

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

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OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**February 17, 2014**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Phil Adams convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 4:05 p.m., Monday, February 17, 2014, in the Board Meeting Room on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Adams announced that this special telephonic meeting had been duly posted with the Secretary of State and called each Regent's name to confirm their participation. He said others from the administration would join by phone as needed.

The following member of the Board was present in the meeting room:

Mr. Phil Adams, Chairman

The following members of the Board were present by telephone:

Mr. Cliff Thomas, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Morris Foster  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Ms. Judy Morgan  
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz  
Mr. Jim Schwertner  
Mr. John D. White  
Mr. Nicholas Madere (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Anthony Buzbee

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:06 p.m., Chairman Adams announced that the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72 and 74 of the Texas Government Code, including Items 1 and 2. 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 4:08 p.m. until 4:20 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:22 p.m. and announced that the Board met in executive session from 4:08 p.m. until 4:20 p.m., and considered executive session Items 1 and 2 and conferred with the Chancellor, several System and university administrators and attorneys on personnel and legal matters.

Chairman Adams introduced Dr. Dennis Christiansen, Director, Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), who presented Item 3.

Dr. Christiansen advised that the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) task force recommended that a public-private partnership be created to make Texas the premier location to develop, test and implement new transportation technology and attract to Texas those companies involved in doing that work. He said that TTI has been asked by TXDOT to take the lead initially in this public-private partnership. He reported that TXDOT has provided two years of significant funding to get this effort started. He said after those two years, it was intended to be a self-sustaining operation through memberships bought by both the private and the public sector.

Dr. Christiansen emphasized that timing is key and we need to get moving – timing is now, as other states are already doing this. He said from a TTI perspective, this is the future vehicle of communication, a vehicle of infrastructure communication. He said more importantly, from a Texas perspective, doing this right is a key to sustaining the economic growth in the state of Texas.

Regent Foster asked from where the funding would come. Dr. Christiansen said they signed a contract about two weeks ago with TXDOT for a million dollars per year for the first two years. He said after that it would be sustained with private and public entities paying to belong and be a part of this center.

Regent Morgan questioned if they were being asked to approve funding. Dr. Christiansen replied in the negative.

Chairman Adams thanked Dr. Christiansen for his leadership and said if there were no further comments or discussion, he would like to call for a motion to adopt Items 1 through 3.

Regent White moved for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 through 3. Regent Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Adams said he would call each regent's name to properly record their vote. The record of the regents' vote is as follows: Foster – yes, Mendoza – yes, Morgan – yes, Schwartz – yes, Schwertner – yes, Thomas – yes, White – yes and Chairman Adams voted “yes.” The following minute orders were approved (056 through 058).

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**MINUTE ORDER 056-2014**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRETT GIROIR  
AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Effective immediately, Dr. Brett Giroir is hereby appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Texas A&M Health Science Center, at the current salary level of \$551,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 057-2014**

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. GLEN A. LAINE AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Effective immediately, Dr. Glen A. Laine is hereby appointed Vice President for Research at Texas A&M University, at the current salary level of \$300,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 058-2014**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACCELERATE TEXAS CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

The Accelerate Texas Center is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Mendoza and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*VBS/kdl*

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