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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened a special called meeting in Open Session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 11:01 a.m. via telephone conference call, in the Board Room, Second Floor, The University of Texas System Building, 210 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present ____________ Absent ____________
Chairman Eltife
Vice Chairman Longoria
Vice Chairman Weaver
Regent Crain
Regent Hicks
Regent Jiles
Regent Perez
Regent Stedman
Regent Nguyen, Student Regent, nonvoting

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--
At 11:01 a.m., in accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Eltife called the meeting to order in Open Session, then recessed the Board to Executive Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, and 551.089 to consider the matters listed on the Executive Session agenda.

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND AGENDA ITEMS.--Chairman Eltife reconvened the Board in Open Session at 11:11 a.m. to consider action on the following items.

1a. U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents (academic and health institutions including interim presidents); U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors); other officers reporting directly to the Board (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive); Board members; and U. T. System and institutional employees

No action was taken on this item.
1b. **U. T. Arlington: Discussion and appropriate action regarding the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley as President**

Regent Crain made the following motion:

I move that Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of North Texas, be selected President of The University of Texas at Arlington, with terms of the appointment and compensation to be commensurate with the responsibilities of the office, negotiated in accordance with The University of Texas System policies, and submitted to the Board for approval via the usual budgetary procedures.

I further move that the Minutes reflect that, by approval of this motion, the Board has made a finding, as required by state law, that this appointment is in the best interest of U. T. Arlington and U. T. System.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Longoria and carried unanimously.

Chairman Eltife thanked the Presidential Search Committee members, including Vice Chairman Longoria, Regent Warren, and Regent Crain.

2a. **U. T. System Academic Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features**

No action was taken on this item.

2b. **U. T. System Health Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features**

No action was taken on this item.

3. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues**

No action was taken on this item.

4. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding safety and security issues, including security audits and the deployment of security personnel and devices**

No action was taken on this item.
AGENDA ITEM

1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Approval of Consent Agenda items**

   Chairman Eltife noted the following related to the Consent Agenda:
   
   - Items a and b both seek approval for the purchase of real property on behalf of U. T. Southwestern Medical Center.

   Regent Crain moved approval, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Longoria. The Board then approved the Consent Agenda, which is set forth on Pages 5 - 7.

   In approving the Consent Agenda, the Board expressly authorized that any contracts or other documents or instruments approved therein may be executed by officials of The University of Texas System or respective U. T. institution involved, as appropriate.

   **ADJOURNMENT.**--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

   /s/
   Tina E. Montemayor
   Secretary to the Board of Regents
   February 1, 2022
a. **Purchase - U. T. Southwestern Medical Center:** Authorization to purchase a tract of land and improvements totaling approximately 15.8 acres located at 1935 Amelia Court and extending along the southwest side of Harry Hines Boulevard from Dallas County Hospital District (DCHD) for future campus expansion, and either the simultaneous purchase by, or subsequent sale by the institution to, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission of approximately 10.5 acres of such land and improvements for development of a psychiatric hospital, resulting in the institution acquiring the remaining approximately 5.3 acres of land for future mission use, including a lease for a cell tower, a billboard marketing agreement, and a short-term license of premises to DCHD for mobile mammography units or the leaseback to DCHD of a portion of the property containing the cell tower lease premises and the billboard if the agreements for such are not assigned to U. T. Southwestern Medical Center.

**Description:**
Authorization to purchase a tract of land and improvements totaling approximately 15.8 acres located at 1935 Amelia Court and extending along the southwest side of Harry Hines Boulevard, from DCHD for future campus expansion, and either the simultaneous purchase by, or subsequent sale by the institution to, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) of approximately 10.5 acres of such land and improvements for development of a psychiatric hospital, resulting in the institution acquiring approximately 5.3 acres of land for future mission use.

U. T. Southwestern Medical Center is entering into this transaction pursuant to an Interagency Cooperation Contract with THHSC wherein the institution will assist THHSC with the purchase of real property for and manage the design and construction of a psychiatric hospital, and thereafter the institution will staff and operate such psychiatric hospital, all on behalf of THHSC.

The subject property is located near to U. T. Southwestern Medical Center's campus. It is also located across Harry Hines Boulevard from DHCD's Parkland Hospital, Dallas County's primary public health medical facility. DCHD will restrict the use of the approximately 10.5 acres of the property to be acquired by THHSC for psychiatric hospital
use for an expected term of approximately 15 years. The approximately 5.3 acres the institution will acquire will not be restricted.

Most of the subject property is vacant, although a portion of the property contains approximately 52,530 square feet of medical office space in two buildings that will be demolished to make room for the planned psychiatric hospital. The portion of the property to be acquired for U. T. Southwestern Medical Center also contains a billboard and a cell tower, which are subject to agreements as described below.

**Seller:**

Dallas County Hospital District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas

**Encumbrances:**

The portion of the property that U. T. Southwestern Medical Center will acquire contains a billboard subject to a marketing agreement through 2025 with Fairmount/Outdoor Advertising, Inc. for its use of the billboard, and a ground lease through 2058 to SpectraSite Communications, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for a cell tower. The institution is in discussions with DCHD to take assignment of these agreements for additional consideration to DCHD. Nevertheless, if U. T. Southwestern Medical Center fails to acquire these agreements from DCHD, then DCHD will retain access rights and a ground lease for the portions of the subject property containing the billboard and cell tower lease premises.

In addition, as part of the consideration for the property, DCHD will retain at no additional charge a temporary license to continue to locate and operate several mobile mammography units on the property. This license will terminate upon the groundbreaking for the hospital.

**Purchase Price:**

No more than fair market value as determined by independent appraisal. Appraisal is confidential pursuant to *Texas Education Code* Section 51.951.
b. **Purchase - U. T. Southwestern Medical Center:** Authorization to purchase approximately 5.3 acres located at the southeast corner of Mockingbird Lane and Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, from Freeman Holding, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, for campus expansion

**Description:**

Purchase of approximately 5.3 acres of land at the southeast corner of Mockingbird Lane and Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. Prior improvements located on the property have been demolished. There are roads on three sides of the land and the fourth side is adjacent to land already owned by the Board of Regents. The land will be used for campus expansion.

**Seller:**

Freeman Holding, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, or a related entity

**Purchase Price:**

Not to exceed fair market value as determined by independent appraisal; appraisal confidential pursuant to *Texas Education Code* Section 51.951.