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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call at 2:02 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 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 Riter  
Regent Estrada  
Regent Krier  
Regent Oxford

Absent

Vice-Chairman Hunt  
Regent Craven  
Regent Sanchez

Counsel and Secretary Frederick

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 May 7-8, 2003.

U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Approval to Purchase a 3.0T High Performance MR Imaging System

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Riter, duly seconded, the Board approved the purchase of a research-dedicated, high-resolution, state-of-the-art 3.0T high performance Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The source of funding will be a National Center for Research Resources/National Institutes for Health (NCR/NIH) grant award in the amount of \$1.7 million and the remaining \$1 million from a \$4 million grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through the Department of Health and Human Services.

The institution's current MRI system was facing obsolescence. Acquisition of this imaging system will support the diabetes research conducted under the HRSA grant and will also serve to support the needs of the broader research community by enhancing the capabilities of the Research Imaging Center.

While this request would normally have been presented for approval via the docket, approval prior to the May 7-8, 2003 meeting was necessary because the HRSA grant required \$1 million of the grant to be activated by March 1, 2003, or risk forfeiture of the entire \$4 million award.

President Cigarroa thanked the Board for holding the meeting outside of the docket process and Chairman Miller congratulated President Cigarroa on obtaining the grants.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Miller announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed and the meeting was duly adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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

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