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**MINUTES OF THE
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CONVENE – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Mr. John White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 1:35 p.m., on Thursday, February 1, 2007, Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John White, Chairman
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams (*joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m.*)
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Lowry Mays
Mr. Erle Nye (*joined the meeting at 2:50 pm*)
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White announced that the Board would convene in executive session to consider matters as provided in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: Section 71, for consultation with System attorneys regarding legal matters or pending and/or contemplated litigation or settlement offers; Section 72, for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (including Item 12); Section 73, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; and Section 74, for deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear complaints against an officer or employee (including Items 33 and 34).

Mr. White said that 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 on Thursday, February 1, 2007, from 1:37 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.; and Friday, February 2, 2007, from 8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)

RECONVENE– FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Mr. White announced that the Board meeting was reconvened at 9:17 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2007, in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC), Texas A&M University. He said that the Board met in executive session on Thursday, February 1, 2007, from 1:37 p.m. until 6:20 p.m. and earlier that same day from 8:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Mr. White said that in executive session the Board considered Items 12, 33 and 34. He said that they would vote on these items at the end of the meeting during the reports from the standing committees. He said that they had also conferred with the Chancellor, several System and university administrators and System attorneys on personnel, land, and legal matters.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John White, Chairman
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Lowry Mays
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

INVOCATION

Mr. White called on Ms. Katy Pounds, a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Women's Basketball Team, who presented the invocation.

Mr. White said that he continued to be impressed with the quality of students that come before the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. White introduced Dr. Ed Davis, newly appointed Interim President of TAMU. He commended and thanked Dr. David Prior, Executive Vice President and Provost. He said that Dr. Prior was Dr. Robert Gates' right arm and has been immersed in many important events at TAMU and that he continues to be an invaluable member of TAMU. Mr. White said that they need Dr. Prior to stay right where he is and to continue contributing at the same level.

Mr. White acknowledged Mr. Adams, Dr. Gramm and Mr. Mays. He said they had served six excellent years on the Board. He said that he does not know what they will do without Dr. Gramm and her expertise in faculty and tenure. He said that

Mr. Adams has also been a great contributor. Mr. White said that he admires the entire Board for their work ethics and the amount of time and effort they contribute. He said that he was honored to follow Mr. Mays as Chairman of the Board, but knew that no one could ever replace Mr. Mays. He said that he tries to model the meetings, punctuality and getting things done after what he saw the first two years when Mr. Mays was Chairman. Mr. White said that he pities the next student regent who will have to follow in Mr. Voelkel's footsteps. He said that Mr. Voelkel has been all over the System, meeting with students, presidents, and administrators and has done an incredible job representing the students. Mr. White also acknowledged Mrs. Thelma Isenhart, Assistant Executive Secretary to the Board, who was scheduled to on February 28, 2007.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor, said that the System would miss the Regents whose terms have expired and Mrs. Isenhart who would be retiring. He introduced Mr. Vergel L. Gay, newly appointed Facilities Planning and Construction Managing Director.

Dr. McKinney said that they have changed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) meetings with the Chancellor. They now have two separate meetings where they deal with agencies in one meeting and the presidents in another meeting. Dr. McKinney said he welcomed feedback on this change.

Dr. McKinney said that the legislature is in session and he makes no pretense in knowing what the outcome will be. He said that this session is focused on higher education. Dr. McKinney said that the commitment on the part of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House is focused on improving higher education. They have committed an increased level of funding. He said that the least amount proposed for higher education is \$300 million plus \$400 million for financial aid and financial aid is important in terms of access. He added that as public schools step up what they are doing and have more kids who are ready to go to college, it becomes our obligation to see to it that people from backgrounds who traditionally did not get to go to college have the opportunity. Dr. McKinney said that the attitude of the legislature is to help, not to hurt. He said that \$2.6 billion will be used by all of state government as additional spending. He said that this was the message they received at the press conference held by Governor Perry the day before.

Mr. Nye said that he was reluctant to agree entirely with the expectation that higher education is going to move forward and that we will be more productive, efficient, and responsive to accessibility. Mr. Nye said that his sense was that the legislature is pleased with what has happened and in many respects they are pleased with what has happened within the A&M System, but the expectation is that trend line will continue. He said that we will be more efficient, more sensitive to how we deal with student matters, sensitive about tuition and that we will work hard on making sure that higher education is within the reach of the ordinary Texas student.

Dr. McKinney responded that he agreed with Mr. Nye and he appreciated his comments. He said that what he was trying to sell the presidents and others is that this is a long session and that they should relax; the process is working as it should. He said that they should not relax in doing their job. He said that they are going to be expected to concentrate on the number of students they educate and the quality of the education and research. Dr. McKinney said that as a system we welcome the scrutiny and if we do not, we need to wonder why we do not. He said that burden can be put on him to see to it that we welcome the scrutiny.

Dr. McKinney updated the Board on the TAMU presidential search. He said that Dr. Doug Slack, chairman of the committee, has done a good job and is keeping the committee focused and on track.

Mr. Fraga commented that he was delighted to be part of the presidential search committee. He said that at the Governor's press conference he saw the effects of having Dr. McKinney as part of the team. He commended Dr. McKinney on the relationships he has established.

Dr. McKinney said that he recently visited Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) and encouraged everyone to visit that campus. He commented on several upcoming System events.

