

Meeting No. 900

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1997.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call (Vice-Chairman Hicks) and in person at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 1997, on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall at 201 West Seventh Street in Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Vice-Chairman Hicks, presiding	
Vice-Chairman Smiley	
Regent Clements	
Regent Evans	
Regent Lebermann	
Regent Loeffler	
Regent Oxford	
Regent Riter	
Regent Sanchez	

Executive Secretary Dilly

Chancellor Cunningham  
Executive Vice Chancellor Burck  
Executive Vice Chancellor Duncan

[On January 17, 1997, Governor George W. Bush named the following to membership on the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for terms to expire on February 1, 2003:

Mr. Patrick C. Oxford, Houston, Texas, to succeed Mrs. Ellen Clarke Temple of Lufkin, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 1997.

Mr. A. W. "Dub" Riter, Jr., Tyler, Texas, to succeed Reverend Zan W. Holmes, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, whose term expired February 1, 1997.

Mr. A. R. (Tony) Sanchez, Jr., Laredo, Texas,  
to succeed Mr. Bernard Rapoport of Waco, Texas,  
whose term expired February 1, 1997.

Each of the above, including Regent Clements, was confirmed by the Senate of Texas on February 10, 1997, and subsequently took the oath of office.]

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Vice-Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order. On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman Hicks welcomed Regents Oxford, Riter, and Sanchez to membership on the U. T. Board of Regents and stated that the Board looked forward to their advice and counsel in the governance of The University of Texas System.

Vice-Chairman Hicks announced that the sole purpose of this special meeting was to consider the reorganization of the U. T. Board of Regents in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 9:35 a.m., the Board recessed to Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.074 to consider personnel matters associated with the reorganization of the U. T. Board of Regents.

RECONVENE.--Following the Executive Session which recessed at 9:40 a.m., the members of the Board reconvened in open session. Vice-Chairman Hicks reported that in Executive Session the Board considered personnel matters associated with the reorganization of the Board and inquired of the Board as to whether there was any action from the floor.

U. T. Board of Regents: Election of Officers Effective Upon Adjournment of the Meeting in Accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5 -- (a) Mr. Donald L. Evans, Chairman; (b) Mr. Tom Loeffler, Vice-Chairman; (c) Mrs. Rita Crocker Clements, Vice-Chairman; and (d) Mr. Arthur H. Dilly, Executive Secretary.--Vice-Chairman Smiley moved that, in accordance with the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Sections 3, 4, and 5, the following officers of the U. T. Board of Regents be elected effective upon the adjournment of this meeting:

Chairman:	Donald L. Evans
Vice-Chairman (designated to act in the place of the Chairman):	Tom Loeffler
Vice-Chairman:	Rita Crocker Clements
Executive Secretary:	Arthur H. Dilly

Regent Lebermann seconded the motion which carried by acclamation.

In assuming the chairmanship of the Board, Regent Evans expressed appreciation to former Chairman Bernard Rapoport for his guidance of The University of Texas System during his four-year tenure as Chairman of the Board and also thanked former Regents Zan W. Holmes, Jr. and Ellen Clarke Temple for their contributions to the Board and the U. T. System. Regent Evans also welcomed newly appointed Regents Oxford, Riter, and Sanchez and noted that he looked forward to working with them over the next four years.

Noting that he is assuming the chairmanship of the Board with obvious humility, Regent Evans commented that he loves the State of Texas and the U. T. System and considers the U. T. System one of the greatest treasures of this State. He noted that in looking back on the last two years of his service on the Board the impact of students, teachers, faculty, and staff has been tremendous. He expressed appreciation to the Office of the Board of Regents, the Office of the Chancellor, and the members of the Board of Regents and stated that in the State of Texas higher education and the U. T. System are in good hands with the leadership that is in place.

In closing, Regent Evans expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the Board and pledged his best efforts in the Board's continuing desire to enhance the quality of academic programming available throughout the U. T. System.

ADJOURNMENT.--Vice-Chairman Hicks announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed and the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

/s/ Arthur H. Dilly  
Executive Secretary

February 25, 1997