

MINUTES

**SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

January 7, 2021

CONVENE

Chairman Elaine Mendoza convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Chairman Mendoza said the Board had four agenda items for consideration and action as shown in the agenda materials posted with the Secretary of State. She said each party to the conference call should clearly identify himself or herself prior to speaking.

The following members of the Board were present by phone:

Ms. Elaine Mendoza, Chairman
Mr. Tim Leach, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Robert L. Albritton
Mr. Jay Graham (*joined meeting at 3:28 p.m.*)
Mr. Michael A. Hernandez
Mr. Bill Mahomes
Mr. Michael J. Plank (*joined meeting at 3:28 p.m.*)
Mr. Clifton L. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. Cahlen Cheatham (Student Regent)

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Mendoza said the Board would recess to executive session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71 and 74 of the Texas Government Code. She said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

(Note: The Board met in executive session from 2:04 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. For the record, Regent Graham and Regent Plank were not present during executive session for discussion of Item 2. Regents Graham and Plank joined the meeting at 3:28 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Mendoza reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:16 p.m. and announced that the Board had met in executive session from 2:04 p.m. until 4:15 p.m., and conferred with Chancellor Sharp, administration and attorneys on legal matters. She said that their open session agenda called for discussion of issues related to new federal funding legislation. Chairman Mendoza said that this item would be tabled pending further review and analysis of the new federal legislation.

Chairman Mendoza presented Item 1 and called for a motion. Regent Albritton moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 1. Regent Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Mendoza called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – yes, and Thomas – yes.

The following minute order was approved (001).

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**MINUTE ORDER 001-2021 (ITEM 1)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. JOHN JUNKINS  
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Effective January 1, 2021, Dr. John Junkins is hereby appointed interim president of Texas A&M University at an initial salary of \$900,000.

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For the record, Chairman Mendoza noted that Regent Graham and Regent Plank were not present for the discussion of Item 2 in executive session. She said they would also recuse themselves from the vote on this item. Chairman Mendoza called for a motion on Item 2. Regent Albritton moved for adoption of the minute order contained in Item 2. Vice Chairman Leach seconded the motion. Chairman Mendoza called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – recused, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – recused, and Thomas – yes.

The following minute order was approved (002).

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**MINUTE ORDER 002-2021 (ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO  
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH NCCD-CAIN HALL REDEVELOPMENT II, INC.  
RELATED TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS AT  
THE TEXAS A&M HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Authority is hereby granted to the president of Texas A&M University to negotiate and execute an amendment, and other related documents, to an agreement with NCCD – Cain Hall Redevelopment II, Inc. to increase the advance payment to \$1.5 million to secure a first right of access to The Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center hotel rooms, meeting rooms, event spaces, and catering services for the purpose of hosting events, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

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Chairman Mendoza called on Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who presented Items 3 and 4. She then called for a motion for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 3 and 4. Regent Albritton moved for adoption of the minute orders contained in Items 3 and 4. Regent Mahomes seconded the motion. Chairman Mendoza called each regent's name for the vote. The record of the vote is as follows: Adams – yes, Albritton – yes, Graham – yes, Hernandez – yes, Leach – yes, Mahomes – yes, Plank – yes, and Thomas – yes.

MINUTE ORDER 003-2021 (ITEM 3)

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS, JANUARY 2021,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

In recognition of 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” upon the individual as shown in the attached exhibit, Emeritus Title List No. 21-01-1, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 004(A)-2021 (ITEM 4)

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 and 51.948 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List Calendar Year 2021, Texas A&M University.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Albritton, seconded by Regent Hernandez, Chairman Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

*(Minutes transcribed by Jackie Bell, Office of the Board of Regents.)*

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
CONFIRMATION OF EMERITUS TITLES  
EMERITUS TITLE LIST NO. 21-01-1

| System Member<br>Honoree | Years<br>of<br>Service | Current Rank | Title Conferred | Effective Date |
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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| Mr. Michael K.<br>Young | 5 | President | President Emeritus | 01/01/2021 |
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**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE LIST  
CALENDAR YEAR 2021  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

| <b>Name/<br/>Title/<br/>Department</b>                                                                                   | <b>Years of<br/>Texas<br/>A&amp;M<br/>University<br/>Tenured,<br/>Tenure-<br/>Track<br/>Service</b> | <b>Period of Leave</b>                    | <b>Location and Brief Description of Leave</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                     |                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Michael K. Young<br>Former President<br>Professor<br>Bush School of<br>Government and<br>Public Service<br>School of Law | 5                                                                                                   | January 1, 2021<br>– December 31,<br>2021 | Leave will be spent at various locations, including College Station, Fort Worth, and Washington DC, advancing research activities and enhancing instructional methodologies to facilitate the transition from serving as President to a full-time faculty member and director of the Institute for Religious Liberties and International Affairs. Mr. Young became the President of Texas A&M University on May 1, 2015 and will be stepping down effective December 31, 2020. |