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OF THE

MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS

OF

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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CONVENE BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Mr. Don Powell, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 8:35 a.m., on Thursday, September 25, 1997, in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Ms. Anne Armstrong (*joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.*)
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Erle Nye
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Robert H. Allen

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. David Toler, a senior at Texas A&M University, majoring in environmental design, Chaplain of the Corps of Cadets and a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Powell reported that a recent *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Texas A&M University (TAMU) as the only institution in the Southwest to be rated in the top 25 public institutions. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) was ranked as the top public regional university in Texas. Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) was ranked second among regional liberal arts colleges.

Mr. Powell introduced a video from the "The Bryant Gumbel Show." This television segment on Prairie View A&M's football team was a testimony to the perseverance of the students and portrayed the commitment of President Charles Hines to academic excellence.

At the request of Mr. Powell, Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor, explained that the System's agricultural service agencies received a grant for \$790,000 from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The grant will be used to develop 12 to 18 successful collective leadership programs throughout the System, with the goal of promoting leadership among faculty and students.

Mr. Powell called on Dr. C. Roland Haden, Vice Chancellor for Engineering and Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), to explain the microbeam accelerator, which is being assembled near the TEES' Nuclear Science Center. Dr. Haden said they are proud to have Dr. Les Braby, a research professor in the Department of Nuclear Engineering, head up this project. The system will illuminate how radiation damages human cells. The accelerator will operate under a three-year, \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). Dr. Thompson announced that Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), after 36 years with the System, plans to retire effective December 31, 1997. Dr. Thompson listed Dr. Carpenter's many accomplishments. He said Dr. Carpenter's unselfish devotion and commitment to the people of Texas will be remembered well into the 21st century.

**REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU, introduced the following members of the staff and faculty who discussed their jobs and projects:

Ms. Tracee Carcasson, Ms. Myra Gomez and Mr. Andrew Perez, discussed their jobs as counselors at TAMU.

Dr. George Bass, distinguished professor, chairholder and director of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, discussed his work.

Dr. Victoria Derosé, assistant professor of chemistry, discussed her research in the field of biological chemistry.

Dr. Leonard Berry, professor of marketing, who holds the J. C. Penny chair in retailing studies, director of the Center for Retailing Studies, recent recipient of the distinguished teaching award and distinguished achievement award in research, discussed his work.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Stanton Calvert, Chief of Legislative Affairs, presented a slide presentation. He said higher education was treated well and fairly by the Legislature. Dr. Calvert presented a summary of the 1998-99 university appropriations and pointed out that there was a \$120 million increase in general revenue additional formula funding, \$23.3 million in general revenue transitional funding and \$140 million in non-faculty pay raises. TAMUS did a little better than the other systems in appropriations increases. Even though the formulas were revised, the amount appropriated to the comprehensive doctoral degree granting institutions and the regional institutions remained approximately the same. Texas higher education requested \$926 million from the Legislature for the 1998-99 biennium and received \$593.3 million (64.1 percent of what was requested).

Dr. Calvert explained that the 75th legislative session was different for higher education because the state's higher education institutions had a plan, worked together and shunned special items. The state's economy was strong, and higher education had the support of the elected leadership. Other major functions of state government (i.e. general government, health and human services, public safety, education and economic development) had been dealt with in previous sessions. And lastly, Dr. Calvert explained, the Legislature wanted to revise the formulas for higher education.

Dr. Calvert said about \$250-260 million was provided for the academic institutions for ongoing operations. The summary of general revenue increase for TAMUS is a 9.2 percent increase over 1996-97. Dr. Calvert then discussed the university funding formulas for the 1998-99 biennium. It went from fourteen elements to two -- the instruction and operations formula and the infrastructure support formula.

Dr. Calvert discussed the riders which include interim studies on faculty workload, agencies' infrastructure support, performance measures, disparity, excessive undergraduate credit hours and customer satisfaction.

