of these donors in helping to renew the Quad. There were no questions or comments.

Chairman Box said if there were no questions, he would like to have both of these motions adopted at the same time. He asked for a motion to adopt Items 2 and 3.

Regent Mendoza moved for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 2 and 3. Regent Jim Wilson 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, Foster – yes; Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, White – yes, Wilson - yes. Chairman Box voted "yes." The following minute orders were approved (213 and 214):

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**MINUTE ORDER 213-2012 (ITEM 2)**

**NAMINGS IN THE LOBBY OF THE LEADERSHIP LEARNING CENTER I FACILITY ON THE QUAD (HELAINÉ & GERALD RAY '54 AND BARBARA & DONALD ZALE '55 LOBBY) AND LEADERSHIP LEARNING CENTER II FACILITY ON THE QUAD (H. GRADY ASH JR. '58 LEADERSHIP LEARNING CENTER), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The lobby of the Leadership Learning Center I facility on the Quad at Texas A&M University is hereby named "Helaine & Gerald Ray '54 and Barbara & Donald Zale '55 Lobby." The Leadership Learning Center II facility on the Quad at Texas A&M University is hereby named "H. Grady Ash, Jr. '58 Leadership Learning Center."

**MINUTE ORDER 214-2012 (ITEM 3)**

**NAMINGS IN THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The Choral Activities Music Library in the lower level basement in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University is hereby named "Eddie and Joe B. Mattei '53 Choral Activities Music Library."

A pillar in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University is hereby named "In Memory of T.O. Walton, President, A. & M. College of Texas, 1925-1943, Given by Jean Walton Vilas and John R. Vilas '53."

A pillar in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University is hereby named "In Memory of T.T. Walton, M.D. '27, Given by Jean Walton Vilas and John R. Vilas '53."

A pillar in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University is hereby named "Shield Ayres Foundation, Marshall Ayres Bowen '12."

A pillar in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University is hereby named "The Oliver Family, Bill '62 & Coylene Oliver, Will '91 & Leslie Oliver, Kriki '92 & David Jesulaitis, Greyson Oliver '10."

A 12th Man Hall pillar in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University is hereby named “The Raba Family, Bunny Jean & Carl Raba ‘59, Joni ‘80 & Gary Raba ‘80, Nancy ‘82 & Bill Maloy ‘80, Merry ‘84 & William Raba ‘86, Cheryl Raba ‘84, Cathy Wolfe ‘84.”

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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 9:12 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.)