Dr. McKinney commented on the Martin Luther King Day incident at Tarleton State University (TSU). He said that they cannot ignore what happened at TSU and at TAMU in the past. He said that Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of TSU, and his staff handled the situation very well. He said that TSU held a public hearing and a town hall meeting where 350 people attended and this began the healing process. He said that TSU also sponsored a unity rally at the beginning of Black History Month. Dr. McKinney said that it was his intention to write an editorial and try to get the student newspaper at each campus to print it. He said that he was not as concerned about the actions. He said that actions and words are a reflection of what lies in the heart. He said that his concern was for the heart of the young people and what we have instilled in their hearts that would make them think some of these things were funny and okay. Dr. McKinney said that this was not okay and they were not funny. He said that it was not their actions that he worried about. It was their inner thoughts that make them think it's okay. He said that he was not trying to scold anyone, kick anyone out of school, or suppress anyone's freedom of speech or thought. He said that he does feel that we, as parents, adults and teachers have to think "what are we teaching our kids that would make them think that this was okay?"

Mr. White thanked Dr. McKinney for his comments and said that he and Mr. Jones have talked about ways we can get out in front of this rather than react. He said that the Board welcomes any thoughts and comments because this was not acceptable. He said that if this was a reflection of the System, then he was worried.

Mr. White said that the Governor has been telling them that during this four-year term he would be focused on higher education. He said that one of the things he appreciated not only from the Governor's Office, but from other legislators and their staff, was that the A&M System has a reputation of going prepared, well informed and open about our approach to the legislative process. Mr. White said that he also agreed with Mr. Nye that we would only get more scrutiny when we are in a leadership position and have the successes that the System has had. He said that he felt that higher education in the State of Texas would move forward in a positive way and that the A&M System must continue to lead.

Mr. White said that they formed a political action committee last fall. He said that the committee is a system-wide pact. He said that it looks like the pact would have raised in four months, through the commitments for an event on February 6, 2007, over \$500,000 in funding. He said that they have got to get into the process and there was proof around the System that alumni want to be heard. Mr. White said that this was not an advocacy group, but it was supporting the Chancellor's programs, the programs of Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, and the Regents' policies. He said that the university presidents were given checks to give to the legislators in their area. Mr. White said that the timing was also important going into the next four years where higher education would be the topic.

RECESS

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 9:43 a.m. and adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 10:38 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 11:34 a.m. and adjourned at 11:36 a.m. The Special Committee on Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement convened at 11:37 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.)

(Secretary's Note: Mrs. Steen departed the meeting at 10:37 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 11:38 a.m. He said that one request had been received to provide public testimony at this meeting, but the request had been withdrawn prior to the meeting; therefore, no public testimony would be heard. He called on Mr. Adams to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee met earlier that same day. He said the Committee considered and approved Items 1 through 4. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Item 5 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 001-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS, AND ENDOWMENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mays and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby accepts the gifts, donations, grants, and endowments made to the members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 07-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 002-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET GUIDELINES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mays and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The Texas A&M University System guidelines for the FY 2008 operating budgets, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, are hereby adopted.

**MINUTE ORDER 003-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF CITIBANK, N.A. DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT  
FOR TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mays and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

In accordance with The Texas A&M University System Policy 22.02 (*System Investment*), Citibank, N.A. is hereby approved as a depository for The Texas A&M University System.

**MINUTE ORDER 004-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION OF LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM DIVISION,  
RELATING TO THE TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR PRECLINICAL STUDIES  
WITHIN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mays and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The attached resolution and authorization to the Chancellor, or designee, to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and Note and to take such actions as are necessary in connection with the loan and requirements of the Revenue Financing System are hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**.

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Mr. White called on Mr. Nye to present the report from the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day. He said that they considered and approved Items 6 through 12. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 005-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND PROJECT BUDGET  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES FOR THE REED ARENA EXPANSION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The revised project scope for the Reed Arena Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

The revised project budget of \$21,521,000 for the Reed Arena Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$1,236,200, the amount of \$655,800 is appropriated from Account No. 02-030009 Stadium Revenue Fund for pre-construction services for the Reed Arena Expansion at Texas A&M University.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

Any gifts received for this project are hereby appropriated and previous appropriations are reverted first from Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Gifts) and secondly, if sufficient gifts are received, previous appropriations from the Stadium Revenue Fund will be reverted.

**MINUTE ORDER 006-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS  
PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
TO SELECT A DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTOR FOR THE  
TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR PRECLINICAL STUDIES FACILITY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$200,000 is appropriated from Account No.01-085330 Permanent University Fund-Debt Proceeds for a program of requirements for the Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies Facility at Texas A&M University.

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to approve the ranked order selection recommendation of the design-build firm to prepare the program of requirements for the Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies Facility at Texas A&M University. The firm is also selected to design and construct the initial phase of this project as determined in the program of requirements after the program is approved by the Board of Regents.

Authorization is granted to begin negotiations with the selected firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, authorization is granted to terminate those negotiations and begin negotiations with the firm next in order of ranking as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order as approved by the Chancellor, until an agreement for programming and a design-build contract are reached.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

**MINUTE ORDER 007-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES FOR THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER AND  
RUDDER COMPLEX LIFE SAFETY UPGRADES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The revised project scope for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrades at Texas A&M University is approved.

Previous appropriations of \$970,000 are reverted to Account No. 02-085008 Designated Tuition for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrades at Texas A&M University.