A preliminary list of goals/priorities for 1999 include continuing to build upon the coalition effort, staying unified both internally and externally, providing stable funding for the agencies, improving the funding level and stability of funding for the health-related institutions.

In conclusion, Dr. Calvert said higher education needs to provide benefits and service to the people of the state, to respond forthrightly because our success depends more than anything else on our credibility, to see ourselves as partners with the state policy makers, and to continue our deep abiding commitment to do better throughout TAMUS.

RECESS BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

Mr. Powell thanked the presenters and recessed the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meetings of the Committee on Audit and Committee on Academic and Student Affairs were held from 10:45 a.m. to 1:40 p.m.)

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING AND CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION -
SEPTEMBER 25, 1997**

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and announced that having convened in open session, the Board would convene in a closed session to consider matters as permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: Section 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney-client confidential and privileged; Section 551.072, for discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate, including Items 12 through 15; Section 551.074, for discussion of matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee, including Item 38.

Mr. Powell said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed meeting would be made or taken.

Mr. Powell asked the following members of the administration to stay for the closed session: Dr. Thompson; Mr. Dick Lindsay, Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations; Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Deputy Chancellor for Academic Institutions and Agencies; Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel; and Ms. Tami Sayko, Chancellor's Chief of Staff. Mr. Powell announced that the following would be called on for reports during the closed session: Dr. Charles Hines, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU); Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU; Dr. Robert Furgason, President of TAMU-CC; Dr. Ed Hiler, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences; Dr. Jerry Morris, President of TAMU-C; Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Director of TAEX; and Mr. Frank Clark, Director of Internal Audit.

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION AND RECESS -
SEPTEMBER 25, 1997**

At 4:15 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 1:47 p.m. until 4:10 p.m. He then recessed the meeting of the Board.

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING AND CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION -
SEPTEMBER 26, 1997**

On Friday, September 26, 1997, at 8:34 a.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Erle Nye
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Robert H. Allen

Mr. Powell said because the Board did not complete the executive session agenda, it would reconvene in closed session to continue its agenda as announced the day before. Mr. Powell said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed meeting would be made or taken.

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION AND RECESS -
SEPTEMBER 26, 1997**

At 10:24 a.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 8:35 a.m. until 10:23 a.m. He then recessed the meeting of the Board.

(Secretary's Note: The meetings of the Committee on Finance, Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant and the Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee were held from 10:25 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

At 11:27 a.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board and called on Mr. Nye for the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee recommended Items 2 through 11 *(Item 1 was withdrawn prior to the meeting)*. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 144-97 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR  
OPERATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE  
ANIMAL SCIENCE TEACHING, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

An amount of \$500,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt proceeds (University Authorized Tuition) is hereby appropriated for operating equipment for the Animal Science Teaching, Research and Extension Center. The amount of \$500,000 previously transferred for such purpose is reverted to locally held tuition.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 145-97 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR  
TRANSPORTATION CENTER FLEET VEHICLES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

An amount of \$925,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt proceeds (Transportation Center revenues) is hereby appropriated for the purchase of Transportation Center fleet vehicles.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably

expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 146-97 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR  
GRAPHICS ART SERVICES EQUIPMENT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

An amount of \$671,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt proceeds (Graphics Art Services revenues) is hereby appropriated for the purchase of equipment for the Department of Graphics Art Services.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 147-97 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR  
DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

An amount of \$6,000,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt proceeds (University Authorized Tuition) is hereby appropriated for Texas A&M University Deferred Maintenance Projects - FY 1998.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 148-97 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF  
HEALTH-RELATED COMPONENTS INTO THE  
SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with the support of the 75th Legislature of the State of Texas, hereby authorizes the Chancellor to proceed with the integration of the College of Medicine, Texas A&M University; the Institute of Biosciences and Technology, Texas A&M University; the School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M University; and the Baylor College of Dentistry into a consolidated structure to be named The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.

