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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
January 27, 2000**

CONVENE BOARD MEETING

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 9:23 a.m., on Thursday, January 27, 2000, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. Frederick D. McClure, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Powell 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: 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney/client confidential and privileged; 551.072, for discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate, including Item 29; 551.073, for discussion of negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; and 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.

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 IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:41 a.m. He said the Board met in closed session from 9:24 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Mr. Powell then recessed the meeting. Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m., Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. Kyle Gray, a senior at Texas A&M University, majoring in Management Information Systems.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), thanked the Board for its attention and leadership. Mr. Graves thanked those in the room for the job they are doing in leading, managing and directing the activities of the System.

Mr. Graves said the officials from the accreditation committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) granted full accreditation to the Texas A&M University Health Science Center (TAMUSHSC) on December 7, 1999. Previously the colleges and schools in the Health Science Center were accredited as part of the university or part of the System. This accreditation by SACS will make the HSC directly eligible for numerous types of financial assistance from the federal government.

Mr. Graves said later in the day, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) was scheduled to vote on the establishment of The Texas A&M University System's Center in southern San Antonio, on the campus of Palo Alto College, with Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) as the lead institution. This was presented to a committee of the THECB. The committee voted unanimously to support the proposal and present it as a consensus item to the THECB. Mr. Graves said, if approved, on February 15, 2000, TAMUS will make a formal announcement of this project in San Antonio.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE - "WOMEN-IN-DISCOVERY"

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Nye to report on this conference. Mr. Nye said he simply wanted the Board and all present to be aware of a development that is going to take place on the TAMU campus in March. "Women-in-Discovery" was designed to feature the importance of women in science and technology and to advance the important contributions they have made. Mr. Nye introduced Ms. Penny Beaumont to give a brief discussion of the conference. Ms. Beaumont said this conference is the "brain child" of Dr. Alan Waltar, Head of the Nuclear Engineering Department at TAMU, who also serves as president of Eagle Alliance, which is a public/private group advocating the positives of nuclear technology. Ms. Beaumont said the goals are to enhance public understanding of the need for science literacy and to demonstrate the positive impact of nuclear technology on our everyday lives. Ms. Beaumont explained that the conference will feature the scientific equipment of Marie Curie. These unique artifacts will be the focal point of the exhibit on campus (coming to the United States for the first time).

RECESS BOARD MEETING

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: A meeting of the Committee on Finance was held from 11:15 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Meetings of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant and Committee for Academic and Student Affairs were held from 1:58 p.m. to 3:04 p.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

Mr. Powell reconvened the Board meeting at 3:05 p.m. Mr. Powell called on Dr. Noren to introduce Item 27. Dr. Noren introduced Dr. Phil Campbell, member of the Baylor Oral Health Foundation, and Dr. Jim Cole, Interim Dean of the Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD), who presented remarks. Mr. Nye gave a brief history of the relationship between TAMUS and BCD, and the commitment of the Baylor Oral Health Foundation to BCD. Mr. Nye presented Item 27. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 02-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING  
APPRECIATION TO THE BAYLOR ORAL HEALTH FOUNDATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Whereas, the Baylor Oral Health Foundation, a non-profit foundation established in 1993, has served Baylor College of Dentistry and the North Texas community with distinction in a variety of activities, including supporting the College's educational and scientific programs, which advance the objectives of promoting activities in research, education, training and patient services in oral health; and

Whereas, the Baylor Oral Health Foundation has been steadfast in its commitment to Baylor College of Dentistry throughout its history and particularly during times of fiscal necessity by providing substantial operational funding for educational purposes; and

Whereas, the Baylor Oral Health Foundation demonstrated stalwart continuity in its commitment to Baylor College of Dentistry as it took an exciting step toward becoming a significant part of one of the first health science centers of its kind: The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center; and

Whereas, the Baylor Oral Health Foundation has provided not only operational funding, but also support to the College to sustain pre-eminence as an institution through excellence in students, faculty, research and outreach for the benefit of the greater community of Dallas and North Texas; and

Whereas, the Baylor Oral Health Foundation has generously leveraged Baylor College of Dentistry's ability to attract philanthropic support from external sources by providing matching funds for many of the College's community outreach programs; and

Whereas, the Baylor Oral Health Foundation and Board of Directors have stood loyally beside Baylor College of Dentistry through its transition, offering more than financial support,



but true, compassionate comradeship to the College's faculty, staff, students, alumni and patients; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 27th day of January 2000, gratefully recognizes the outstanding dedication and service of the Baylor Oral Health Foundation and its Board as a friend of the A&M System and their efforts to maintain that margin of excellence that defines the A&M System and Baylor College of Dentistry; 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 the Baylor Oral Health Foundation, and to the archives of the Health Science Center, as an expression of appreciation and respect for the Baylor Oral Health Foundation.