The budget amount of \$5,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrades at Texas A&M University.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 008-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“SAMUEL METTERS AUDITORIUM,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The Nathelyne Archie Kennedy Building Auditorium located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Samuel Metters Auditorium.”

**MINUTE ORDER 009-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WILLARD F. AND EDMUND L. KING ROMANCE SEMINAR ROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The Seminar Room in the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library located on the campus of Texas A&M International University is hereby named the “Willard F. and Edmund L. King Romance Seminar Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 010-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WAYNE H. KING DEPARTMENT OF  
CHEMICAL AND NATURAL GAS ENGINEERING,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The Department of Chemical and Natural Gas Engineering located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Wayne H. King Department of Chemical and Natural Gas Engineering.”



**MINUTE ORDER 011-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“RUSSELL C. LONG VIP ROOM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

Room 111 in the First United Bank Center located on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Russell C. Long VIP Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 012-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“NATRELLE LONG THEATRE FOYER,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

Room 139D, WTAMU Women’s Council Theater Foyer in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby renamed the “Natrell Long Theatre Foyer.”

**MINUTE ORDER 013-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WTAMU WILLIAM H. AND JOYCE ATTEBURY HONORS PROGRAM,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

The WTAMU Honors Program is hereby named the “WTAMU William H. and Joyce Attebury Honors Program.”

**MINUTE ORDER 014-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“MILESTONE WTAMU ENGINEERING LABORATORY,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

Room 115 in the WTAMU Engineering Building on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Milestone WTAMU Engineering Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 015-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE SPACE WITHIN THE  
METRO CENTRE BUILDING, BRYAN, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease 9,793 square feet of office space, more or less, in the Metro Centre Building located at 3833 S. Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas, for The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center. The primary term of the lease will be three years with the ability to renew the lease for two periods of one year each. The base rental rate is \$16.20 per square foot per year. The total estimated base rental for this lease is \$475,939.80.

**MINUTE ORDER 016-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AERIAL ELECTRIC EASEMENT  
TO BRAZOS ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.  
ACROSS A PORTION OF THE MCGREGOR EXPERIMENT STATION  
IN MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute an aerial electric easement in favor of Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for a 138 kV electrical transmission line across the McGregor Experiment Station in McLennan County, Texas. The dimensions of the easement are 100 feet in width and approximately 12,746 feet (772.48 rods) in length. The term of the easement will be for ten (10) years commencing February 25, 2007, with total consideration being \$77,248.00.

**MINUTE ORDER 017-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF THE SITE IN SAN ANTONIO  
FOR THE CAMPUS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH  
OFFICIALS FROM THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OR OTHERS  
FOR THE ULTIMATE ACQUISITION OF THE CAMPUS OF  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes and directs the Chancellor or his designee to enter into exclusive negotiations with Triple L Management and/or the City of San Antonio to give or make available on terms advantageous to The Texas A&M University System the site to be used as the location of the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus and, upon acceptance of the final terms and conditions, to enter into a definitive agreement for the campus property, and to take such further actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this Minute Order.

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Mr. Nye welcomed Mr. Gay and said that they were pleased to have him and that the Committee looked forward to working with him.

Mr. White acknowledged the presence of Mr. Roland Gutierrez, a member of the San Antonio City Council. He said that the selection of the site for the San Antonio campus had come from years of hard work with the Mayor and the City Council. He said that the Board had a real commitment not only to the City of San Antonio but to the State of the Texas that they would make this campus work. Mr. White said that great land choices were presented to them. He said that the Board had authorized the Chancellor to go forward and establish a great campus in San Antonio. Mr. Gutierrez said that they appreciated everything that the Board had done and that they were very excited with the proposal. He also thanked Mr. Mays for the work he had done.

Mr. White called on Dr. Gramm to present the report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Gramm, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered and approved Items 13 through 16. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 018-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY EXISTING ED.D. IN CURRICULUM  
AND INSTRUCTION AS A PH.D. IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents approves reclassifying the existing Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction as a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to request Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval to reclassify the Ed.D. degree in Curriculum and Instruction as a Ph.D. degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

**MINUTE ORDER 019-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER A MASTER OF EDUCATION  
IN ADULT EDUCATION DEGREE VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Education in Adult Education degree program by distance education, effective Spring 2007.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 020-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER A MASTER OF  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION VIA THE INTERNET,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M International University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Business Administration on-line.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 021-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE TO CREATE  
THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents approves the administrative change for Texas A&M International University to create the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Department of Social Work effective fall semester 2007.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M International University to submit this administrative change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. White presented Item 17-A through 17-E. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 022-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17-A)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
TONY BUZBEE '90  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective March 1, 2007, Tony Buzbee '90 is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 023-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17-B)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
VICE ADMIRAL JAMES C. CARD, USCG (RETIRED)  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective March 1, 2007, VADM James C. Card is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 024-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17-C)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
ROBERT A. FRY, JR.  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective March 1, 2007, Robert A. Fry, Jr. is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 025-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17-D)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
JOHN F. REINHART  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective March 1, 2007, John F. Reinhart is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 026-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 17-E)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. SHUBERT  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective March 1, 2007, Captain William G. Schubert, is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juaréz, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K), to present Item 18. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 027-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Mays and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in **Exhibit D**, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2008, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Stephen Hensley, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, to present Items 19 and 20. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 028-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY  
DOCTOR OF LEADERSHIP DEGREE TO  
TRUMAN ARNOLD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Texas A&M University-Texarkana is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Leadership degree to Truman Arnold.