The System Health Science Center will be expected to maintain active collaboration with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing, the Tarleton State University Division of Nursing, the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Texas A&M International University School of Nursing, the West Texas A&M University Division of Nursing, and such other health-related programs as may be duly authorized and approved in the future. This authority includes the establishment of the Health Science Center as a member of The Texas A&M University System, subject to approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**MINUTE ORDER 149-97 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROPRIATION OF INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF  
REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM BONDS, SERIES 1996,  
TO PURCHASE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE  
STERLING C. EVANS LIBRARY AND TO PAY INTEREST DEBT SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The amount of \$700,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Unappropriated Plant Funds - Revenue Financing System Bonds, Series 1996, for the purpose of purchasing furniture and equipment for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

The amount of \$2,497,655.89 is hereby appropriated from Unappropriated Plant Funds - Revenue Financing System Bonds, Series 1996, for the purpose of paying scheduled debt service on the 1996 Bonds due and payable on November 15, 1997.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 150-97 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A  
QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED  
THE "W. C. GILBERT, JR. QUASI-ENDOWMENT,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment account to be called the "W. C. Gilbert, Jr. Quasi-Endowment." The account will be created with proceeds received from the sale of portions of the W. C. Gilbert, Jr. Ranch. Interest earnings from the quasi-endowments will be used to support agricultural research, with a portion devoted to the support of agricultural library holdings.

**MINUTE ORDER 151-97 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF NATIONSBANK AS  
THE LOCAL DEPOSITORY FOR  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In accordance with The Texas A&M University System Investment Policy, NationsBank is hereby approved as the local depository for Texas A&M University at Galveston for a term of three years beginning October 1, 1997.

**MINUTE ORDER 152-97 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND BEQUESTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby accepts the gifts, grants, loans and bequests made to the Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Grants, Loans and Bequests List No. 97-98-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 153-97 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Armstrong and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The report of appropriations by the Chancellor, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, is hereby accepted.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Avilés for the report of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Dr. Avilés, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the Committee recommended approval of Items 12 through 17, 19 and 21 through 24. Items 18 and 20 were withdrawn.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 154-97 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF LAND, WALLER COUNTY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to sell approximately three (3) acres of land situated on the campus of Prairie View A&M University to Waller County, Texas. This authorization is expressly contingent upon Waller County using the subject property as a building site for a community center, with reversionary interests in the event it is not used for such purpose. Consideration to be paid by Waller County will be \$1.00.

**MINUTE ORDER 155-97 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE  
SALE OF LAND, WILLIAMSON COUNTY,  
STILES FARM FOUNDATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendations by Texas Agricultural Extension Service administration, the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary and execute all required documents to sell the surface estate of a tract of land containing approximately 21.9 acres out of the Reason Green Survey, Abstract 268 in Williamson County, Texas, and being a part of the Stiles Farm Foundation, to the Thrall Independent School District. Consideration to be paid by the Thrall Independent School District will be \$62,400.

**MINUTE ORDER 156-97 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
EXECUTE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT, HUNT COUNTY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendations from Texas A&M University-Commerce administration, the System Real Estate Office and legal review from the Office of General Counsel is authorized to negotiate and execute a ground lease agreement with the Commerce Independent School District for a tract of land consisting of approximately 84.95 acres out of the H. Lindley Survey, Abstract 638, Hunt County, Texas, for the express use as a senior high school. The term of the ground lease will be for 99 years and consideration to be paid by the Commerce Independent School District will be \$1.00 per year. This authorization is contingent upon the Commerce Independent School District obtaining adequate funding for this project, and contractually contingent to commencing construction within three (3) years from the date of the ground lease.

**MINUTE ORDER 157-97 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY A  
TRACT OF LAND, BELL COUNTY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review of the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary and to execute all documents needed to acquire a tract of land containing approximately 2.09 acres from the United States of America in the Maximo Moreno Grant, Abstract No. 14, Bell County, Texas, and to convey to the United States of America a tract of land containing approximately 2.484 acres of land situated in the Maximo Moreno Grant, Abstract No. 14, Bell County, Texas. Closing costs of \$10,000, are approved and appropriated from Account No. 06-400200.