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Mr. Powell and Mr. Nye presented a framed resolution to Dr. Campbell and Dr. Cole.

Mr. Powell asked Dr. Wynn to present the report of the Committee on Health Affairs.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AFFAIRS

Dr. Wynn, Chairman of the Committee on Health Affairs, said the next Board Meeting would be held in Temple, Texas, at Scott & White Hospital, the location of TAMUSHSC College of Medicine's clinical campus.

RECESS

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Audit met from 3:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Ms. Armstrong reported that Dr. Robert Furgason, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), was featured in the January 1, 2000, issue of the *Corpus Christi Caller Times* as "Newsmaker of the Decade." Ms. Armstrong thanked Dr. Furgason for what he has done for TAMU-CC and for the luster he has shed on the whole system.

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Nye to present the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee had met earlier and considered Items 1 through 4. Mr. Nye said the Committee approved and recommended Items 1 through 4. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 03-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000,  
STILES FARM FOUNDATION**

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

The operating budget for the Stiles Farm Foundation for calendar year 2000, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 04-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS,  
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 accepts the gifts, donations, grants, and endowments made to the Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 99-00-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

**MINUTE ORDER 05-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES AND CALENDAR FOR  
THE FY 2001 OPERATING BUDGETS,  
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 Texas A&M University System guidelines and calendar for the FY 2001 operating budgets, a copy of which are attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, are hereby adopted.

**MINUTE ORDER 06-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**ACCEPTANCE REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHANCELLOR,  
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 following report of appropriations by the Chancellor is hereby accepted:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project Name and Source of Funds</b>
PVAMU	\$300,000	Purchase Library Books and Periodicals Available University Fund
PVAMU	300,000	Deferred Maintenance Available University Fund

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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 met earlier and recommended approval of Items 5, 6 and 7, pertaining to construction; Item 8, pertaining to naming of facilities; and Item 29, pertaining to real estate.

Dr. Avilés said the following architect/engineer design team selection is recommended by the Committee: Master Plan for Texas A&M University-Commerce -- Freese and Nichols, Inc. of Fort Worth.

Dr. Avilés said the following actions were taken by the Chancellor pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 51.04 on construction projects for the award of contracts since the last report to the Board of Regents:

- (1) Construction contract for Electrical System Upgrade, Phase II, at Texas A&M University, to Interstate Construction, dba IC Construction, Inc., of Rancho Cordova, California, in the amount of \$9,349,439.00
- (2) Construction contract for Domestic Water System Improvements at Texas A&M University, to C.D.S. Enterprises, Inc., dba Texcon of College Station, Texas, in the amount of \$3,621,000.00
- (3) Construction contract for University Apartment Community Center at Texas A&M University, to J.T. Vaughn Construction Company, Inc., of Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$1,956,400.00

- (4) Construction contract for Kyle Field North End Zone Plaza at TAMU, to Garrett Mechanical, Inc., of Bryan, Texas, in the amount of \$1,488,130.00
- (5) Construction contract for the Easterwood Airport Improvements - Taxiway H Extension at Texas A&M University to Champagne Webber Inc. of Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$1,977,794.03
- (6) Construction contract for Chilled Water System Improvements at Texas A&M University to Har-Con Corporation of Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$1,029,500.00
- (7) Construction contract for Campus HVAC System Improvements at Texas A&M University-Kingsville to Raymond E. Rabalais, Inc., dba Rabalais I&E Constructors of Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$1,050,150.00

Dr. Avilés said this amounts to approximately \$20,000,000.00 in contracts that were awarded.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 07-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
FOR URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE, PHASE II,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