**MINUTE ORDER 029-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY  
DOCTOR OF LEADERSHIP DEGREE TO  
ANITA ARNOLD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Texas A&M University-Texarkana is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Leadership degree to Anita Arnold.

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Mr. White called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 21 through 24. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 030-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 (*Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth in **Exhibit E**, Tenure List No. 07-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 031-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus/Emerita” upon individuals as shown in **Exhibit F**, Emeritus Title List No. 07-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 032-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING  
OF A PEACE OFFICER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (*Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers*), the Board of Regents hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of the peace officer by the President of the respective member of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in **Exhibit G**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 033-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING  
OF A PEACE OFFICER,  
TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the appointment of and commissions Texas Forest Service employee Maynard Williams as a peace officer.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Elsa Murano, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, to present Item 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 034-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL FOR  
DR. J. RICHARD CONNER AND MR. WAYNE HAMILTON,  
SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER,  
EMPLOYEE AND BOARD MEMBER OF A  
BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY  
FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby grants approval for Dr. J. Richard Conner, a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, and Mr. Wayne Hamilton, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management, both research faculty with appointments in Texas A&M University and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, to serve in their individual capacities as officers, employees and members of the board of directors of Grazingland Systems Management, Inc., a business entity that has an agreement with The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented and developed by Dr. Conner and Mr. Hamilton.

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Mr. White presented Item 26. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 035-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
NOVEMBER 1, 2006; NOVEMBER 22, 2006;  
DECEMBER 18, 2006 AND NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1, 2006,  
SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Mays and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Minutes of the November 1, 2006; November 22, 2006; December 18, 2006 and November 30-December 1, 2006, Special and Regular Board Meetings, are hereby approved.

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Mr. White presented Items 27 and 28. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 036-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO  
EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006 WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HORSE JUDGING TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team has excelled in skill and mastery in horse judging; and

Whereas, it was High Team at the National Reining Breeder's Classic in Katy, Texas, April 22, 2006; and

Whereas, it was High Team at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, October 11, 2006; and

Whereas, it was the fifth High Team at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 15, 2006; and

Whereas, it capped its season with a sixth consecutive Championship performance at the National Reining Horse Association Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 1, 2006; and

Whereas, Laura Wilder was High Individual at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship, Amy Northcutt was Reserve High Individual at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, and Tyler Crouse was Reserve High Individual at the National Reining Breeder's Classic; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of the team's coaches, Dr. John Pipkin, Mrs. Alexis Adams-Atwood, and Miss Lena Cottle, resulted in the team's outstanding accomplishments in bringing national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team for their contributions to West Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 037-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
DR. ROBERT M. GATES  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, Dr. Robert M. Gates has served with extraordinary distinction as the twenty-second President of Texas A&M University since assuming that position on August 1, 2002; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush has called upon Dr. Gates to assume the duties of Secretary of Defense in a time of war that is unique in the history of our great nation, taking on responsibilities widely considered to be among the most difficult, daunting and demanding in the world; and

Whereas, Dr. Gates has accepted President Bush's request to serve, and to do so at considerable personal sacrifice, formally resigning as President of Texas A&M University, effective December 18, 2006, to begin his new duties and responsibilities; and

Whereas, during Dr. Gates' presidency, Texas A&M University has made significant progress in key areas leading to enhancements that are increasingly being recognized in highly positive manners, both internally and externally, by focusing on faculty expansion and development, increasing diversity among the faculty, staff and student body, expanding enrollment and strengthening undergraduate and graduate programs, and launching a construction and renovation program of unprecedented proportions in support of the underlying academic initiatives, all in accordance with the ambitious guidelines set forth in the University's long-range study and resulting in the report, *Vision 2020: Creating a Culture of Excellence*; and

Whereas, during Dr. Gates' presidency, the faculty of Texas A&M University has been elevated and enhanced at an unparalleled rate, attributed in large part to the Faculty Reinvestment Program that he initiated and for which he set a goal of adding 447 new tenured and tenure-track faculty by 2007, with 352 of those positions having already been filled; and

Whereas, efforts led by Dr. Gates to increase faculty diversity have resulted in more than one-third of new faculty hires being women and a faculty in which minorities now represent more than twenty percent of the total; and

Whereas, during Dr. Gates' presidency, Texas A&M University has experienced unprecedented growth, with more than \$500 million of construction under way or in the planning stage, with the vast majority serving the university's growing academic programs in support of its teaching, research and service missions and being carried out in concert with the Faculty Reinvestment Program; and

Whereas, during his presidency, Dr. Gates established great rapport with the student body, as attested by the "send off" that literally thousands of Aggies staged on December 8, 2006, when they took the opportunity to say "good-bye" in their own way by singing the "Spirit of Aggieland" with Dr. Gates one last time; and

Whereas, Dr. Gates has embraced, and been embraced by, the Corps of Cadets, becoming the first non-cadet to be inducted into the Corps Hall of Honor; and

Whereas, during Dr. Gates' presidency, Texas A&M University has made great strides in its aggressive efforts to increase diversity on its campus, with unparalleled percentage growth in the number of minority students enrolled; and

