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FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened a special called meeting at 9:30 a.m. via telephone conference call on Friday, March 8, 2019, in the Board Room, Second Floor, The University of Texas System Building, 210 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present

Chairman Eltife
Vice Chairman Hildebrand
Vice Chairman Foster
Regent Aliseda
Regent Beck
Regent Hicks
Regent Longoria
Regent Weaver
Regent Jewell, Student Regent, nonvoting

Absent

Regent Tucker*

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present on the telephone, Chairman Eltife called the meeting to order in Open Session.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 9:31 a.m., the Board recessed to Executive Session, pursuant to *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider the matters listed on the Executive Session agenda.

RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS AND TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS.--The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:38 a.m. to consider action on Executive Session Items and to consider the following Agenda Item.

- 1a. 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 (such as Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive); Board members; and U. T. System and institutional employees

No action was taken on this item.

* Regent Tucker gave notice of intent to resign from the Board of Regents effective January 15, 2019. Her term ended later in April 2019.

1b. U. T. El Paso: Discussion and appropriate action concerning individual personnel matters related to the search for a president, including discussion of candidates and potential naming of finalist(s)

Vice Chairman Foster made the following motion:

I move that Dr. Heather A. Wilson, currently Secretary of the U. S. Air Force, be named as the sole finalist for the position of President of The University of Texas at El Paso. A vote to name a President will be made after the expiration of at least 21 days at a future meeting.

Regent Longoria seconded the motion, and Chairman Eltife called for comments prior to a vote on the motion.

Regent Hicks expressed his support for Secretary Wilson, remarking on her academic and government service. Regent Beck expressed his support for the nomination and noted that Secretary Wilson has been successful in every endeavor she has undertaken. Vice Chairman Foster expressed his privilege to serve on the search committee and reported that Secretary Wilson was a stellar candidate and he has confidence in her ability to be a valuable asset for UTEP and the El Paso community for years to come. Regent Longoria congratulated the search committee and noted Secretary Wilson is eminently qualified with an impressive track record. Regent Aliseda echoed the other comments and noted that Secretary Wilson will be a dynamic president of UTEP, citing her record of public service to the nation. Regent Jewell commented that she is confident Dr. Wilson will be great leader for the students and will have the students' best interest in mind. Chairman Eltife agreed that Secretary Wilson will be an outstanding president and thanked the search committee members including Vice Chairman Foster and Regents Aliseda and Weaver for the outstanding work of the committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

No action was taken on this item.

AGENDA ITEM

U. T. Dallas: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed changes to admission criteria for the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs degree program

A motion to approve the following recommendation was made by Regent Hicks and seconded by Vice Chairman Foster. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve changes to the criteria for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs degree program at U. T. Dallas as described below.

Summary of Changes to Admission Criteria

The U. T. Dallas School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences requests approval of revisions to the admissions requirements for its Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs degree program to be in alignment with the University's minimum requirements for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score and to delete minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

Current Unconditional Admission Criteria	Proposed Unconditional Admission Criteria
The program only admits students who have completed a master's degree from an institution of higher education. A master's degree in public affairs is preferred.	no change
A graduate GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 or better is expected.	no change
TOEFL minimum score of 88	TOEFL minimum score of 88 <u>80</u>
The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is also required of all applications with a minimum verbal score of 156 and quantitative score of 152.	Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is also required of all applications with a minimum verbal score of 156 and quantitative score of 152 <u>scores are required.</u>
A curriculum vitae	no change
Three letters of recommendation	no change

ADJOURNMENT.--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

/s/ Tina E. Montemayor
Secretary to the Board of Regents

May 2, 2019