

MINUTES

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

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BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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CONVENE

Vice Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 10:31 a.m., Friday, May 17, 2019, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Vice Chairman Mendoza congratulated and welcomed new Board members Mr. Jay C. Graham, Mr. Michael A. “Mike” Hernandez III and Mr. Michael J. Plank.

She thanked Regent Emeritus Anthony Buzbee, Chairman Emeritus Morris E. Foster and Chairman Emeritus Charles W. Schwartz for their service to the A&M System.

Vice Chairman Mendoza noted that under the Board Bylaws the Vice Chairman has the authority to perform the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. She said that since there was a vacancy in the Chairman position, she would preside over the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

Vice Chairman Mendoza said the purpose of this meeting was for the election of officers and consideration and action on three agenda items as shown in the agenda materials posted with the Secretary of State. She said that each party to the conference call should clearly identify himself or herself prior to speaking. Vice Chairman Mendoza gave a brief outline of the meeting.

The following members of the Board were present by phone:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Tim Leach
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Michael J. Plank
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Ervin Bryant (Student Regent)

(Note: Governor Greg Abbott appointed Regents Graham, Hernandez and Plank on March 8, 2019, to serve as Members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System. The Texas Senate confirmed the appointment of Regent Hernandez on April 25, 2019. The appointments of Regents Graham and Plank were confirmed on May 2, 2019. Regent Graham replaced Anthony G. Buzbee, Regent Hernandez replaced Charles W. Schwartz and Regent Plank replaced Morris E. Foster.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chairman Mendoza announced that in accordance with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at the first regular or special meeting following the appointment, qualification and confirmation of the three new board members appointed in odd years, the first order of business is the election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Vice Chairman Mendoza said nominations were in order for the position of Chairman of the Board.

Regent Leach nominated Regent Mendoza for the position of Chairman of the Board of Regents. Regent Mendoza asked if there were any other nominations. Regent Plank asked if a “second” was required. Regent Mendoza responded that a second was not required but anyone could do so and there could be multiple seconds. Regent Plank seconded the nomination. Regent Adams concurred.

Regent Mendoza declared that nominations were closed. She called each regent’s name to record their vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – yes, Thomas – yes, and Regent Mendoza voted “yes.”

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### **MINUTE ORDER 116-2019**

#### **ELECTION OF MS. ELAINE MENDOZA AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Ms. Elaine Mendoza was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, effective May 17, 2019.

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Chairman Mendoza expressed her appreciation and thanks to the other members of the Board for entrusting her with this great responsibility. She said that she did not take this responsibility lightly.

Chairman Mendoza asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.

Regent Adams nominated Regent Leach for election to the position of Vice Chairman. Regent Plank seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Chairman Mendoza declared that nominations were closed and called each regent's name to record their vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – yes, Thomas – yes, and Chairman Mendoza voted “yes.”

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**MINUTE ORDER 117-2019**

**ELECTION OF MR. TIM LEACH  
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Tim Leach was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, effective May 17, 2019.

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Vice Chairman Leach said that he was honored and appreciated the confidence of his fellow Board members. He said he would do his best in his new role.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mendoza 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. She 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.

(Note: The Board met in executive session from 10:41 a.m. until 10:58 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:58 a.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 10:41 a.m. until 10:58 a.m., and conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on personnel and legal matters.

Chairman Mendoza presented Items 2 through 4 and called for a motion. Regent Mahomes moved for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 2 through 4. Regent Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Mendoza called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – yes, Thomas – yes, and Chairman Mendoza voted “yes.”

The following minute orders were approved (118 through 120).

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**MINUTE ORDER 118-2019**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR  
TO CREATE AND NAME THE  
INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPMENT CENTER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the Chancellor to create and name the Innovative Technologies Development Center.

**MINUTE ORDER 119-2019**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ARISING FROM  
HAIL DAMAGE CLAIM RELATED TO  
MARCH 18, 2018, WEATHER EVENT ON THE  
CAMPUS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, is authorized to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement arising from a March 2018 hail damage claim for damages to the Texas A&M College Station campus. The Chancellor, or designee, is further authorized to take other actions and execute other agreements as necessary to effectuate and implement the settlement.

**MINUTE ORDER 120-2019**

**NAMING OF  
DR. JEFFREY HYDE AS SOLE FINALIST  
FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Dr. Jeffrey Hyde is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Adams, seconded by Regent Plank, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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