Whereas, efforts led by Dr. Gates to increase student body diversity have resulted in seventy-seven percent more African-Americans enrolling as freshmen at Texas A&M University since 2003, fifty-nine percent more Hispanic freshmen, and seventy-one percent more Asian- American freshmen, as well as eighty-six percent more African-American graduate students and forty-eight percent more Hispanic graduate students; and

Whereas, Dr. Gates has led Texas A&M University to reach out to historically underserved populations through establishment of seven Regional Prospective Student Centers throughout Texas; and

Whereas, Dr. Gates has spearheaded efforts resulting in more than one-quarter of Texas A&M University's freshman classes over the past three years being made up of first generation college students; and

Whereas, during Dr. Gates' presidency, Texas A&M University has joined with the cities of Bryan and College Station to build "The Community of Respect," helping those on campus and in the community develop greater cultural awareness and knowledge; and

Whereas, Dr. Gates has enabled the building of an athletic program, which in partnership with the capital fundraising efforts of the 12th Man Foundation, is reaching new levels of national competitiveness and one in which we all can be proud; and

Whereas, during Dr. Gates' presidency, the One Spirit One Vision Campaign, under the leadership of the Texas A&M Foundation, reached its goal of \$1 billion by the summer of 2005, eighteen months early, with the campaign projected to reach \$1.4 billion by its conclusion on December 31, 2006; and

Whereas, Dr. Gates has accepted President Bush's call to return to service with the Federal Government, having previously served six Presidents during his 27-year career as a professional in the intelligence field, including serving as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our deepest gratitude, respect and appreciation to Dr. Robert M. Gates for the exemplary service and the inspired and visionary leadership that he provided as President of Texas A&M University and as an advocate for higher education in the State of Texas by conferring upon him the title of "President Emeritus," to be effective on February 2, 2007; and, be it, further

Resolved, that we wish him well and great success as he embarks upon his new assignment as Secretary of Defense for our great nation, confident in our collective belief that this crucial assignment is in the best possible hands; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Robert M. Gates and to the Archives of Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System, as a permanent mark of the high esteem in which Dr. Gates is held by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System.

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Mr. White said the resolution would be presented to Dr. Gates at a future date. called on Dr. McKinney to present Item 33. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 038-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. DAN D. GARCIA  
AS ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS  
AND DEAN OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective February 24, 2007, Mr. Dan D. Garcia is hereby appointed Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Enrollment Management at West Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$115,000.

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Mr. White said that Item 34 had been resolved and that no action was necessary. This item was withdrawn because no action was required.

Mr. White called on Mr. Nye to present Item 29. Mr. Nye said that he was flattered, pleased, and proud to present the resolution in honor of his friend and colleague Phil Adams. He said that he had served on many boards and was a very successful businessman and a friend of people across the state and nation. He said that Mr. Adams brought wonderful characteristics and attributes to the Board. Mr. Nye said that they have learned that when Mr. Adams speaks, they need to pay attention. He said that he was a product of West Texas and a wonderful family. He said that the best thing he could say about Mr. Adams was to look around him and see the circle of friends he has. He said that he would hope that Mr. Adams would continue to serve this university as he has for so many years and to serve this state. Mr. Nye said that he has all the characteristics you would like to see in the coach of your little league team, someone who teaches Sunday school to your kids and business partner.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 039-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. PHIL ADAMS  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Phil Adams received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1971; and

Whereas, upon graduating, Mr. Adams began a career in the insurance business; and

Whereas, as the founder of the Phil Adams Company, Mr. Adams has attained membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, Top of the Table, and the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting; and

Whereas, Mr. Adams has served on the Boards of Directors of American Momentum Bank and First American Bank, and on the boards of many civic organizations, including the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, Texas A&M/BCS Council, Brazos County United Way and Central Texas Association of Life Underwriters; and

Whereas, Mr. Adams has served as president of the Brazos Valley Estate Council, chairman of the Brazos County Republican Party and vice chairman of the Texas Public Policy Foundation; and

Whereas, he also has served on the board of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, on the Mays Business School Development Council at Texas A&M University, and as a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas; and

Whereas, Mr. Adams was appointed to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System by Governor Rick Perry in 2001; and

Whereas, in this role, he has served as chairman of the Committee on Finance and as a member of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, the Public Policy and Planning Committee, the Committee on Health Affairs, and the Health Science Center Review Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Adams also has served as the Board of Regents' liaison to the Texas A&M University Research Foundation and the 12th Man Foundation; and



Whereas, he also has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, the Presidential Library Committee and the Herman F. & Minnie Belle Heep Foundation; and

Whereas, during his six years of service, the value of the A&M System's combined investment portfolios grew from \$1.38 billion to \$2.20 billion, an increase of more than \$820 million; and

Whereas, construction volume across the A&M System grew from \$558 million to \$1.17 billion, an increase of nearly \$621 million; and

Whereas, this construction includes major new facilities, such as the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building at Texas A&M University, the Science Building and Planetarium at Texas A&M University-Commerce, and the first phase of a new campus for Texas A&M University-Texarkana; and

Whereas, during this time The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center grew significantly with the planned expansion of the College of Medicine, the opening of the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and the planned new campus in Bryan; and

Whereas, during his six years of service on the Board of Regents, student enrollment in A&M System institutions grew from 94,600 to more than 103,000; and

Whereas, during this time, the A&M System's budget grew from \$2 billion to \$2.6 billion; and

Whereas, during this time, funding for research across the A&M System increased from \$425 million to \$600 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest heartfelt gratitude and respect for the outstanding leadership shown by Mr. Phil Adams as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of his service to the Board, the title of Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Phil Adams; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, be presented to Regent Adams and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held.

