

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**HELD IN**

**COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

**February 3, 2015**

*(Approved April 29, 2015)*

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

**February 3, 2015**

CONVENE ..... 1

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION ..... 1

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION ..... 1

*MINUTE ORDER 001-2015 NAMING OF MR. MICHAEL K. YOUNG AS THE SOLE FINALIST  
    FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM*..... 3

ADJOURN..... 3

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

**February 3, 2015**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Phil Adams convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 5:35 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in the Board Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Adams said the purpose for the meeting was for consideration and action regarding one item as shown in the agenda materials, and posted with the Secretary of State. He called each Regent's name to confirm their participation.

The following members of the Board were present by telephone:

Mr. Phil Adams, Chairman  
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee  
Ms. Elaine Mendoza  
Ms. Judy Morgan  
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz  
Mr. Jim Schwertner  
Mr. John D. White

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Morris E. Foster  
Mr. Colton Buckley (Student Regent)

**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Adams announced that a quorum was present and said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74 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.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:40 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 5:37 p.m. until 5:38 p.m., and considered Item 1 and conferred with the Chancellor, several System administrators and attorneys.

Chairman Adams called on Chancellor Sharp to present Item 1.

Chancellor Sharp said that he and the search committee, under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman Thomas, had spent a year looking all over the country and the world at candidates to become the next president of Texas A&M University. He said they enthusiastically recommended Mr. Michael K. Young to be the sole finalist for President of Texas A&M. He said

in their opinion, Mr. Young will be a president like they have never seen before; one with national academic credentials and a great fit for Texas A&M. Chancellor Sharp said that when Mr. Young visited the campus, he saw a university that is already the largest research university in the southwest, but he looks at it as an opportunity to achieve what our primary goal is, and that is to become the premier research university in the country. He said it was his belief that the primary reason Mr. Young decided to come to Texas A&M was because of his meeting with students, where he came away saying that this university has a special group of young men and women. Chancellor Sharp said that Mr. Young also met with members of the faculty, former students and others.

Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve Item 1.

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

Ms. Morgan commended Regents Thomas and Mendoza for their tireless service on the search committee. Chairman Adams applauded Regents Thomas and Mendoza and Chancellor Sharp for their efforts, persistence and leadership over the last year.

Chancellor Sharp thanked Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President of Texas A&M, for his stewardship which allowed the search committee the time it needed to find the best presidential candidate.

Regent Schwartz concurred that Dr. Hussey did a commendable job which allowed them to do a terrific job in selecting a new president.

Chairman Adams commented that they could not have been as effective in their search were it not for Dr. Hussey. He asked if there were additional comments.

Mr. Jim Woosley, Texas A&M Faculty Senate Speaker, read a statement on behalf of the Faculty Senate. He said they were excited to welcome Mr. Young and expressed their belief that his experience and professional expertise will bring valuable perspectives to Texas A&M. He added that it was valuable to have members of the faculty serve on the search committee and actively participate in the process. Mr. Woosley said the process has given us a leader with great academic credentials and a proven track record who is well respected nationally and internationally. He said they also enjoyed working with Dr. Hussey during the interim and wished him well as he returns to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Chairman Adams thanked Mr. Woosley for his leadership.

The following minute order was approved (001).

~~~~~

**MINUTE ORDER 001-2015**

**NAMING OF MR. MICHAEL K. YOUNG  
AS THE SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Michael K. Young is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of president of Texas A&M University. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

~~~~~

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Vice Chairman Thomas, seconded by Regent Mendoza and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes were transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)*