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CONVENE

Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 9:02 a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2019, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Chairman Mendoza said the purpose of this meeting was for consideration and action on two 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. Chairman Mendoza gave a brief outline of the meeting.

The following members of the Board were present by phone:

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

The following member of the Board was present in the Board Meeting Room:

Mr. Levi McClenny (Student Regent)

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 9:04 a.m. until 9:54 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:54 a.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 9:04 a.m. until 9:54 a.m., and conferred with

Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on personnel and legal matters including Item 1.

Chairman Mendoza presented Item 1. She thanked Regents Albritton and Mahomes for serving on the search committee for the president of Tarleton State University.

Chairman Mendoza presented Item 2 and said that with a sad and heavy heart they lost Dr. Steve Holditch who recently passed away. She said Dr. Holditch had served as a member of the University Lands Advisory Board (ULAB) until his passing. She added that he had served as the academician that connected Texas A&M's Petroleum Engineering Department to ULAB. Chairman Mendoza said that her thought was to appoint another academician to keep the university's relationship with ULAB solid. She advised that she had conferred with Dr. Katherine Banks, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Engineering and National Laboratories and Director of Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), Vice Chairman Leach and Regent Graham who also serves on ULAB.

Chairman Mendoza called for a motion on Items 1 and 2. Regent Adams moved for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 1 and 2. Regent Albritton 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 (194 and 195).

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**MINUTE ORDER 194-2019**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JAMES HURLEY  
AS PRESIDENT OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. James Hurley is hereby appointed president of Tarleton State University, at an initial salary of \$370,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 195-2019**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JEFF SPATH AS A MEMBER OF  
THE UNIVERSITY LANDS ADVISORY BOARD,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective immediately, Dr. Jeff Spath is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the University Lands Advisory Board for a term to expire on April 1, 2021, or until a replacement is named.

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Chairman Mendoza gave a brief update on building the agenda for the October 30-November 1, 2019, Board of Regents meeting. She said that she plans to meet with Chancellor Sharp and members of his executive team, Vice Chairman Leach and the chairs of Board committees regarding the prioritization of their meeting agendas. Chairman Mendoza added that they are looking at the possibility of having a Board retreat in early 2020.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Mahomes, seconded by Regent Hernandez, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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