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Mr. Stallings said that the hardest way in the world to earn a scholarship in football was to be a “walk on.” He said that Mr. Adams came to Texas A&M, walked on the team, and earned a scholarship. Mr. Stallings said that Mr. Adams was one of the few players he had coached that played to such potential.

Mr. White called on Mr. Stallings to present Item 30. Mr. Stallings said that it was a joy for him to say a few words the previous evening on behalf of Dr. Gramm and what she has meant to the Board. He said that even though Senator Phil Gramm ran for President of the United States, she was probably as important in Washington, D.C. as he was. Mr. Stallings said that she had served two presidents and was known as President Ronald Reagan’s favorite economist. He said that he was amazed when he read her resume. Mr. Stallings said that she has been an inspiration to him personally.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 040-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. WENDY GRAMM  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF EMERITA,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Stallings, seconded by Mr. Adams and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, Dr. Wendy Gramm received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College in 1966 and Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1971; and

Whereas, she began her career in economics at Texas A&M University, where she taught economics from 1970 to 1978; and

Whereas, she has also served as Administrator for Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget, as the Executive Director of the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief and as Director of the Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Economics; and

Whereas, under the administrations of President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush, Dr. Gramm served as chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and

Whereas, Dr. Gramm is the founder and director of the Regulatory Studies Program of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia; and

Whereas, Dr. Gramm has served on 11 boards, including the Board of Visitors of Georgetown University's Law and Economics Center, the National Advisory Board of the Republican Women's Federal Forum and the board of the International Republican Institute; and

Whereas, she has served on the executive committee of the Association of Private Enterprise Education and is a member of the board of the Texas Public Policy Foundation; and

Whereas, she has received several awards, including Financial Executive of the Year from the Financial Management Association; and

Whereas, Dr. Gramm was appointed to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System by Governor Rick Perry in 2001; and

Whereas, in this role she has served as chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and the Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee and as a member of the Committee on Audit, the Committee on Educational Access, and the Committee on Health Affairs; and

Whereas, her efforts to strengthen the academic program review process have helped ensure that A&M System students are fully prepared to enter the workforce or pursue advanced degrees; and

Whereas, her focus on increasing graduation rates has helped more students to graduate in a timely manner; and

Whereas, her efforts to strengthen the tenure review process have helped ensure that A&M System faculty are highly qualified and thoroughly engaged in teaching; and

Whereas, during her six years of service on the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center grew significantly with the planned expansion of the College of Medicine, the opening of the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and the planned new campus in Bryan; and

Whereas, during this time, student enrollment in A&M System institutions grew from 94,600 to more than 103,000; and

Whereas, during this time, the A&M System's budget grew from \$2 billion to \$2.6 billion; and

Whereas, during this time, funding for research across the A&M System increased from \$425 million to \$600 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest heartfelt gratitude and respect for the outstanding leadership shown by Dr. Wendy Gramm as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of her service to the Board, the title of Regent Emerita of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Dr. Wendy Gramm; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, be presented to Regent Gramm and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which she is held.

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Mr. White called on Mr. Fraga to present Item 31. Mr. Fraga said that it was a pleasure for him to speak about Mr. Mays. He said that he had gained a lot of wisdom from working with Mr. Mays.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 041-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. LOWRY MAYS  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Fraga, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Lowry Mays received his Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University in 1957; and

Whereas, Mr. Mays served in the United States Air Force before earning an MBA from Harvard University in 1962; and

Whereas, Mr. Mays was working as an investment banker when he founded the San Antonio Broadcasting Company and purchased his first radio station in 1972; and

Whereas, Mr. Mays transformed the struggling radio station into one of the world's largest media empires, Clear Channel Communications, which has more than 50,000 employees in 66 countries; and

Whereas, Mr. Mays has been named the most powerful person in radio and the 1998 radio executive of the year by “Radio Ink Magazine,” and

Whereas, Mr. Mays is a recipient of the National Association of Broadcasters National Radio Award and the Golden Mike Award from the Broadcasters’ Foundation, and has been inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame, the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame, and the Texas Business Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, he is involved in many charitable and community organizations, including having served as a member and past chairman of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, a member of the board of the YMCA, past chairman of United Way in San Antonio and Bexar County, and past chairman of the Joint Board of the National Association of Broadcasters; and

Whereas, he is a strong supporter of Texas A&M University, where the Mays Business School bears his name; and

Whereas, he is a recipient of Texas A&M University’s Distinguished Alumni Award, Kupfer Distinguished Executive Award, and C.W. Conn Distinguished New Venture Leader Award; and

Whereas, Mr. Mays previously served on the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System from 1985 to 1991 and was reappointed to the Board by Governor Rick Perry in 2001; and

Whereas, in his second term, he served as Chairman of the Board from 2003-2005 and has served as chairman of the Public Policy and Planning Committee, as well as a member of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant; and

Whereas, he also has served as a member of the Presidential Library Committee, the Committee on Health Affairs, and as the Board’s special liaison to the 12th Man Foundation; and

Whereas, during his six years of service, the value of the A&M System’s combined investment portfolios grew from \$1.38 billion to \$2.20 billion, an increase of more than \$820 million; and

