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MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2004.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened this special called meeting via telephone conference call at 10:35 a.m. on Monday, April 19, 2004, on the Ninth Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present
Chairman Miller, presiding
Vice-Chairman Clements
Vice-Chairman Hunt
Vice-Chairman Krier
Regent Barnhill
Regent Caven
Regent Craven
Regent Estrada
Regent Huffines

Absent

Counsel and Secretary Frederick

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Approval of revised Mission Statement

The Board approved a revised Mission Statement for The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center as set forth below and approved submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for consideration.

Mission Statement

The mission of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center is to eliminate cancer in Texas, the nation, and the world through outstanding programs that integrate patient care, research, and prevention, and through education for undergraduate and graduate students, trainees, professionals, employees, and the public.

Over the past five years, U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center has worked with the Texas Legislature, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, The University of Texas System, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to add baccalaureate degree-granting authority to the allied health programs in the School of Health Science and joint masters and doctoral-granting authority with U. T. Health Science Center - Houston in their shared Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Degree-granting status also requires that U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center achieve accreditation for those programs through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). There are many standards and criteria that need to be met for award of accreditation. One of the key criteria is that the mission statement explicitly identifies the higher education mission and this language has now been added. The institution's Mission Statement, last approved by the Board of Regents on May 11, 2000, did not explicitly include this language.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 10:35 a.m., Chairman Miller announced that the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider those matters listed on the Executive Session agenda including consideration of possible finalists for The University of Texas - Pan American presidency.

RECONVENE.--At 11:10 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chairman Miller reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss consideration of possible finalists for The University of Texas - Pan American presidency. In response to an inquiry from Chairman Miller regarding the wishes of the Board, the following action was taken.

1. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees - Texas Government Code Section 551.074

- a. U. T. Pan American: Approval of finalists for president

Upon motion of Regent Estrada, seconded by Regent Caven, the Board named the following individuals as finalists for the position of President of The University of Texas - Pan American:

- Dr. Blandina Cardenas, currently Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at The University of Texas at San Antonio;

- Dr. Lynda Y. de la Viña, currently Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate Division of Business and Management and Chair of the Department of Finance and International Business at Johns Hopkins University;
- Dr. Tim Hudson, currently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Mississippi;
- Dr. Herman D. Lujan, currently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles;

[Counsel and Secretary's Note: On April 22, 2004, Dr. Lujan withdrew his candidacy from consideration.]

- Dr. Lois Muir, currently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Montana;
- Dr. Richard A. Navarro, currently Senior Project Officer for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Afghanistan Country Office; and
- Dr. Fernando M. Treviño, currently Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center - Fort Worth.

Vice-Chairman Krier thanked Regent Estrada, Regent Caven, and Executive Vice Chancellor Sullivan for their leadership. She said she is impressed with the candidates and is looking forward to the interviews and to selecting the next president for U. T. Pan American.

Chairman Miller congratulated the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for its great work and asked that Vice-Chairman Krier's comments be passed along to the Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. U. T. System: Consideration of personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, assignment, and duties of officers or employees

There was no action taken related to general personnel matters of The University of Texas System.

- c. U. T. System: Consideration of personnel matters relating to evaluation of presidents, U. T. System Executive Officers, and employees

There was no action taken related to evaluation of institutional presidents and Executive Officers of The University of Texas System.

2. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers - Texas Government Code Section 551.071

There was no action taken related to consultation with an attorney regarding legal issues of The University of Texas System.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Miller announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

/s/ Francie A. Frederick
Counsel and Secretary to the Board

April 28, 2004