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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1999.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call at 2:10 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 1999, on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall at 201 West Seventh Street in Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present Absent
Chairman Evans, presiding
Vice-Chairman Loeffler
Vice-Chairman Clements
Regent Hunt
Regent Miller
Regent Oxford
Regent Riter
Regent Romero
Regent Sanchez

Executive Secretary Frederick

Chancellor Cunningham
Associate General Counsel Shultz

[On February 9, 1999, Governor George W. Bush named the following individuals to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for terms to expire on February 1, 2005:

Mr. Woody L. Hunt, El Paso, Texas, to succeed Mr. Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr. of Austin, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 1999.

Mr. Charles Miller, Houston, Texas, to succeed Ms. Martha E. Smiley of Austin, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 1999.

Mr. Raul R. Romero, Houston, Texas, to succeed Mr. Thomas O. Hicks of Dallas, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 1999.

Each appointee was confirmed by the Senate of Texas on March 1, 1999, 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, Chairman Evans called the meeting to order. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Evans welcomed Regents Hunt, Miller, and Romero to membership on the U. T. Board of Regents and stated that the Board looked forward to their advice and counsel in the governance of The University of Texas System.

Chairman Evans announced that the sole purpose of this special meeting was to consider the reorganization of the U. T. Board of Regents in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5, a matter that requires immediate action.

At 2:11 p.m., Chairman Evans announced that the Board had the option to recess to Executive Session in accordance with <u>Texas Government Code</u>, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 to consider matters associated with the public officers and employees related to reorganization of the U. T. Board of Regents. No member of the Board requested recess to Executive Session.

Chairman Evans inquired of the Board whether there was any proposed action from the floor related to election of officers of the Board.

U. T. Board of Regents: Election of Officers Effective Upon Adjournment of the Meeting in Accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5 -- (a) Mr. Donald L. Evans, Chairman; (b) Mr. Tom Loeffler, Vice-Chairman; (c) Mrs. Rita Crocker Clements, Vice-Chairman; and (d) Ms. Francie A. Frederick, Executive Secretary. --Regent Riter moved that, in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5, the following officers of the U. T. Board of Regents be elected effective upon the adjournment of this meeting:

Chairman: Donald L. Evans

Vice-Chairman (designated to act in the place of the Chairman):

Tom Loeffler

Vice-Chairman: Rita Crocker Clements

Executive Secretary: Francie A. Frederick

Regent Miller seconded the motion which carried by acclamation. In assuming the chairmanship of the Board, Chairman Evans noted that he is humbled and flattered that the Board of Regents has placed such confidence in him. He thanked each member of the Board for the personal sacrifices they have made and will make for the State and The University of Texas System. Finally, he saluted and acknowledged the greatest resource within the U. T. System -- the people -- the staff, faculty, and the thousands of students dedicated to learning and dedicated to making a better Texas for tomorrow. He pledged to make higher education more accessible and more affordable for all Texans. He noted that he plans to make standing and special committee assignments within the next week.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Evans announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed and the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

/s/ Francie A. Frederick Executive Secretary

March 22, 1999