Whereas, construction volume across the A&M System grew from \$558 million to \$1.17 billion, an increase of nearly \$621 million; and

Whereas, this construction includes major new facilities, such as the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building at Texas A&M University, the Science Building and Planetarium at Texas A&M University-Commerce, and the first phase of a new campus for Texas A&M University-Texarkana; and

Whereas, Mr. Mays, a man of great vision, has long been dedicated to making education accessible to all Texans and has fully supported the goals of the state’s “Closing the Gaps” campaign; and

Whereas, in fulfillment of this vision, he has been a driving force behind the effort to bring a new A&M System campus to the South Side of San Antonio; and

Whereas, during his six years of service on the Board of Regents, student enrollment in A&M System institutions grew from 94,600 to more than 103,000; and

Whereas, during this time, the A&M System’s budget grew from \$2 billion to \$2.6 billion; and

Whereas, during this time, funding for research across the A&M System increased from \$425 million to \$600 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest heartfelt gratitude and respect for the outstanding leadership shown by Mr. Lowry Mays as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of his service to the Board, the title of Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Lowry Mays; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, be presented to Regent Mays and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held.

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Mr. White called on Mr. Jones to present Item 32. Mr. Jones said that most of us had choices of where we wanted to go to school, but Tyson did not. He said that he was an American hero and a decorated war veteran. Mr. Jones said that Mr. Voelkel’s past was impressive but his future would make his past pale in comparison. He said that he has made a believer out of everyone on the Board of the value of a student regent and he has served his State and this system well. Mr. Jones said that Mr. Voelkel brought a perspective to their meetings.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 042-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. TYSON VOELKEL  
AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF EMERITUS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Tyson Voelkel has a strong Aggie heritage, beginning with his great great grandfather Ernest Voelkel, Class of 1881; grandfather Travis Dutch Voelkel, Sr. '35; father Travis Voelkel, Jr. '64; and the tradition continues with his wife, Christi Voelkel Chovanec '98; brothers Beau Voelkel '99 and Trevor Voelkel '02; and

Whereas, Tyson Voelkel graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in engineering in 1996; and

Whereas, while a student, Mr. Voelkel served as Corps Commander of the Corps of Cadets and as a member of the Texas Aggie Band and Ross Volunteers; and

Whereas, he was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Buck Weirus Spirit Award and the S.A.M.E Outstanding Engineering Graduate; and

Whereas, upon graduation he was commissioned in the United States Army and served two tours of duty in Iraq as an Airborne Infantry Commander, earning two bronze stars; and

Whereas, Mr. Voelkel was one of only thirteen active-duty recipients of the Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award in 2005, the highest award given to captains in the Army; and

Whereas, he also has been awarded the United States Army MacArthur Award for Company Grade Leadership, the Bronze Star with oak leaf, the Meritorious Service Medal, an Army Commendation with oak leaf cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal; and

Whereas, in fall 2005 he returned to Texas A&M University to pursue a master's degree with a focus on international affairs and national security at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service; and

Whereas, he was appointed the first Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System by Governor Rick Perry in February 2006; and

Whereas, Mr. Voelkel has set a very high standard of leadership and service as the first Student Regent; and

Whereas, he worked closely with the student leaders at the A&M System's nine universities and health science center, visiting many campuses, working with students on a variety of issues, and speaking at commencements and other events; and

Whereas, Mr. Voelkel also brought the opinions and perspectives of students across the A&M System back to the Board of Regents, enriching the Board's ability to lead; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Mr. Tyson Voelkel as the 2006-2007 Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of his service to the Board, the title of Student Regent Emeritus of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Tyson Voelkel; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Mr. Voelkel and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held as the first Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System.

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Mr. White called on Ms. Vickie Spillers, Executive Secretary to the Board, who presented Item 35. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 043-2007 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MRS. THELMA D. ISENHART  
FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, Thelma Isenhardt spent many years in Tomball as a homemaker and working professional, wife to her beloved husband, Woody, and dedicated mother of their three children; and



Whereas, after admiring and experiencing the Aggie Spirit while putting their children through Texas A&M, Thelma and Woody Isenhart decided to take a new life path by joining their children, moving to College Station and enrolling at Texas A&M to pursue college degrees they had begun years earlier; and

Whereas, as a non-traditional student in her late 40s, Thelma Isenhart landed a job on the A&M campus as a student worker, working her way through school as the oldest student worker in the A&M System Board of Regents Office, where she ultimately became employed full time until the present day; and

Whereas, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Texas A&M University, becoming a member of the Class of '93 and following her Sons, Joe, Class of '87; Brad, Class of '89; husband Woody, Class of '92; and daughter, Mary Beth, Class of '93, who completed the family circle of Aggie graduates; and

Whereas, Thelma and Woody Isenhart were recognized as Aggie Parents of the Year in 1992, in honor of their selfless devotion to students at Texas A&M, where they have enriched the college experiences of their own family as well as countless other students they have informally adopted; and

Whereas, Mrs. Isenhart has been a friend to everyone she has encountered throughout the Aggie family and community, voluntarily serving as an advisor to literally hundreds of students, helping guide them through the admissions and enrollment processes as well as inspiring them to meet the challenges of college life; and

Whereas, she served as a mentor for the Costa Rican and Panamanian student groups and other international students, generously opening her home for events and as a host residence for several foreign exchange students; and

