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AGENDA

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

3:00 p.m., March 31, 1976

- I. Invocation Rev. Ron Watson, Associate Minister First Christian Church, Tyler, Texas
- II. Approval of Minutes, March 17, 1976

REPORT: Minutes of the March 17, 1976 meeting were not completed in time for mailing with this agenda and will be distributed at the Board of Regents meeting on March 31, 1976.

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate action will be taken upon the recommendation of the chairman. (approved) (disapproved)

#### III. Approval of Agenda

REPORT: Each of you was furnished a copy of the notice sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with state law, advising him of this meeting and furnishing him a copy of the items to be considered today. Is there a motion to approve the agenda?

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: That the agenda of the Board of Regents meeting as presented to the Secretary of State pursuant to state law be approved. (approved) (disapproved)

- IV. Report of Standing Committees
  - A. Executive Committee Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy
  - B. Academic and Personnel Committee Regent B.H. McVicker, M.D.

- C. Campus and Building Committee Regent Neal E. Velvin
  - 1. Phase I Health and Physical Education Facilities

REPORT: A report will be given by the Campus and Building Committee and Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc. relative to rebidding Phase I health and physical education facilities to include the health and physical education classroom building and athletic and recreational fields. Complete information will be presented concerning architectural and engineering fees and the schedule for proceeding with the health and physical education facilities project.

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate action will be taken upon consideration of the report by the Campus and Building Committee. (approved) (disapproved)

#### 2. Claim Against Surveyor

REPORT: A report will be presented by the Campus and Building Committee relative to the status of Texas Eastern University's claim against John Cowan and Associates concerning the alleged survey error made by the firm in connection with Phase I surveying work.

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate action will be taken upon consideration of the report by the Campus and Building Committee. (approved) (disapproved)

- D. Finance and Appropriations Committee Regent David K. McKie
- E. Legal Committee Regent Robert G. Schleier
- V. President's Report and Recommendations
- VI. Report of Special Committees
- VII. Unfinished Business



VIII.New Business

IX. Adjournment

Motion:\_\_\_\_

Second:	

Time:\_\_\_\_\_





#### MINUTES

Special Called Meeting of

BOARD OF REGENTS

TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Held on the Campus of Texas Eastern University

March 31, 1976

The Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University, convened at 3:00 p.m., March 31, 1976 with five members present: Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy, Jeff Austin, Jr., H. J. McKenzie, B. H. McVicker, M.D. and Neal E. Velvin.

Also present were James H. Stewart, Jr., President; John R. Sawyer, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs; Donald M. Anthony, Vice President for Academic Affairs; L. J. Grubbs, Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer; J. Archie Whitfield, Director of the Office of Public Information; and Rosemarie Cross, Secretary to the President.

Others in attendance were Rev. Ron Watson, Associate Minister of the First Christian Church of Tyler; Robert Bradley, Geren Associates Architects Engineers Planners; Roland Jackson, Myrick-Newman-Dahlberg, Inc.; William T. Steely and Walter H. Rusby, Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc.; Nancy Madsen, Tyler Morning Telegraph; and Mike Edwards, Radio Station KTBB.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy.

INVOCATION

The Reverend Ron Watson, Associate Minister of the First Christian Church of Tyler, brought the invocation for the opening of the meeting of the Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University.

#### ITEM II. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The chair announced that it would be necessary to have an executive session as authorized under Article 6252-17, Section 2, Paragraph (f), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, and the meeting convened into executive session at 3:05 p.m. The meeting was reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

#### ITEM III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Abernathy announced that approval of the minutes of the March 17, 1976 meeting would be deferred until the next meeting of the board in order to give members of the board time to review the material.

#### ITEM IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent McVicker moved, and Regent Velvin seconded, that the Agenda of the Board of Regents' meeting as presented to the Secretary of State pursuant to Article 6252-17, Section 3A, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ITEM V.

#### INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Chairman Abernathy announced that the March 27, 1976 inauguration ceremonies for President James H. Stewart, Jr., including the tours of the permanent campus, delegate luncheon, official ceremony and ball, were very well attended and that the Inauguration Committee, co-chaired by Dr. Gerald L. Morris, had done a superb job.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

# ITEM VI. PHASE I HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES

Regent Velvin reported that the Campus and Building Committee was not prepared to present a recommendation to the board and asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting of the board.

