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MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened in a special called meeting via telephone conference call at 9:02 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015, in the Chairman's Office, Ninth Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present

Chairman Foster
Vice Chairman Hicks
Regent Aliseda
Regent Beck
Regent Cranberg
Regent Hall
Regent Hildebrand
Regent Pejovich
Regent Tucker
Regent Richards, Student Regent, nonvoting

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Foster called the meeting to order in open session.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 9:03 a.m., the Board recessed to convene in Executive Session pursuant to *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider the matters listed on the Executive Session agenda.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.--At 9:26 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session for action on matters discussed in Executive Session and to consider the following agenda items.

1a. U. T. Austin: Appointment of Dr. Gregory L. Fenves as President

Vice Chairman Hicks moved that Dr. Gregory L. Fenves, Executive Vice President and Provost of The University of Texas at Austin, be selected President of U. T. Austin effective on June 3, 2015, at a compensation commensurate with the responsibilities of the office, to be negotiated in accordance with University of Texas System policies by Executive Vice Chancellor Reyes, approved by Chancellor McRaven, and submitted to the Board for approval via the usual budgetary procedures.

He further moved that the Minutes reflect that, by approval of this motion, the Board has made a finding that, as required by State law, this appointment is in the best interest of U. T. Austin.

Regent Cranberg noted that he had voted against naming Dr. Fenves as sole finalist for President of U. T. Austin (March 27, 2015 meeting), mostly because of his concerns about the opportunity for growth in undergraduate education at U. T. Austin and balancing expected and desired growth in research. He said he spent time discussing these matters with Dr. Fenves and with Chancellor McRaven, and he noted that he believes Provost Fenves will embrace such plans that the Chancellor and the Board embrace. Regent Cranberg further commented on Dr. Fenves' competency and technical and managerial capabilities to lead the University forward. He noted his support for Dr. Fenves as President at U. T. Austin, realizing there are challenges going forward.

Regent Beck seconded the motions, and Chairman Foster asked General Counsel Frederick to administer a roll call vote, as noted below:

Vice Chairman Hicks – aye

Regent Aliseda – aye

Regent Beck – aye

Regent Cranberg – aye

Regent Hall said that with the Chairman's permission, he would like to offer his comments at this time. He said that while he has expressed his strong and unambiguous desire to refresh the leadership from outside the University, this should not be taken as a criticism of Dr. Fenves, the man or the leader. He said he looks forward to working with Dr. Fenves as President in the years ahead. However, he said that due to the lingering, unresolved questions concerning previous and ongoing admissions processes, he would abstain from vote.

Regent Hildebrand – aye

Regent Pejovich – aye

Regent Tucker – aye

Chairman Foster asked that his vote be recorded as aye, as did Regent Richards.

The motions carried, with Regent Hall abstaining from vote.

- 1b. U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents (academic and health institutions), U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors), other officers reporting directly to the Board (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive), and U. T. System and institutional employees

No action was taken on this item.

2. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT.--At 9:32 a.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Carol A. Felkel
Secretary to the Board of Regents

April 21, 2015