

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**OF**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**January 23, 2012**

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**January 23, 2012**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Richard A. Box convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 3:37 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2012, in Conference Room 3115/3116 of the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building at 301 Old Main Drive 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. Jim Wilson  
Mr. Fernando Treviño (Student Regent)

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 3:39 p.m., Chairman Box announced that the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Sections 71 and 74, 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 3:40 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Box reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:01 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 3:40 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2012, and considered executive session Item 1 and conferred with attorneys on personnel and legal matters.

Chairman Box asked for a motion to adopt Item 1.

Regent Wilson moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 1. Regent 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 regents' vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Foster – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes, Wilson – yes. Chairman Box voted "yes." The following minute order was approved (001):

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**MINUTE ORDER 001-2012 (ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO  
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH  
THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE AND ITS MEMBERS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement with the Big 12 Conference and its members.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Morgan, seconded by Regent White and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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*(These minutes were transcribed by Darlene Levens, Assistant to the Board, Office of the Board of Regents.)*