**MINUTE ORDER 158-97 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE SPACE WITHIN THE  
IBT BUILDING TO MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following review and approval by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute all documents required to enter into a lease agreement with MCI Telecommunications Corporation for approximately 1,000 square feet of space on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor in the IBT Building. The primary term of lease will be five (5) years with an option by MCI to renew for three (3) additional 5-year periods on terms and conditions mutually agreed to by MCI Telecommunications Corporation and the Chancellor, or his designee. Consideration to be paid by MCI during the initial primary term is \$11.00 per square foot, per year, which will be adjusted to market rent for each of the succeeding option periods.

**MINUTE ORDER 159-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF CALVIN E. MOORE AVENUE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The street known as "Avenue A" in the University Apartments area on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named "Calvin E. Moore Avenue."

**MINUTE ORDER 160-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF CHARLES C. HALTOM AVENUE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The street known as "Avenue B" in the University Apartments area on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named "Charles C. Haltom Avenue."

**MINUTE ORDER 161-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF FRANK KEN NICOLAS AVENUE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The street known as "Avenue C" in the University Apartments area on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named "Frank Ken Nicolas Avenue."

**MINUTE ORDER 162-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**RENAMING OF THE  
SK GROUP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ROOM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Sunkyung Group International Conference Room, in the Presidential Conference Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby renamed the "SK Group International Conference Room."

**MINUTE ORDER 163-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
JACK K. WILLIAMS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Administration Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the "Jack K. Williams Administration Building," in honor of Dr. Jack K. Williams.

**MINUTE ORDER 164-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
E. J. HOWELL BUILDING,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Education Building on the campus of Tarleton State University is hereby named the "E. J. Howell Building."

**MINUTE ORDER 165-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
DAVID BREWER BUILDING,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Navy ROTC Building on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the "David Brewer Building."

**MINUTE ORDER 166-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**NAMING OF THE  
HASTINGS ELECTRONIC LEARNING CENTER,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Electronic Learning Center located in the basement of the Cornette Library, on the campus of West Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Hastings Electronic Learning Center."

**MINUTE ORDER 167-97 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE AIKIN BUILDING EXPANSION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Based on bids received September 16, 1997, the contract is awarded to Harrison, Walker & Harper, Inc. of Paris, Texas, at \$3,463,884.00, the low base bid and Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for the Aikin Building Expansion at Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$325,000.00, the amount of \$3,961,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Tuition Revenue) and the amount of \$369,000.00 is appropriated from Higher Education Assistance Fund for the Aikin Building Expansion at Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial

obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 168-97 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATICS LABORATORY,  
BLACKLANDS RESEARCH CENTER, TEMPLE, TEXAS,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Preliminary design for the Natural Resources Informatics Laboratory, Blacklands Research Center, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Temple, Texas, is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 169-97 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
FOR THE CHILD CARE CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Preliminary design for the Child Care Center at Texas A&M University is approved.

The Chancellor is authorized to take action on the construction bids, to appropriate the required funds and to do any and all things necessary to complete the construction project, provided the total project funding requirements do not exceed \$1,035,000.00.

**MINUTE ORDER 170-97 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
ATHLETIC FACILITIES RENOVATIONS/ADDITIONS,  
PHASE IV (TWO NEW GRASS FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELDS),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Based on bids received September 9, 1997, the contract is awarded to W. M. Klunkert, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, at \$1,913,200.00, the low base bid and Alternate 2 for the Athletic Facilities Renovations/Additions, Phase IV, at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$170,000.00, the amount of \$2,249,128.73 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System Stadium Revenue Fund) for the Athletic Facilities Renovations/Additions, Phase IV, at Texas A&M University.

The amount of \$129,128.73 in previous appropriations is reverted to Reserve for Athletic Facilities.

