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THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1993.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 1993, in the Regents' Meeting Room on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall in Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Vice-Chairman Ramirez, presiding	
Vice-Chairman Cruikshank	
Regent Coneway	
Regent Holmes	
Regent Lebermann	
Regent Loeffler	
Regent Rapoport	
Regent Smiley	
Regent Temple	

Executive Secretary Dilly

Chancellor Cunningham

[On February 10, 1993, Governor Ann Richards named the following to membership on the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for terms to expire on February 1, 1999:

Mr. Peter R. Coneway, Houston, Texas, to succeed Mr. Sam E. Barshop of San Antonio, Texas, whose term expired on February 1.

Mr. Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr., Austin, Texas, to succeed Mr. W. A. "Tex" Moncrief, Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas, whose term expired on February 1.

Ms. Martha E. Smiley, Austin, Texas, to succeed Mr. Louis A. Beecherl, Jr. of Dallas, Texas, whose term expired on February 1.

Each of the above was confirmed by the Senate of Texas on February 16, 1993, and subsequently took the oath of office.]

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Vice-Chairman Ramirez called the special meeting to order. On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman Ramirez welcomed Regents Coneway, Lebermann, and Smiley to membership on the U. T. Board of Regents and stated that the Board looked forward to their counsel in the governance of the U. T. System.

In response to an inquiry by Vice-Chairman Ramirez for comments from the new members, Regents Coneway, Lebermann, and Smiley expressed their pleasure at being appointed to the Board and indicated their desire to work with the other members of the Board in the best interests of the U. T. System.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 2:04 p.m., the Board recessed to Executive Session pursuant to Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Article 6252-17, Section 2(g) to consider the reorganization of the Board as outlined in the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5.

RECONVENE.--When the Executive Session adjourned at 3:15 p.m., the members of the Board reconvened in open session. Vice-Chairman Ramirez reported that the Board had met in Executive Session to discuss the reorganization of the newly constituted Board. In response to Vice-Chairman Ramirez' inquiry as to whether there was any action from the floor, the following action was taken:

U. T. Board of Regents: Election of Officers Effective Immediately - (a) Mr. Bernard Rapoport, Chairman; (b) Mrs. Ellen Clarke Temple, Vice-Chairman; (c) Mr. Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr., Vice-Chairman; and (d) Mr. Arthur H. Dilly, Executive Secretary (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5).--Regent Loeffler moved that the following be elected as the officers of the U. T. Board of Regents in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5 effective upon the adjournment of this meeting:

Chairman:	Bernard Rapoport
Vice-Chairman (designated to act in the absence of the Chairman):	Ellen Clarke Temple
Vice-Chairman:	Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr.
Executive Secretary:	Arthur H. Dilly

Regent Smiley seconded the motion which carried by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman Ramirez congratulated Mr. Rapoport on his election as Chairman and called on him for comments.

Regent Rapoport emphasized that his first priority is to make college accessible for all qualified individuals so that no person will be denied admission because of a financial reason and noted that this is the first commitment a democratic society has to its constituents.

Mr. Rapoport noted that his second priority is to improve the quality of education and teaching throughout the U. T. System and stated that he hoped to create a more renaissance atmosphere so that higher education is not all specialization. He stressed the need to focus on educating the public so that they would have a more comprehensive organizational overview and understanding of the System.

In addition, Mr. Rapoport stated that he would like to establish a new commitment to minorities within the U. T. System citing that a person's gender, race, color, or creed should not matter.

In closing, Mr. Rapoport indicated that if one surveyed the entire population of the State of Texas, he did not think one could have a better Board of Regents than this newly constituted Board. He stated that his colleagues on the Board had bestowed a very high honor on him and pledged to continue the work of his predecessors in striving to protect and enhance the academic quality of the U. T. System and its fifteen component institutions.

ADJOURNMENT.--Vice-Chairman Ramirez announced that the purpose for which this meeting was scheduled had been completed and the meeting was duly adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

/s/ Arthur H. Dilly
Executive Secretary

March 9, 1993