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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2001.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2001, on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall at 201 West Seventh Street in Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

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

Counsel and Secretary Frederick

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Loeffler called the meeting to order. He announced that the sole purpose of this special called meeting was to consider a matter associated with the organization of the U. T. Board of Regents, an item of sufficient urgency to require immediate consideration by the Board prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 14-15, 2001. In response to Regent Loeffler's offer to recess to Executive Session, the Board declined and the following action was taken:

U. T. Board of Regents: Election of a Chairman in Accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Section 3 Effective Immediately

In accordance with the Regents' <u>Rules and Regulations</u>, Part One, Chapter I, Section 3, Regent Oxford moved that Vice-Chairman Tom Loeffler, who assumed the duties of Chairman of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System on January 19, 2001, be elected Chairman of the Board effective immediately upon adjournment of this meeting to serve until the

Board is reorganized in February 2001. This election was necessary to provide continuity in the leadership of the Board of Regents following the resignation of previous Chairman Donald L. Evans prior to the expiration of his term. Former Regent Evans was appointed U. S. Secretary of Commerce by President George W. Bush on January 19, 2001.

Regent Oxford said he was pleased to make this motion and noted that Vice-Chairman Loeffler served 12 important years on the Board, chairing and serving on various committees, and ably substituting for the Chairman as needed; thus, he wanted to ensure that Regent Loeffler's photograph be added to the "Wall of Chairmen" in Ashbel Smith Hall, Austin, Texas, and that other recognition be made, as appropriate.

Vice-Chairman Clements, Regent Hunt, Regent Miller, Regent Riter, Regent Romero, and Regent Sanchez all seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairman Clements commented that she and Governor William P. Clements, Jr., believe Regent Loeffler has done a wonderful job serving on the Board and especially mentioned his work with The University of Texas at San Antonio and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She said it has been a pleasure serving with Mr. Loeffler on the Health Affairs Committee and joined other Regents in congratulating the new Chairman.

Chairman Loeffler said he was honored by the appointment and expressed appreciation to Governor Clements for his initial appointment to the Board and to Governor George W. Bush for his reappointment. He noted that the University has achieved many wonderful things during those years and although he has served longer than most Regents (two six-year terms), his tenure as Chairman may be the shortest ever.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Loeffler announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed and the meeting was duly adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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

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