BOARD ACTION: With no objections and upon order of the chairman, the item was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

#### ITEM VII. CLAIM AGAINST SURVEYOR

Regent Velvin reported that the Campus and Building Committee was not prepared to present a recommendation to the board and asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting of the board.

BOARD ACTION: With no objections and upon order of the chairman, the item was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

#### ITEM VIII.

#### FLAGPOLES AND PLAQUE FOR PERMANENT CAMPUS

Regent McKenzie reported that the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. offered to supply the TEU permanent campus with flagpoles and a base as well as a bronze plaque bearing the names of the original contributors to the foundation. Chairman Abernathy stated that the plaque would be placed at a suitable site as recommended by the architect and the administration.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent Austin seconded, that the Board of Regents accept the offer of the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. to supply the TEU permanent campus with flagpoles and base and a bronze plaque bearing the names of the original contributors to the foundation which will be placed at a suitable site as recommended by the architect and the administration. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ITEM IX. PRESIDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Stewart formally expressed his appreciation for Chairman Abernathy's leadership, along with other board members, in regard to the inaugural ceremony and for what it means to Texas Eastern University.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ITEM X.

## CONSIDERATION OF BUILDING LEASES

President Stewart reported that since it can now be determined that the Faculty Office and Safeway Store Buildings will no longer be needed by the university after August 31, 1976, he plans to recommend to the board at the April 14, 1976 meeting that these facilities be released by the institution on August 31, 1976. Such action will give the owners of these leased facilities adequate notice which will allow them additional time to make future plans for utilization of these two buildings which they have so generously made available to the institution.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

#### ITEM XI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM MRS. B. H. MCVICKER

President Stewart announced that an expression of gratitude and appreciation has been received from Mrs. B. H. McVicker for the flowers sent to her by the Board of Regents during her recent hospitalization.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ITEM XII. NAMING OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS BUILDING

Regent McVicker recommended that the Sciences and Mathematics

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Building on the permenent campus be named in honor of Isadore Roosth, George W. Pirtle and J. S. Hudnall and that an appropriate plaque be placed on the building.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent McKenzie seconded, that the Sciences and Mathematics Building on the permanent campus be named in honor of Isadore Roosth, George W. Pirtle and J. S. Hudnall and that an appropriate plaque be placed on the building. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ITEM XIII.

## TRIBUTES TO BOARD OF REGENTS

Regent McVicker recommended that no building or sizable structure be named for any member of the Board of Regents as long as he serves on the board and, further, that no degree be given to any member of the Board of Regents as long as he is an active member of the board.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent McKenzie seconded, that no building or sizable structure be named for any member of the Board of Regents as long as he serves on the board and, further, that no degree be given to any member of the Board of Regents as long as he is an active member of the board. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ITEM XIV.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Regent McKenzie reported that he attended the Tyler City Council meeting at the time the bids were taken for Calloway Road and the contract was let to Reynolds-Land, Inc. Construction is now underway in an effort to get the clearing and grading done by the time of the dedication of the permanent campus on June 10, 1976, although the paving work will not be completed by that time.

Regent McVicker commended Regent McKenzie for his efforts in pursuing the matter of street improvements adjacent to the permanent campus and complimented those responsible for the choice of street names and the selection of "Patriot" as the institution's mascot.

President Stewart stated that the administration was looking at the internal traffic arteries of the permanent campus at the present time and will develop a plan to be presented to the board very soon.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

#### ITEM XV.

#### TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY DEDICATION

Regent McVicker reported that word had been received from the Governor's Office confirming Governor Dolph Briscoe's acceptance of the university's invitation to speak at the dedication of the

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institution's permanent facilities on June 10, 1976. The Governor's visit is expected to include informal visits to various points of interest in Tyler and evening entertainment scheduled at Harvey Hall. Further details concerning this occasion will be shared with members of the board in the near future.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

#### ITEM XVI.

## ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 14, 1976

C. Morgan, Secre

Chairman Abernathy reminded members that the next meeting of the Board of Regents will be the annual meeting scheduled on April 14, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. On the same day, the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. will hold its annual meeting preceded by a luncheon at the Tyler Petroleum Club.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

#### ITEM XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Regent McVicker, and seconded by Regent McKenzie, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

**APPROVED:** 

Quentin Abernathy, Chairman