The updated program of requirements for the Urban Search and Rescue Training Center, Phase II, Texas Engineering Extension Service, College Station, Texas is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation for Phase I of \$894,281.00, the amount of \$90,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 09-331560 Fire Field Operations for Design of the Urban Search and Rescue Training Center, Phase II, Texas Engineering Extension Service, College Station, Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 08-1999 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT  
FOR TAXIWAY H EXTENSION, PART 5 OF  
EASTERWOOD AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The adjusted budget of \$5,941,195.00 for the Taxiway H Extension, Part 5 of Easterwood Airport Improvements, Phase II, at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$3,955,657.00, the amount of \$55,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 02-030002 Airport Operations for Design of the Taxiway H Extension, Part 5 of Easterwood Airport Improvements, Phase II, at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 09-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK FOR THE MASTER PLAN,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The firm of Freese and Nichols, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Master Plan for Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**MINUTE ORDER 10-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**NAMING OF THE  
STALEY T. MCBRAYER INSTRUCTIONAL PRINTING FACILITY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Instructional Printing Facility on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named the "Staley T. McBrayer Instructional Printing Facility."

**MINUTE ORDER 11-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENCUMBER A TRACT OF LAND, HUNT COUNTY,  
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 Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the President of Texas A&M University-Commerce, 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 impose certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and easements on approximately 23 acres situated at the southwest corner of State Highway 50 and Spur 178, and being a part of the Josiah Rhodes Survey, Abstract 1228, City of Commerce, Hunt County, Texas.

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Dr. Avilés said he attended the presentation for the selection of the design built architect/contractor combination for the Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) student center. He said there were five different presentations, three of which he attended. Dr. Avilés said the system works. There were some excellent presentations made by the different contractors and architects.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. Allen said the Committee met earlier the same day, received three reports and considered and approved Item 18. Item 17 was tabled. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 12-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL OF AUDIT PLANS FOR 2000 AND 2001  
AND RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Allen, 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 System Internal Audit Plan for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 and the departmental resource allocation, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Powell asked Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C) to present Items 19 and 20. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 13-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION COMMENDING  
THE 1999 WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M University-Commerce Women's Soccer Team won its first-ever Lone Star Conference regular season championship; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University-Commerce Women's Soccer Team won its first-ever Lone Star Conference tournament championship; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University-Commerce Women's Soccer Team obtained its first-ever berth in the NCAA Division II Soccer Championships; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University-Commerce Women's Soccer Team's advance to the NCAA Division II Soccer Championships marked the first time a men's or women's soccer team out of the Lone Star Conference had been selected for the national tournament; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that, we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, express our heartfelt congratulations to Coach Neil Piper and to the players of the 1999 Texas A&M University-Commerce Women's Soccer Team for the honor and recognition this feat contributes to Texas A&M University-Commerce and The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to the coach and to each member of the team and to the Archives of Texas A&M University-Commerce, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 14-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF AWARDING AN  
HONORARY DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE TO  
SHERYL LEACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Board hereby approves the awarding of an honorary Doctor of Education (D.Ed.) to Sheryl Leach by Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Armstrong said the Committee met earlier the same day, received one report and considered and approved Items 9 through 16. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 15-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

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

The Chairman of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Texas Transportation Institute and The University of Texas System, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, to become effective upon the granting of similar authorization to the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

**MINUTE ORDER 16-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR THE  
FRANK M. TEJEDA CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATIONS,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**



On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Sosa and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the concept paper for the Frank M. Tejada Center for Excellence in Environmental Operations, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**.

**MINUTE ORDER 17-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Institute for School-University Collaboration is hereby established as an organizational part of The Texas A&M University System that is administered within the Office of the Chancellor, effective December 1, 1999.

**MINUTE ORDER 18-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE PROGRAM  
BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is hereby authorized to offer the following degree program by distance education, effective spring 2000.

Master of Public Health

The Board of Regents finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 19-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT INSTITUTIONAL PLAN  
FOR DISTANCE LEARNING TO THE THECB,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System formally approves the Institutional Plan for Distance Learning for Texas A&M International University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit this Institutional Plan for Distance Learning to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 20-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO THE  
THECB FOR A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Environmental Science.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit this new degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 21-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO THE  
THECB FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE IN  
THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to reorganize the College of Education from its current five-department structure to the proposed four-department structure beginning with the fall term of 2000.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this administrative change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 22-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO THE  
THECB FOR A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN JUVENILE JUSTICE,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves establishment of a new graduate degree program at Prairie View A&M University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Juvenile Justice. The Board also authorizes the President to submit this new degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria to the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Graves to present Items 21 through 26. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 23-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF MINOR REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICIES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
12.02 (*Institutional Procedures for Implementing Tenure*),  
25.05 (*Purchase of Food and Refreshments*),  
28.02 (*Educational Business Activities*), and  
41.01 (*Real Property Gift and Bequest Acceptance*)**

