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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2003.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call at 3:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, on the Ninth Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance and absent:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present*

Chairman Miller, presiding
Vice-Chairman Clements
Vice-Chairman Hunt
Regent Caven
Regent Craven
Regent Estrada
Regent Krier

Absent

Regent Huffines

Counsel and Secretary Frederick

*Vice-Chairman A. W. "Dub" Riter, Jr., died on September 23, 2003.

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Miller called the meeting to order. He announced that the purpose of this special called meeting was to consider a matter of sufficient urgency to require immediate consideration by the Board prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 12-13, 2003.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 3:05 p.m., Chairman Miller announced that the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider those matters listed on the Executive Session agenda including consideration of possible finalists for The University of Texas at Arlington presidency.

RECONVENE.--At 4:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chairman Miller reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss consideration of possible finalists for The University of Texas at Arlington presidency. In response to an inquiry from Chairman Miller regarding the wishes of the Board, the following action was taken. Other items on the Executive Session agenda were not considered.

U. T. Arlington: Approval of finalists for president

Upon motion of Regent Krier, seconded by Regent Craven, the Board named the following individuals as finalists for the position of President of The University of Texas at Arlington:

- Dr. Peter S. Hoff, currently President at the University of Maine;
- Dr. Roderick J. McDavis, currently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University;
- Dr. Robert V. Smith, currently Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas;
- Mr. James D. Spaniolo, Esquire, currently Dean of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University; and
- Dr. Arthur C. Vailas, currently Vice Chancellor for Research and Intellectual Property Management at the University of Houston System.

Regent Krier said there was an excellent pool of candidates. More than 100 candidates were nominated and applied for the position; many were interviewed; and campus visits allowed community, faculty, staff, and students to meet with many of the candidates. She said she is excited about the list of finalists and is looking forward to the next step.

Chairman Miller stated the process was productive, extensive, and included a significant amount of community input and hard work by The University of Texas System staff. He applauded the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for its excellent work.

Chancellor Yudof said the search was handled extremely well and commended Chairman Miller for making the decision to add more community members (five) to the search committee than the minimum prescribed under the Regents' Rules and Regulations (two). He commented on the diversity

of the candidates and said that, although the finalists all have strong administrative experience, they are from institutions that have different academic profiles. Chancellor Yudof said it was the Board's discretion to align the qualifications of the candidates with the needs of the campus.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Miller announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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

October 23, 2003