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THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened a special called meeting at 9:01 a.m. via telephone conference call on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in the Board Room, Second Floor, The University of Texas System Building, 210 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present

Chairman Eltife
Vice Chairman Hildebrand
Vice Chairman Foster
Regent Aliseda
Regent Beck
Regent Hicks
Regent Longoria
Regent Weaver
Regent Jewell, Student Regent, nonvoting

Absent

Regent Tucker*

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present on the telephone, Chairman Eltife called the meeting to order in Open Session.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 9:02 a.m., the Board recessed to Executive Session, pursuant to *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071 and 551.074, to consider the matters listed on the Executive Session agenda.

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS.--The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:11 a.m. to consider the following action on Executive Session Agenda Item 1a and to consider the following Agenda Items.

- 1a. U. T. El Paso: Discussion and appropriate action concerning individual personnel matters related to the search for a president, including discussion of candidates and potential naming of finalist(s)

Chairman Eltife noted the Board had been provided copies of correspondence received from the public concerning the potential appointment of Secretary Wilson as President of U. T. El Paso, both in support and opposition to the appointment.

* Regent Tucker gave notice of intent to resign from the Board of Regents effective January 15, 2019. Her term ended later in April 2019.

Chairman Eltife then invited comments by members of the public who had requested to address the Board, pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10403.

Speakers addressing the Board:

Eden Klein (in person)
Mario Lindsey (by telephone)
Nancy Green (by telephone)
Dr. Laura Martinez (by telephone)
Cristina Cavillo-Rivera (by telephone)

Chairman Eltife thanked the speakers and those providing written comments for their input. Vice Chairman Foster then made the following motion:

I move that Dr. Heather Wilson, currently Secretary of the Air Force, be selected President of U. T. El Paso to begin effective August 15, 2019, with the terms of the appointment and the compensation commensurate with the responsibilities of the office, to be negotiated in accordance with University of Texas System policies by Executive Vice Chancellor Leslie, approved by Chancellor Milliken, 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 that, as required by state law, this appointment is in the best interest of U. T. El Paso.

Regent Aliseda seconded the motion, and Chairman Eltife called for a vote after comments from the Board.

Chairman Eltife spoke in support of the appointment. Vice Chairman Foster thanked President Natalicio for her 30+ years of service and expressed his unequivocal support for Secretary Wilson. Regent Aliseda, likewise expressed his support for the appointment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Eltife thanked the student body at UTEP for their assistance in the search process.

- 1b. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion regarding individual personnel matters associated with the reorganization of the Board of Regents and the election of Vice Chairmen of the Board (Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10102, regarding Chairman and Vice Chairmen)

No action was taken on this item. See related Agenda Item 1 on Page 4 for action taken in Open Session.

- 1c. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion regarding individual personnel matters associated with the reorganization of the Board of Regents and the approval of Chairman's recommended Committee Chairmen (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Rule 10402, regarding Committees and Other Appointments)

No action was taken on this item.

- 1d. 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); U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors); other officers reporting directly to the Board (such as 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.

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

No action was taken on this item.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding election of Board Vice Chairmen

The Board considered and voted on the election of officers for the Board of Regents, at the request of Chairman Eltife, pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10102. Chairman Eltife made a motion to select Regent Janiece Longoria as Vice Chairman to assume the duties of Chairman as needed and Regent Weaver as Vice Chairman.

Regent Hicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Regents Longoria and Weaver abstained from the vote.

2. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding appointment of Committee Chairmen

In accordance with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10402, Chairman Eltife requested the concurrence of the Board on recommended appointments of Committee Chairmen as follows.

Academic Affairs Committee

James C. "Rad" Weaver, Chairman

Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee

David J. Beck, Chairman

Facilities Planning and Construction Committee

David J. Beck, Chairman

Finance and Planning Committee

R. Steven Hicks, Chairman

Health Affairs Committee

Janiece Longoria, Chairman

Regent Hicks was recommended to assume the duties of Regent Aliseda on the System Review and Structure Task Force. Chairman Eltife noted he would continue as task force chair.

Chairman Eltife explained that the named Regents would abstain from discussion and vote on the appointments that pertain to their service.

Regents Aliseda and Hildebrand seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

/s/ Tina E. Montemayor
Secretary to the Board of Regents

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