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

Minor revisions to System Policies 12.02 (*Institutional Procedures for Implementing Tenure*), 25.05 (*Purchase of Food and Refreshments*), 28.02 (*Educational Business Activities*) and 41.01 (*Real Property Gift and Bequest Acceptance*), copies of which are attached to the official minutes as Exhibits H, I, J and K, are approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 24-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING**

**THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS  
TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION FOR CHEMICAL RESEARCH GRANTS  
FROM THE WELCH FOUNDATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, the Robert A. Welch Foundation ("the Foundation") from time to time makes grants to faculty members and institutions of higher education within the State of Texas for the purpose of supporting fundamental chemical research; and

Whereas, each member of The Texas A&M University System desires that its faculty members have the opportunity to receive consideration for chemical research grants from the Foundation; and

Whereas, the Foundation requires, as a condition to the approval and funding of any grant, that the institution sponsoring a grant furnish a resolution passed by its governing body showing the authority of its signatory to bind the institution to the conditions stated in the Foundation's Award Letter and General Information and Instructions, copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit L**, and incorporated herein; and

Whereas, the Foundation's Award Letter includes in its General Conditions an indemnity agreement favorable to the Foundation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the execution of such agreements, including indemnification agreements allowed by law, as may be required by the Robert A. Welch Foundation as a condition precedent to the awarding of grants from the Foundation supporting fundamental chemical research; and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants standing authority to the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, the president of each Texas A&M University System member institution, or a designated representative, to agree, on behalf of the member institution, to indemnify to the extent allowed by law, the Robert A. Welch Foundation as stated in the Foundation's Award Letter and to agree to and accept such other conditions for obtaining Foundation grants as may be appropriate; and, be it, further

Resolved, that upon execution by the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, the president of any Texas A&M University System member institution, or a designated representative of an indemnification agreement allowed by law and such other agreements as may be required by the Robert A. Welch Foundation as a condition precedent to the awarding of a grant to System member institutions or its faculty, the System member institution will be fully bound in accordance with the terms of such agreements; and, be it, further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution and any amendatory resolutions shall promptly be furnished to the Robert A. Welch Foundation.

**MINUTE ORDER 25-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

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

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 99-00-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**.

**MINUTE ORDER 26-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

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

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Allen 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. 99-00-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 27-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

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

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

The appointments, promotions and terminations accepted and approved by the Chief Executive Officers of the respective Components of The Texas A&M University System, or their designees, as shown on Appointment List No. 99-00-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**, Promotion List No. 99-00-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**, and Termination List 99-00-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Q**, are hereby confirmed.

**MINUTE ORDER 28-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**CONFIRMATION OF  
APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of peace officers as authorized by the Presidents of the respective components of The Texas A&M University System, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, as **Exhibit R**.

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Mr. Powell presented Item 28. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 29-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF  
AUGUST 13, 1999, SPECIAL MEETING;  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1999, REGULAR MEETING;  
OCTOBER 15, 1999, SPECIAL MEETING;  
NOVEMBER 16, 1999, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING;  
DECEMBER 2, 1999, REGULAR MEETING;  
DECEMBER 8, 1999, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING; AND  
JANUARY 19, 2000, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on August 13, 1999, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on September 23, 1999, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on October 15, 1999, 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 November 16, 1999, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on December 2, 1999, 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 December 8, 1999, 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 January 19, 2000, are hereby approved.

***NEW BUSINESS***

Mr. Nye asked the role of the Board in terms of creating emotional and financial support for Vision 2020. Mr. Nye said he thinks it should be an aggressive and fully funded plan of how the Board is going to be cooperative with that great effort. Mr. Nye said he would like for it to be a matter taken under consideration at a future meeting. Mr. Powell agreed.

Mr. Graves reported that the System's 20-year transitional plan would be presented at the March Board meeting.

Mr. Powell announced that the next meeting would be held on March 23-24, 2000, in Temple, Texas.

***ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m., the same day.

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

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