

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Lubbock, Texas

Minutes

Board of Regents
March 21, 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019.—The members of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System convened in a special-called meeting by teleconference at 4:08 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2019, in the Board of Regents Conference Room (104A), First Floor, System Administration Building, 1508 Knoxville Avenue, Lubbock, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.—

Regents present by telephone were John D. Esparza; Jane Gilmore, Student Regent; Ron Hammonds; Christopher “Chris” M. Huckabee, Vice Chairman; I. Tim Lancaster, Chairman; J. Michael Lewis; John D. Steinmetz; and John B. Walker. Regents L. Frederick “Rick” Francis and Mickey L. Long did not participate in the meeting (technical problems prevented Mr. Long from connecting to the teleconference call).

Administration participating by telephone was Mr. Eric Bentley, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, TTUS.

Administration and staff also participating in person at the opening of the meeting were Mr. Ben Lock, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board, TTUS; Mr. Brett Ashworth, Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing, TTUS; and Mrs. Christina Martinez, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Regents, TTUS.

- I. MEETING OF THE BOARD—CALL TO ORDER; CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD.—Chairman Lancaster announced a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. Board Secretary Ben Lock called the roll to establish who was on the call.
 - A. Approval of Section 01.02.9.f, *Regents’ Rules*—Chairman Lancaster called upon Regent Lewis who made a motion to suspend 01.02.9.f, *Regents’ Rules*, in order to proceed with officer elections for chairman and vice chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Huckabee.
 - B. Report of Nominations Committee/Board Officer Elections—The Nominations Committee chair, Regent John D. Esparza, presented the slate of proposed candidates for the position of chairman of the Board—Christopher “Chris” Huckabee and for vice chairman—J. Michael Lewis. Regent Esparza made the motion to approve the candidates as proposed and Regent Steinmetz seconded the motion. The motion was approved

unanimously by the Board and the newly elected officers assumed their offices immediately.

- C. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Regent Lancaster congratulated the new chairman and vice chairman and turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Huckabee to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Huckabee addressed the Board. “Thank you, Chairman Lancaster. I want to thank all of the Board members. I am humbled and I will do my very best to lead this group with all of my effort. I also want to say congratulations to Vice Chairman Lewis. I am very excited to have you working along side of me. I know we are going to work exceptionally well together. Vice Chairman Lewis, do you have any comments that you would like to add before we wrap things up?”

Vice Chairman Lewis addressed the Board. “I am very pleased and glad to serve. I think that we have a great University and a very fine Board of Regents who will carry us forward. So, I have nothing but great things to say or think about on the potential of what this will lead to going forward.”

Regent Walker also addressed the Board. “Congratulations to Chris and Michael. I know you will both do a good job. Chris told me that he feels like we are on the verge of doing a lot great things and I agree. I think we have some very good leadership. What I want to do is thank him for stepping in during a very difficult time and hope that he can calm things down and really get stability in the Board.”

Regent Lancaster added, “John (Walker), it only happened because we have a great Board of Regents and, like it's already been said, it is an honor for all of us to serve in these roles. We are grateful that we've had the chance to serve. Thank you very much.”

Chairman Huckabee continued, “Before we adjourn, I'd like to echo what John Walker said. We have three regents who are rolling off the Board who have given an exceptional amount of time to this Board. I know at some point we'll get a formal opportunity to thank them, but I really didn't want adjourn without saying thanks to all three—to Rick Francis for giving an exceptional amount of time even though he couldn't be on the call today. He has given a big part of his life to Texas Tech and I think we owe him a thank you for that. To John Esparza, who I hope we get to continue to work with—it's been a great pleasure to get to serve with you. And finally, to Tim Lancaster—Tim it's been an honor to serve as your right-hand man. I have enjoyed it. You are first-class in every respect. I want to say that both John and Tim have indicated to me that when we call on them to say that we need help, they are willing to step up and do whatever they can. I am appreciative of that because I think we are going to be asking them to help us. We have a lot of work left to do and we need to put our heads together to do that.

“Finally, I’d like to thank the Governor for naming three new great regents who will add to us immediately and help excel us down the road. We’ve got a lot of work to do but we’ve got three great people stepping into the shoes of those leaving us. I am excited to get them seated and get to work on the things that we really need to do to close this session out strong.”

Regent Lancaster added, “Chris one more thing. I’d like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee, especially John Esparza for chairing that committee. He did an outstanding job of carrying that through but also to Mickey Long and Michael Lewis for serving on that committee as well. I knew that those three people would do an outstanding job because they love Texas Tech and want the very best for Texas Tech and I thank them for their work and all of the time and effort they put into it.”

Chairman Huckabee replied, “Thank you for that. I totally agree. It’s a job well done. I appreciate the work they’ve done.”

II. ADJOURNMENT.—Chairman Huckabee adjourned the meeting at 4:16 pm.

I, Ben Lock, the duly appointed and qualified Secretary of the Board of Regents, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents meeting on March 21, 2019.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Lock".

Ben Lock
Secretary