

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

**Special Called Board Meeting**

**June 15, 2010**

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

The special called telephonic Board of Regents meeting of the Texas State University System was called to order on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 3:32 p.m. CST by Chairman Ron Blatchley.

## II. ATTENDANCE

### Present

Chairman Ron Blatchley  
Vice Chairman Charlie Amato  
Regent Kevin Lilly  
Regent Ron Mitchell  
Regent David Montagne  
Regent Michael Truncale  
Regent Donna Williams

### Absent

Regent Trisha Pollard  
Student Regent Christopher Covo

### Also Present:

Chancellor Brian McCall; Dr. Kenneth Craycraft, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Fernando C. Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel; Dr. Roland Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance; Ms. Carole Fox, Director of Audits and Analysis; Ms. Diane Corley, Executive Director of the TSUS Foundation; Mr. Peter Graves, Vice Chancellor for Contract Administration; Ms. Kelly Wylie, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor; President Jimmy Simmons, LU; President Ricardo Maestas, SRSU; President Paul Szuch, LIT; President Mike Shahan, LSC-O; President Sam Monroe, LSC-PA; Dr. Bill Nance, VP for Finance, TxSt-SM

## III. AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Blatchley asked President Jimmy Simmons of Lamar University to explain agenda item 2010-157.

### 2010-157 LU: Time Warner Cable Contract

Upon motion of Chairman Blatchley, seconded by Regent Truncale, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar University be authorized to enter into an agreement with Time Warner Cable to provide cable, TV service, high speed internet service, and phone service for PHASES I-V of Cardinal Village Apartments, and authorize the Vice President for Finance and Operations to sign the contract, upon review and approval by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

Chairman Blatchley asked Kelly Wylie, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, to take a roll-call vote for the record.

Chairman Ron Blatchley	Aye
Vice Chairman Charlie Amato	Aye
Regent Kevin Lilly	Aye

Regent Ron Mitchell	Aye
Regent David Montagne	Aye
Regent Michael Truncale	Aye
Regent Donna Williams	Aye
Regent Trisha Pollard	Not Present

**2010-158 SHSU: Naming of the Performing Arts Center**

Upon motion of Chairman Blatchley, seconded by Vice Chairman Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sam Houston State University be authorized to name the Performing Arts Center the James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center.

Chairman Blatchley asked Kelly Wylie, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, to take a roll-call vote for the record.

Chairman Ron Blatchley	Aye
Vice Chairman Charlie Amato	Aye
Regent Kevin Lilly	Aye
Regent Ron Mitchell	Aye
Regent David Montagne	Aye
Regent Michael Truncale	Aye
Regent Donna Williams	Aye
Regent Trisha Pollard	Not Present

**2010-159 SHSU: President Emeritus**

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Amato, seconded by Chairman Blatchley, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Dr. James F. Gaertner be awarded the title of President Emeritus effective September 1, 2010, and the following resolution be adopted in recognition of the outstanding service he has rendered to Sam Houston State University.

**Whereas**, Dr. James F. Gaertner earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Sam Houston State University in 1965 and 1970, respectively, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Texas A&M University in 1977; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner became a Certified Public Accountant in 1970 and completed the Harvard University Management Development Program in 1989; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner led a distinguished career in academics prior to joining Sam Houston State University, beginning his career at the University of Notre Dame as a faculty member in accounting and then moving on to direct their London MBA Program in England; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner spent eighteen years at the University of Texas at San Antonio, serving first as the Director of the Accounting and Information Systems Department, then as Dean of the College of Business, and then as Interim Provost for Academic Affairs; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner holds extensive business experience to complement his career in education, beginning his career as an auditor for KPMG Peat Marwick in Houston,

moving forward to serve as a division controller for Tandy Corporation, and later serving as chairman of the board of directors of Tandy Brands Accessories, Inc.; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner has been a member of the U.S. Global Investors Inc. Board of Trustees since 2002 and continues to serve as chair of the company's audit committee; and

**Whereas** The 12th President of Sam Houston State University James F. Gaertner and First Lady Nancy P. Gaertner have provided constant, effective leadership to SHSU since August 21, 2001. They are retiring on August 31, 2010, after more than nine years of dedicated service, which have included an impressive list of major accomplishments that have raised the image and enhanced the academic stature of the university; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner has been the driving force behind the growth and accomplishments of Sam Houston State University in areas including, but not limited to, enrollments, retention, academic programs, facilities and finances, research funding, and student support programs; and

**Whereas**, under Dr. Gaertner's leadership, the university has experienced record breaking enrollment increases, with a growth of almost thirty percent; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner's commitment to improving student success has led to increased student retention rates, with one-year freshman rates increasing more than seventeen percent during his service; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner's continuous drive for excellence has resulted in the addition of fourteen new master's programs and two new doctoral programs during his tenure; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner's innovative vision for Sam Houston State University has led to construction of over \$275 million in new facilities and renovations to include a new Performing Arts Center, the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, a baseball and softball complex, three new student resident halls, the Chemistry and Forensic Science Building, a parking garage, and a forthcoming SHSU campus in The Woodlands; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner instituted flexible faculty teaching loads to accommodate for an increased emphasis on research; and

**Whereas**, during Dr. Gaertner's tenure at SHSU, external grant and contract dollars coming into the university have increased by nearly sixty percent; and

**Whereas**, Dr. and Mrs. Gaertner have made a significant commitment of time and resources to effective engagement of alumni and friends and to external relations, and the university launched its first capital gifts campaign on March 30, 2006, and will announce the successful completion of the five-year, \$50 million effort on July 10, 2010; and