Whereas, as a breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Isenhart has championed causes dedicated to identifying cures and educating friends, acquaintances and the public about diagnosis and prevention; and

Whereas, she has participated in events across the state for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; and has spoken to groups and inspired many, raising awareness by relating her personal journey and courage in battling the disease; and

Whereas, Mrs. Isenhart continued devoting her time and energy to the Board of Regents Office, which she has served faithfully for the last 16 years, and where she always has been willing to take on any task with optimism, discretion and the utmost professionalism; and

Whereas, she has earned the respect and admiration of everyone she has encountered, including regents, faculty, staff, students, and other notable dignitaries and friends of the entire Aggie family and the A&M System, and was described by a regent as a most sincere friend who truly cares about people, and by her husband as the nicest person he's ever met; and

Whereas, Thelma Isenhart, who will retire as assistant executive secretary after 16 years of service to the Board of Regents effective February 28, 2007; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with the greatest appreciation recognizes Mrs. Isenhart's outstanding service to the System, thanks her for her dedicated service, undying loyalty, and extraordinary counsel and friendship, and grants its best wishes upon her retirement; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to Mrs. Isenhart and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as a sincere expression of her dedication and service to the A&M System family and the citizens of Texas.

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Mrs. Isenhart said that she had enjoyed working in the Board Office and with Ms. Spillers who she describes as a confidant, friend, and partner. She said that they made a good team and she hoped that she could continue to help her in some way. She said to the members of the Board, past and present, and to the presidents, that she really enjoyed her time working for the Office of the Board of Regents.

REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON

Mr. Jones said that the TAMU-CC men's basketball team was in first place in its first year in the Southland Conference with a perfect 7 and 0 record. He said the Islanders have won a school record 10 straight games and attendance at the games has significantly increased over the past year. He said that the university has done a feasibility study on the sport of football to see when they can start a program. Mr. Jones said that 77 of the Islanders student athletes have achieved a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher. He said that this was more than 40 percent of the athletic department's over 200 student athletes achieving this ranking.

Mr. Jones said that WTAMU football team won the Lone Star Conference Championship (LSC) with a school record of 11 wins this year. He said that they won in the first round of the playoffs before losing in the second round. Mr. Jones said that the WTAMU volleyball team captured the LSC title and advanced to the Final 4 in the NCAA fall championships held in Pensacola, Florida. He said that their coach, Mr. Tony Graystone, was named Southwest Region's Coach of the Year. Mr. Jones said that the women's soccer team earned a berth in the National Collegiate Athletic

Association (NCAA) Regional Tournament and the Associated Press (AP) named sophomore linebacker Jared Brock as first team All-American. Mr. Brock also earned a 3.8 GPA during the fall semester. He said that women's soccer player, Sarit Shenar, earned All-American and Academic All-America honors and was also a member of the Israeli National Team.

Mr. Jones said that Prairie View A&M University's (PVAMU) men's cross country team won the 2006 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championship and the women's volleyball team won the SWAC Championship and was selected to play in the Austin Regional of the NCAA Tournament where they lost in the first round to the University of Texas.

Mr. Jones said that TAMU football team would play Miami on ESPN on Thursday, September 20, 2007. He said that the 2007 football schedule was complete. Mr. Jones said that on Saturday, February 3, the women's basketball game would be against Kansas at Reed Arena. Mr. Jones said that \$8 out of the \$10 entry fee would go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Mr. Jones said that the women's basketball team was ranked number 18 and for the first time in history, they defeated ranked teams in consecutive games (number 25 Nebraska and number 6 Oklahoma). He said that the last game was in Norman, Oklahoma, which snapped the Sooner's two-year conference winning streak. Mr. Jones said that this was the team's 13th consecutive week in the AP Poll, which was a school record topping the 1995's team 12 straight weeks.

Mr. Jones said that Mr. Pat Henry, the new president of the National Coaches Association in Track and Field and Cross Country, took his indoor team to first win. He said that Mr. Steve Bultman's women's swimming team was undefeated and ranked fifth in the country. He said that Ms. Jo Evan's 13th ranked softball team was voted favorite to win the Big XII. Mr. Jones said that the men's basketball team was on the top of the Big XII standings for the first time since the conference was formed with a record of 16 and 2, which was the best start ever by A&M's men's basketball team dating back to the early 1960's. He said that the team has now been ranked for three months in the AP Poll and their 11 straight Big XII wins was the longest conference-winning streak in the nation. Only Wisconsin and Florida have a longer winning streak in this season. Mr. Jones said that they lead the Big XII in 10 categories and stand first in the nation in several defensive categories. He said that men and women's basketball has become so popular that they have an attendance problem and they are having to change the ticket distribution process.

Mr. Jones ended with a statement from the Governor's inaugural speech where he said, "As we gather today, there is a great reason for optimism in Texas, we have a record budget surplus, jobs are at an all time high, children's test scores are improving, home and medical insurance costs are decreasing, school finance is out of the courts and school property tax rates are on their way down; and on top of that the Aggie basketball team is ranked in the top 10 in the nation. Apparently, hell has frozen over."

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. White announced that the next Board meeting was scheduled for March 29-30, 2007, on the campus of TAMU. He said that the meeting date had been changed because several of the Regents would be traveling to the opening of the Engineering School in Doha, Qatar.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Secretary to the Board
The Texas A&M University System

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