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THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened a special called meeting in Open Session on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.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

Chairman Eltife
Vice Chairman Weaver
Regent Crain
Regent Gauntt
Regent Jiles
Regent Perez
Regent Stedman
Regent Warren
Regent Schwartz, Student Regent, nonvoting

Absent

Vice Chairman Longoria

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS.--At 1:30 p.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 to consider action on the following items.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENT REGENT LUKE SCHWARTZ.--Chairman Eltife welcomed new Student Regent Schwartz to his first in-person meeting.

[Secretary's Note: On May 30, 2025, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Mr. Luke Schwartz, Tyler, Texas, as Student Regent to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to serve for a term from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.]

AGENDA ITEMS

1. U.T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters related to the Chancellor search, including possible naming of finalist

Vice Chairman Weaver made the following motion:

Upon recommendation of Chairman Eltife, I move that John M. Zerwas, M.D., currently Chancellor *ad interim*, be named as the sole finalist for the position of Chancellor of The University of Texas System.

This action is in compliance with *Texas Government Code* Section 552.123, which requires that the name of any finalist for the position of the chief executive officer of The University of Texas System be publicly released 21 days in advance of any final action. This motion is made with the understanding that a vote to name a Chancellor will be made at a future meeting following the expiration of at least 21 days.

The motion was seconded by Regent Perez and carried unanimously.

2. U.T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters related to presidential search process

Regent Gauntt made the following motion:

I move that the U.T. System Board of Regents vote to approve the initiation of the search for the presidency at U.T. Austin, using the alternative process authorized in Regents' Rule 20201, Section 1.9 to advance the name of President *ad interim* James E. Davis, J.D. as a candidate for consideration.

I further move that the Board authorize Chairman Eltife to appoint a Special Committee and to refer the name of Mr. Davis for the Committee's consideration and request that the Committee provide advice and evaluation to the Board on Mr. Davis' candidacy for the presidency.

And, finally, consistent with the actions recommended for approval, I move that this Motion, if approved, serve as public notice that the Board considers Mr. Davis a finalist for the position of President at U.T. Austin.

The motion was seconded by Regent Jiles and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

/s/
Jasmina Hasanovic
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents
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