**Whereas**, under Dr. Gaertner's direction, the university has established a President's Speaker Series, the SHSU Ring Ceremony, Regional Crime Lab for forensic testing, a staff council, and a nationally recognized Student Advising and Mentoring Center; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner, since joining Sam Houston State University in 2001, has been a steadfast advocate for, and shown extraordinary devotion and commitment to the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Sam Houston State University; and

**Whereas**, under Dr. Gaertner's leadership, the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association has experienced significant development, with membership growth of more than 500% and engagement of nearly 17,000 alumni and friends annually in more than 130 meetings and events; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner has selflessly guided Sam Houston State University with distinction, honor, and dedication for nine years; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Gaertner is a model of professional integrity and dignity which exemplifies professorial tradition; be it therefore

**Resolved**, that all elements of Sam Houston State University proffer to President James F. Gaertner their gratitude and esteem; and be it further

**Resolved**, that President James F. Gaertner be formally designated as President Emeritus at Sam Houston State University and hold that title in perpetuity.

Chairman Blatchley asked Kelly Wylie, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor to take a roll-call vote for the record.

Chairman Ron Blatchley	Aye
Vice Chairman Charlie Amato	Aye
Regent Kevin Lilly	Aye
Regent Ron Mitchell	Aye
Regent David Montagne	Aye
Regent Michael Truncale	Aye
Regent Donna Williams	Aye
Regent Trisha Pollard	Not Present

**2010-160 TxSt-SM: Acquisition of the Campus Christian Community Property**

Upon motion of Regent Mitchell, seconded by Regent Truncale, with Vice Chairman Amato and Regents Lilly, Mitchell, Montagne, Truncale and Williams voting aye, and Chairman Blatchley voting nay, it was ordered that Texas State University-San Marcos be authorized to acquire the property at 604 N. Guadalupe Street from the Campus Christian Community at a price not to exceed \$962,000, subject to approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, with the source of funds being Higher Education Assistance Funds and Unexpended Plant Funds.

Chairman Blatchley asked Kelly Wylie, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, to take a roll-call vote for the record.

Chairman Ron Blatchley	Nay
Vice Chairman Charlie Amato	Aye
Regent Kevin Lilly	Aye
Regent Ron Mitchell	Aye
Regent David Montagne	Aye
Regent Michael Truncale	Aye

Regent Donna Williams  
Regent Trisha Pollard

Aye  
Not Present

**2010-161 TSUS: Resolution Honoring Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft**

Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted honoring the accomplishments of Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft.

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft, educator and native son of Texas, has been a loving husband to the other Dr. Craycraft in his household, his spouse, Sally; a proud and devoted father to Chad, a 2010 graduate of the University of Texas law school; and a mentor to countless in his professional career, exhibiting always kindness and compassion for others; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft has distinguished himself academically, earning his B.A. from Sam Houston State University, his M.Ed. from Stephen F. Austin State University, and his Ed.D. from the University of Indiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft is greatly accomplished professionally, displaying rare leadership traits in his rise from the ranks of faculty member to program coordinator to department chair to college dean to system vice chancellor for academic affairs to interim chancellor, demonstrating superb scholarship in the form of numerous authored books and published articles; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft has earned statewide and national respect, including, among his many accomplishments, Governor George W. Bush's appointment to the Texas State Board for Educator Certification; the Commissioner of Higher Education's designation to the Texas team to improve efficiencies in higher education (one of eight funded nationwide by the Lumina Foundation); and, appointment to the editorial review board of the journal, *Advancing Women in Leadership*, and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft was responsible, directly or indirectly, for securing approximately \$20,000,000 in system wide federal research funding in his ten years as vice chancellor and millions more in state and private foundation funding while helping to steward more than a dozen doctoral and countless other degree programs through to approval; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft has exhibited a rare ability to encourage those with whom he works to find consensus and collaborate constructively toward a common goal, all the while employing this ability with a good nature and well-developed sense of humor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft was influential in the creation of the System's highest academic honor, the *Regents' Professor Award*, serving also, with exceptional skill in an advisory role, the *Grow Your Own Scholarship* program, which provides funds for students from under-represented groups to obtain doctoral degrees and become professors at System colleges or universities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System enthusiastically and unanimously adopt this Resolution, thanking Dr.

Kenneth R. Craycraft, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, for his exemplary service to the Texas State University System, its component institutions, faculty, students, and staff.

Chairman Blatchley asked Kelly Wylie, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, to take a roll-call vote for the record.

Chairman Ron Blatchley	Aye
Vice Chairman Charlie Amato	Aye
Regent Kevin Lilly	Aye
Regent Ron Mitchell	Aye
Regent David Montagne	Aye
Regent Michael Truncale	Aye
Regent Donna Williams	Aye
Regent Trisha Pollard	Not Present

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEM – Foundation Update**

Chairman Blatchley asked Regent Lilly, Chairman of the TSUS Foundation, to give an update on the Foundation activities. Regent Lilly outlined the findings of the Foundation directors in respect to funds. Dr. Fernando Gomez and Ms. Diane Corley were called on to explain the history of the Foundation and the Foundation funds.

#### **V. DISCUSSION ITEM – System Name Change**

Chairman Blatchley inquired as to if the Board members if there was any interest in changing the name of the System. After Regent feedback, this item was tabled until after the legislative session and the System branding initiative.

#### **VI. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon Request of Regent Lilly, Chairman Blatchley recessed the Board to Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. CST in accordance with *Chapter 551* of the *Texas Government Code* to discuss legal, real estate and personnel issues.

#### **VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:58 p.m. CST.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Chairman Blatchley the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. CST



Attested by:  
Brian McCall  
Chancellor and Secretary to the Board