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

**MINUTE ORDER 171-97 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE  
EASTERWOOD AIRPORT RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING FACILITY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Based on bids received August 21, 1997, the contract is awarded to R. M. Dudley Construction Company, Inc., of College Station, Texas, at \$1,560,000.00, the low base bid for the Easterwood Airport Rescue and Firefighting Facility at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$160,000.00, the amount of \$1,451,970.00 is appropriated from a Federal Aviation Administration Grant; the amount of \$631,700.00 from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds and the amount of \$1,330.00 is appropriated from Airport Operations for the Easterwood Airport Rescue and Firefighting Facility at Texas A&M University.

The award of this contract and the appropriation of funds is subject to approval by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Mr. Powell called on Ms. Rangel for the report of the Committee on Academic and Students Affairs.

Ms. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said the Committee met on June 24, September 24 and September 25, and recommended approval of Items 25 through 33. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 172-97 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE THE  
CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELS RESEARCH AND  
THE INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL DRUG ABATEMENT RESEARCH,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby formally closes the following Texas Engineering Experiment Station Centers: Alternative Fuels Research and National Drug Abatement Research.

**MINUTE ORDER 173-97 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technologies is established as an institute within the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and will report directly to the Director of TEES. The Director(s) of the Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technologies shall be appointed by the Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

**MINUTE ORDER 174-97 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW LOGO,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Prairie View A&M University is hereby authorized to use the logo, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, beginning October 1, 1997.

**MINUTE ORDER 175-97 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK APPROVAL  
FROM THE THECB TO INITIATE PLANNING TO  
EXPAND THE EXISTING DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE TO A SCHOOL,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Prairie View A&M University is authorized to seek approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to initiate planning to expand the existing Division of Architecture to a School to include architecture and allied disciplines--namely Construction Science, Community Development and Planning, or other programs the university is qualified to offer.

**MINUTE ORDER 176-97 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PHASE ONE OF  
ACADEMIC REORGANIZATION PLAN TO THE THECB,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Prairie View A&M University is authorized to submit Phase One of its Academic reorganization plan to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, including a mixture of eight non-substantive administrative and program changes, as identified in **Exhibit D**, which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 177-97 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH HARRIS MONTGOMERY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT UNIVERSITY CENTER,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is committed to developing new ways to serve the higher educational needs of the citizens of Texas; and

Whereas, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the University Center at The Woodlands as a "multi-institution teaching center," a mechanism to meet new and increased demand without creating a new, free-standing university through cooperative ventures involving several universities and community colleges; and

Whereas, the areas of North Houston, North Harris and Montgomery counties are among the fastest growing in the State of Texas, with a current population of more than one million residents; and

Whereas, planning and development of integrated opportunities for higher education in the region cited above have been led by North Harris Montgomery Community College District (NHMCCD) in concert with area universities; and

Whereas, NHMCCD is building a University Center on the campus of Montgomery College developed by a private-public partnership; and

Whereas, Prairie View A&M University views this initiative as an appropriate response to meeting the needs of the citizens in its service area, to the extent permitted by available resources; and

Whereas, the Board of Regents, under Minute Order 158-95, adopted a resolution which endorsed and supported the concept of a University Center; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System does hereby endorse and support the participation of Prairie View A&M University in the University Center at The Woodlands to serve as a regional asset for the citizens as well as an effective and efficient model for delivery of higher education in Texas; and, be it, further

Resolved, that Prairie View A&M University assumes full responsibility for ensuring the quality of its academic programs and operation of programs within the approved institutional, system, and state policies and procedures, as well as, accrediting association criteria regulating program development and administration; and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Board of Regents authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to develop and execute necessary partnerships and programmatic agreements upon review and approval by the Office of General Counsel for legal form and sufficiency.

