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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened this special called meeting via telephone conference call at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009, in the Board Room, Ninth Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present  
Chairman Caven, presiding  
Vice Chairman Rowling  
Regent Barnhill  
Regent Dannenbaum  
Regent Dower  
Regent Foster  
Regent Gary  
Regent Longoria  
Regent McHugh

Absent  
Vice Chairman Huffines

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

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 10:02 a.m., Chairman Caven announced 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. It was necessary to conduct this special meeting by telephone because it was not possible to convene a quorum in one place in a timely manner and discussion of the agenda matters was of sufficient urgency to be considered prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.--At 10:29 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session. No action was taken on matters discussed in Executive Session.

1a. U. T. System: Appointment of Francisco Joaquin Gonzalez Cigarroa, M.D., as Chancellor

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Rowling, seconded by Regent Longoria, Francisco Joaquin Gonzalez Cigarroa, M.D., currently President of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, was appointed Chancellor of The University of Texas System effective February 2, 2009. Dr. Cigarroa began his presidency at U. T. Health Science Center – San Antonio on October 16, 2000.

Chairman Caven was authorized to make an offer regarding the terms and conditions of Dr. Cigarroa's employment consistent with the parameters outlined in Executive Session with the detailed terms and conditions to be submitted to the Board for approval via the usual budgetary procedures.

It was requested the Minutes reflect that, by approval of this motion, the Board has made a finding that, as required by *Texas Education Code* Section 51.948, this appointment is in the best interest of the U. T. System.

The motion carried by acclamation.

Chairman Caven then made the following remarks:

Chairman Caven's remarks

Before we adjourn, I would like to make brief remarks for the record about this Board action. We are delighted that Dr. Francisco Cigarroa has agreed to serve as the 10th Chancellor of The University of Texas System. As one of the largest and most prestigious public university systems in the country, the U. T. System requires a leader with outstanding academic credentials, proven administrative skills, an ability to raise financial support, both public and private, a deep understanding of the higher education and health care needs of Texas, and a vision for the role the U. T. System plays in creating a dynamic and prosperous future for the state.

Dr. Cigarroa possesses all these qualities. He has proven his value and devotion to the U. T. System and as President of U. T. Health Science Center – San Antonio, he has time and again demonstrated great business acumen and unmatched leadership. He is a third generation Texan who knows the state and its citizens well. And, he becomes the first Hispanic in the United States to lead a major public university system.

He is, without doubt, well qualified and well suited to lead the 15 U. T. System institutions to greater national and international prominence. We believe that the U. T. System and the people of Texas are fortunate to have him in this important position.

As authorized by the Board, I will conclude negotiations with Dr. Cigarroa concerning his employment terms and bring the agreement back to the Board for approval at the next meeting. He will begin his duties as Chancellor on February 2 and I expect that the specific employment terms and compensation will be very similar to that provided to former Chancellor Yudof; clearly, Dr. Cigarroa is taking a significant cut in total compensation to become Chancellor and this is just further evidence of his commitment to this important public service. I know that all members of the Board join me in congratulating him, and we look forward to welcoming Francisco and his wife, Graciela, to Austin.

- 1b. U. T. Pan American: Discussion of individual personnel matters related to the appointment, terms of employment, assignment, and duties of President Blandina Cárdenas

No action was taken on this item.

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

No discussion was held on this item.

- 2a. U. T. Pan American: Discussion with Counsel concerning pending legal issues including items related to 1(b) above

No action was taken on this item.

- 2b. U. T. System: Discussion of pending legal issues

No discussion was held on this item.

SCHEDULED MEETING.--The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 11-12, 2009, in Austin, Texas.

ADJOURNMENT.--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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

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