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THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

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MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call at 9:35 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2001, on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall at 201 West Seventh Street in Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present_____

Regent Clements
Regent Craven
Regent Hunt
Regent Loeffler
Regent Miller
Regent Oxford
Regent Riter
Regent Romero
Regent Sanchez

Absent_____

Also present was Regent-Designate Cyndi Taylor Krier who had not yet taken her oath of office.

Counsel and Secretary Frederick

[On March 23, 2001, Governor Rick Perry named the following individuals to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for terms to expire on February 1, 2007:

Mrs. Rita Crocker Clements, Dallas, Texas, whose term expired on February 1, 2001, was reappointed.

Judith L. Craven, M.D., M.P.H., Houston, Texas, to succeed Mr. Donald L. Evans, Midland, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 2001.

The Honorable Cyndi Taylor Krier, San Antonio, Texas, to succeed The Honorable Tom Loeffler, San Antonio, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 2001.

Each appointee was confirmed by the Senate of Texas on April 25, 2001.]

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Counsel and Secretary Frederick called the meeting to order. (With vacancies in the Office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Counsel and Secretary Frederick called the meeting to order pursuant to Roberts' Rules of Order.) The purpose of this special called meeting was to consider matters of sufficient urgency to require immediate consideration by the Board prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 9-10, 2001.

1. U. T. Board of Regents: Election of Regent Clements as Chairman Pro Tempore to Conduct Meeting

According to Roberts' Rules of Order and upon motion of Regent Riter, duly seconded, Regent Clements was elected Chairman Pro Tempore for the purpose of conducting this special called meeting.

Mrs. Clements thanked Chairman Loeffler for his 12 years of service on the Board and noted Mr. Loeffler was appointed to the Board by her husband, Governor William P. Clements, Jr., and reappointed by Governor George W. Bush. She spoke of Mr. Loeffler's significant contributions to the San Antonio institutions. Chairman Pro Tempore Clements then noted that new appointees, Judith L. Craven, M.D., and The Honorable Cyndi Taylor Krier were attending the meeting and stated the Board looked forward to their advice and counsel in the governance of The University of Texas System.

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

In response to Chairman Pro Tempore Clements' request for a motion to elect a Chairman of the U. T. Board of Regents, Regent Oxford moved that, in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Section 3, Regent Charles Miller be elected Chairman effective immediately. He stated that Regent Miller is a proven leader in State education issues, a spokesman for K-16 activities, a member of the Education Committee of the Governor's Business Council, Chairman of the U. T. Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Committee, and one who brings important assets to bear on issues facing the System.

The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Chairman Miller stated he was honored and humbled by this vote of confidence from his peers and he thanked the members of the Board for their support. He pledged to build on the work of former Chairmen Donald L. Evans and Tom Loeffler.

3. U. T. Board of Regents: Election of Vice-Chairmen and Counsel and Secretary to the Board, Effective Immediately, and in Accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 4 and 5 Related to the Election of Officers and Authorization for the Counsel and Secretary to Amend the Regents' Rules and Regulations Accordingly

Chairman Miller inquired if there was a motion regarding the election of Vice-Chairmen of the U. T. Board of Regents and a Counsel and Secretary to the Board. Regent Hunt moved that, in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 4 and 5, the following officers of the U. T. Board of Regents be elected, effective immediately:

Vice-Chairman (designated to act in place of the Chairman):	Mrs. Rita C. Clements
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. W. "Dub" Riter, Jr.
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Raul R. Romero
Counsel and Secretary:	Ms. Francie A. Frederick

Regent Hunt further moved that the Counsel and Secretary be authorized to amend the Regents' Rules and Regulations as necessary to conform to the actions taken related to the election of officers.

Regent Oxford seconded the motions that carried by acclamation.

Chairman Miller commented on several changes to the structure of the Board that he would consider over the next few days, including:

- The Board may function more as a Committee of the Whole and reduce time spent on other committees. Committee meetings may last one day except the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee which will meet separately.
- Committees may be composed of at least four members to avoid open meeting complications presented when two members of the Board constitute a quorum.
- He may create task forces in addition to the committees to draw on outside resources. He cited examples of task forces for (1) Access, Opportunity, and Success to expand the role of the Special Committee on Minorities and Women and look into student matters, hiring, and contracting; (2) technology, (3) federal and international activities, and

(4) planning issues. Work on planning issues might include a new Finance and Planning Committee to expand on the duties of the current Business Affairs and Audit Committee and a task force on long-range planning to coordinate goal-oriented actions with other policy makers such as the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Chairman Miller asked for input on his suggestions and said his proposals would be presented for approval at the May 9-10, 2001, meeting of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Miller congratulated Vice-Chairman Clements on her reappointment and announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

May 7, 2001