**MINUTE ORDER 178-97 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY TO UNDERTAKE A  
SPECIAL PROJECT DESIGNATED TO  
STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE ITS IMAGE NATIONALLY  
AND INTERNATIONALLY IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is committed to the continued strengthening of all its components; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes that a strong Texas A&M University will continue to serve the citizens of the State of Texas and the United States; and

Whereas, President Bowen, with the cooperation of the Texas A&M Foundation, has developed the framework of a plan to strengthen Texas A&M University and enhance its national stature in higher education; and

Whereas, this plan is designed specifically to position Texas A&M University among the top ten public universities in the United States by the year 2020; and

Whereas, this project will involve a wide array of individuals, including University leadership, members of the Board of Regents, Former Students and friends of the University such as Trustees of the Texas A&M Foundation, its Development Advisory Committee, the Board of the Association of Former Students, Statewide thought leaders, and others; and

Whereas, the envisioned process will include both a self-examination and establishment of internal aspirations and an assessment of statewide needs and goals; and

Whereas, this will be followed by an examination of alternative visions directed toward a well-defined future vision and the development of specific strategies and plans; and

Whereas, communication and syndication of the plan will provide the basic parameters for goals, objectives and priorities for the institution's next comprehensive fund-raising campaign; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System does hereby endorse the concept of the plan known as "Vision 2020"; and be it, further

Resolved, that as of September 26, 1997, the Board of Regents authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to move forward to develop and implement this project, and to provide regular reports to the Board for its duration.

**MINUTE ORDER 179-97 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A NONSUBSTANTIVE PROPOSAL  
TO THE THECB TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE  
COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES AND MARITIME STUDIES TO  
THE COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to present a nonsubstantive proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requesting that the name of the College of Geosciences and Maritime Studies be changed to the College of Geosciences. The effective date of the name change would be upon formal approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**MINUTE ORDER 180-97 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPROVAL OF 1998-99 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the 1998-99 admission requirements for each component university, other than undergraduate requirements for Texas A&M University and its Galveston campus, on terms and conditions substantially the same as those contained in **Exhibit E** and **Exhibit F**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

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Ms. Rangel commented that the Board has been thoroughly reviewing admissions. She said the Board reserves the right to change the admissions criteria for the year 1998-99. Ms. Rangel thanked all the presidents for all of the information they provided. She said they did a wonderful job in helping the Committee understand this process. Ms. Rangel said since admissions and student performance have been subjects of discussion amongst the people of Texas recently, she wanted to point out some important things about admissions throughout TAMUS. She said it appears, from looking at the data, that ethnicity has no bearing on student performance. Ms. Rangel then presented the following data:

- PVAMU, majority African-American, GPA 2.4
- TSU, majority Anglo-American, GPA 2.7
- TAMU-K, majority Hispanic, open enrollment, GPA 2.5
- TAMU-CC, majority Anglo-American, GPA 2.9
- TAMIU, open enrollment, majority Hispanic, GPA 2.8
- WTAMU, majority Anglo-American, GPA 2.7
- TAMU-C, majority Anglo-American, GPA 2.9
- TAMU-T, open enrollment, majority Anglo-American, GPA 3.0 (smallest campus)
- TAMU, majority Anglo-American, GPA 2.8

Ms. Rangel said the majority of the student populations at all of the campuses is female, except TAMU-K which has a 50:50 student population. She added that the administration needs to work more in the direction of providing more things to benefit and inspire women.

Mr. Powell called on Mr. McClure for the report of the Committee on Audit.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. McClure, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the Committee met on September 25, 1997. The Committee recommended approval of Items 34 through 36. Mr. McClure said because of the nature of these items it was necessary that separate votes be taken on each item. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 181-97 (AGENDA ITEM 34)****ADOPTION OF REVISED SYSTEM POLICIES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

