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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened in Open Session on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 9:01 a.m. via Zoom conference, with the below meeting participation. This special called meeting of the Board was held via video conference call as authorized by Governor Abbott's Executive Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, effective March 16, 2020, to address and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTENDANCE.--

Present

Chairman Eltife  
Vice Chairman Longoria  
Vice Chairman Weaver  
Regent Beck  
Regent Crain  
Regent Hicks  
Regent Jiles  
Regent Perez  
Regent Warren  
Regent Ojeaga, Student Regent, nonvoting

CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION.--At 9:01 a.m., in accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Eltife called the meeting to order in Open Session then recessed the Board to Executive Session.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 9:01 a.m. the Board recessed to Executive Session, pursuant to *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, and 551.089 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 ITEM.--Chairman Eltife reconvened the Board in Open Session at 9:23 a.m. to consider action on the following items.

1a. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues

No action was taken on this item.

- 1b. U. T. Austin: Discussion of legal issues related to potential negotiated arrangement involving philanthropy and potential naming features

No action was taken on this item.

- 2a. U. T. System Health Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features

No action was taken on this item.

- 2b. U. T. System Academic Institutions: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed negotiated gifts, including potential naming features

No action was taken on this item.

- 2c. U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action associated with potential negotiated arrangement involving philanthropy and potential naming features

Vice Chairman Longoria made the following motion:

I move that the University of Texas System Board of Regents authorize U. T. President Hartzell, following consultation and approval by Chancellor Milliken and Vice Chancellor Safady, to conclude negotiations necessary to finalize, approve, and execute documents as necessary to effect a philanthropic agreement involving potential naming features, for the benefit of U. T. Austin, consistent with the terms and conditions outlined and recommended in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Regent Beck and carried unanimously.

- 3a. 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 including presidents *ad interim*); 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); Board members; and U. T. System and institutional employees

No action was taken on this item.

- 3b. U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action regarding the appointment of Dr. Jay Hartzell as President

See related Agenda Item 1 for action taken in Open Session.

4. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding safety and security issues, including security audits and the deployment of security personnel and devices

No action was taken on this item.

5. U. T. Southwestern Medical Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding the purchase and leaseback to seller of approximately 18.33 acres of land and improvements, including a single story building consisting of approximately 248,336 square feet of light industrial space located at 1550 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas County, Texas, from Taylor Publishing Company for future programmed campus expansion

Regent Crain made the following motion:

I move that the U. T. System Board of Regents take the following actions on behalf of U. T. Southwestern Medical Center:

- a. authorize the purchase and leaseback to Seller of approximately 18.33 acres of land and improvements, including a single story building consisting of approximately 248,336 square feet of light industrial space located at 1550 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas County, Texas, from Taylor Publishing Company; and
- b. authorize the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs to execute all documents, instruments, and other agreements, and to take all further actions deemed necessary or advisable to purchase the property subject to approval of all such documents as to legal form by the Office of General Counsel, and to take all further actions deemed necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing actions within the parameters outlined in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Longoria and carried unanimously.

#### AGENDA ITEM

1. U. T. Austin: Discussion and appropriate action regarding the appointment of Dr. Jay Hartzell as President

Chairman Eltife noted that, following the Board's action in August naming Dr. Jay Hartzell as the sole finalist for consideration as the next President of U. T. Austin, a special advisory committee was established to provide input to the Board on the candidate. The committee met several times this month and provided input through the Committee Chairman Kenny Jastrow and Executive Vice Chancellor Leslie.

Members of the Board had an opportunity to discuss the matter in Executive Session. He thanked the committee for a job very well done. He then expressed support for Dr. Hartzell's continued service as President to U. T. Austin.

Regent Jiles, Vice Chairman Longoria, and Regent Hicks also expressed support for Dr. Hartzell's selection as President.

Vice Chairman Weaver then made the following motion:

I move that Dr. Jay Hartzell, currently President *ad interim* of The University of Texas at Austin, be selected President of The University of Texas at Austin effective immediately, with compensation commensurate with the responsibilities of the office and as recommended in accordance with University of Texas System policies by Chancellor Milliken and submitted to the Board for approval via the Consent Agenda at a future meeting.

I also move that the Board discharge the Special Advisory Committee with the sincere appreciation of the Board.

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

The motion was seconded by Regent Hicks and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

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