*01.02 (Definitions), 01.03 (Appointing Power and Terms and Conditions of Employment),  
01.04 (Items Requiring Action by the Board of Regents), 02.01 (Board of Regents),  
02.02 (Office of the Chancellor), 02.04 (Organizational Units of the System),  
03.02 (Procedures for Establishment of Institutional Role and  
Mission Statements and Tables of Programs),  
03.03 (Community Collaboration), 11.07 (Granting of Honorary Degrees),  
12.03 (Faculty Academic Workload and Reporting Requirements),  
12.05 (Training for English Proficiency),  
12.06 (Post-Tenure Review of Faculty and Teaching Effectiveness),  
13.02 (Student Rights and Obligations), 15.01 (Research Agreements),  
21.03 (Internal Auditing), 21.04 (Control of Fraud and Fraudulent Actions),  
25.01 (Use and Operation of System Aircraft), 25.03 (Approval of Board Travel),  
25.06 (Participation by Historically Underutilized Business),  
27.03 (Annual Operating Budget Process), 28.02 (Educational Business Activities),  
31.01 (Compensation), 31.03 (Leaves of Absence), 31.07 (Retirement),  
32.01 (Employee Complaint and Appeal Procedures), 33.01 (Privileges as a Citizen),  
33.03 (Nepotism), 34.01 (Sexual Harassment),  
34.02 (Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs),  
34.03 (Purchase, Service and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages),  
34.05 (Smoking), 41.01 (Real Property Gift and Bequest Acceptance),  
41.02 (Real Property Purchase), 41.03 (Real Property Condemnation),  
41.04 (Real Property Classification), 41.07 (Real Property Disposition),  
51.02 (Selection of Architect/Engineers Design Team),  
51.03 (Art Acquisitions for New and Renovated Facilities),  
51.08 (Reversion of Unexpended Balances in Plant Fund Accounts),  
60.03 (Approval of Fees, Texas A&M Foundation),  
61.01 (Public Information Act Compliance)*

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Powell and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby adopts revisions to current System Policies attached hereto as **Exhibit G**.

**MINUTE ORDER 182-97 (AGENDA ITEM 35)****AMENDMENTS TO THE  
BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective immediately, the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System are hereby amended. A copy of the amendments to the Bylaws is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**.

**MINUTE ORDER 183-97 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY 21.03 (INTERNAL AUDITING),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective immediately, System Policy 21.03 (Internal Auditing), as revised, is hereby adopted. A copy of the revised policy is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. Lindsey for the report of the Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee.

REPORT OF THE ART AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Lindsey, Chairman of the Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee, said the Committee recommended approval of Item 37. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 184-97 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO COMMISSION THE  
CREATION AND PLACEMENT OF A STATUE FOR  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES F. HOLLINGSWORTH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to commission the creation and placement of a statue of Lieutenant General James F. Hollingsworth on the Texas A&M University campus.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Powell said Item 38 was considered in closed session. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 185-97 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. RONALD E. JONES  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Mr. Ronald E. Jones is hereby appointed as Vice President for Student Affairs at Prairie View A&M University, effective October 1, 1997.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Bowen to present Item 39. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 186-97 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION FOR  
DR. KENNETH H. ASHWORTH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University and a doctoral degree in history and philosophy of education from the University of Texas; and

Whereas, Dr. Ashworth used this academic background to devote more than 30 years to higher education administrative posts both in Washington, D.C. and in Texas; and

Whereas, during the past twenty-one years as Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Dr. Ashworth literally shaped the educational opportunities for a generation of Texans while he worked to improve the quality and access to higher education for every student in this state; and

Whereas, his patience, perseverance and good humor through eleven Legislative Sessions should have earned him a medal, it has instead earned the satisfaction of overseeing new degree programs in emerging fields of study, the creation of financial aid programs and in the establishment of a thorough review process to distribute millions of research dollars through the advanced research and technology programs and the knowledge that these programs as well as countless others have benefited the citizens of this state; and

Whereas, the fruits of his labor are evident throughout the state and particularly within The Texas A&M University System; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System does hereby recognize this distinguished career in higher education; and, be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board, be presented both to Dr. Ashworth and to the archives of Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Bowen who presented Item 40. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 187-97 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MR. JAMES STEELE MOORE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. James Steele Moore, a member of the Class of 1952, serves Texas A&M University with honor and distinction in a variety of capacities; and

Whereas, Mr. Moore earned a bachelor's degree in pre-law from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, and he served in the United States Army from 1953-1955, graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1956 and served as a State Representative from Tarrant County from 1954-1959; and

Whereas, Mr. Moore, an attorney, serves as chairman of the board of American Bank of Commerce at Wolfforth, Texas, and also serves on the boards of the American Park Corporation and Americo Bancshares, Inc.; and

Whereas, Mr. Moore, who was named Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University in 1997, has generously supported his alma mater, contributing selflessly to the Association of Former Students, the 12th Man Foundation, the Texas A&M Foundation, and numerous other programs at Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, Mr. Moore was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas A&M Foundation from 1990-1997, serving as chairman in 1994, and served as president of the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students in 1981, as chairman of the Lubbock Steering Committee of the "Capturing the Spirit" Campaign, as secretary and vice president of the Lubbock A&M Club, and as a member of the Agriculture and Corps of Cadets Development Councils; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in guiding the Texas A&M Foundation during the University's \$500 Million "Capturing the Spirit" Campaign; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully recognizes the outstanding dedication and service of Mr. Moore as a trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation and his lifelong devoted efforts to maintaining the margin of excellence that defines Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M Foundation, and the Association of Former Students; and, be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, be presented to Mr. Moore, and to the archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of appreciation and respect for Mr. James Steele Moore '52.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. Jim Hull, Director of the Texas Forest Service to present Item 41. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 188-97 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. LARRY C. BENNETT  
AS A PEACE OFFICER,  
TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby commissions the Texas Forest Service employee, Mr. Larry C. Bennett, as a peace officer.

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Mr. Powell presented Item 42. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 189-97 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**GRANTING OF ACADEMIC TENURE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 on academic freedom, responsibility and tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth on Tenure List 97-98-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

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Mr. Powell presented Item 43. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 190-97 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLES OF EMERITUS/EMERITA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of "Emeritus/Emerita" upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 97-98-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

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Mr. Powell presented Item 44. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 191-97 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The appointments and promotions accepted and approved by the Chief Executive Officers of the respective Members of The Texas A&M University System, or their designees, as shown on Appointment List No 97-98-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**, and Promotion List No. 97-98-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**, are hereby confirmed.

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Mr. Powell presented Item 45. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 192-97 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF  
JULY 24-25, 1997 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND  
AUGUST 22, 1997 SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in Canyon, Texas, on July 24-25, 1997, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on August 22, 1997, are hereby approved.

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Mr. Powell called on Ms. Terri Parker, who presented a demonstration of the System Web page.

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Charles Lee, Vice Chancellor for Research, Planning and Continuing Education, who presented Item 46. Dr. Lee said along with the recognition, each recipient will receive a plaque, a medallion, and a financial stipend for the next three years. He said this is one of the most prestigious awards that the Board can give to the people in the System who demonstrate their commitment to what the System is all about. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 193-97 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**DESIGNATION OF THE TITLE OF  
"REGENTS PROFESSOR,"  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of "Regents Professor" to the following ten faculty, effective September 26, 1997:

Dr. N. Sue Seale  
Baylor College of Dentistry

Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni  
Prairie View A&M University

Dr. Jack Russell  
Tarleton State University

Dr. Charles D. Johnson  
Texas A&M University

Dr. Steven H. Murdock  
Texas A&M University

Dr. James A. Grimshaw, Jr.  
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Dr. James R. Norwine  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Dr. Peter L. Petersen  
West Texas A&M University

Dr. Calvin B. Parnell, Jr.  
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Dr. John A. Weese  
Texas Engineering Experiment Station

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Mr. Powell and Dr. Thompson then presented the awards and plaques to each recipient.

RECESS BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING AND CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION -
SEPTEMBER 26, 1997**

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 1:29 p.m. and announced that the Board would continue with its closed session agenda.

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION -
SEPTEMBER 26, 1997**

At 2:17 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 1:30 p.m. until 2:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Vickie Burt
Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

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