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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

DECEMBER 4, 2008

Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 24, 2008.

The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges convened a meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008, in the President's Conference Room, Library/Administration Building, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, Oklahoma.

Present: Mr. Douglas E. Burns, Chairman; Mr. Calvin J. Anthony, Vice Chairman; Mr. Fred L. Boettcher; Mr. Joe D. Hall; Mr. Jay L. Helm; Mr. Andrew W. Lester; Mr. Greg L. Massey; Mr. Terry L. Peach, and Mrs. Lou Watkins.

Absent: None

Others present: Dr. W. Douglas Wilson, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Shari Brecht, Administrative Associate.

At approximately 10:00 a.m., Board Chairman Burns called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda and Executive Session

Action:

At approximately 10:03 a.m., Regent Anthony moved and Regent Lester seconded to approve the agenda for this meeting as posted and to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment (including interviewing and evaluating candidates) of a President of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College.

Those voting aye: Board Members Anthony, Boettcher, Burns, Hall, Lester, Massey, Peach, and Watkins. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Helm.

(A copy of the agenda, as approved, is attached.)

(Regent Helm joined the meeting in Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.)

(The Board recessed at 6:30 p.m. to attend a dinner hosted by Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in the Ballroom Lounge of the Student Union on the NEO campus. The Board resumed its deliberations in Executive Session following dinner at 7:25 p.m.)

Open Session

Action:

At approximately 8:08 p.m., Regent Lester moved and Regent Boettcher seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

Those voting aye: Board Members Burns, Hall, Helm, Lester, Massey, Peach, Watkins, Anthony, and Boettcher. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

Appointment of NEO President

Action:

Regent Watkins moved that the Board employ Dr. Jeff Hale as President of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, effective January 15, 2009, at an annual salary of \$140,000 with usual and customary benefits including occupancy of the President's home, an automobile allowance of \$20,000, and an expense allowance of \$12,000. Regent Anthony seconded the motion.

Those voting aye: Board Members Boettcher, Burns, Hall, Helm, Lester, Massey, Peach, Watkins, and Anthony. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Hale were recognized and congratulated.

Dr. Hale thanked Regent Watkins for her work with the Search Committee and thanked Chairman Burns and the Board for their support. He said that he and Donna are both humbled and honored to be a part of the NEO Family, and they promise and commit to work hard every day to make the faculty, staff, and students very proud to be a part of the College and pledge to do the very same.

Employment Assignment for Tom Poole

Action:

Regent Watkins moved that Tom Poole continue as Interim President of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College until January 15, 2009, and after that date serve as Special Assistant to the President until March 1, 2009. Regent Anthony seconded the motion.

Those voting aye: Board Members Hall, Helm, Lester, Massey, Peach, Watkins, Anthony, Boettcher, and Burns. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

Adjournment

Action:

At 8:10 p.m., Regent Boettcher moved and Regent Peach seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned.

Those voting aye: Board Members Hall, Helm, Lester, Massey, Peach, Watkins, Anthony, Boettcher, and Burns. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None.

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

December 4, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

President's Conference Room Library/Administration Building Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Miami, Oklahoma

Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on November 24, 2008.

Business to be discussed:

- (1) Approval of Agenda.
- (2) Executive Session, if so approved by the required number of Board members present, for the purpose of discussing the employment (including interviewing and evaluating candidates) of a President of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. (Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, §307B.1.)
- (3) Consider or take any action with reference to the matters contained in the immediately preceding item.

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES

Douglas E. Burns, Chairman

ATTEST:

W. Douglas Wilson, Executive Secretary

Certified correct minutes subject to approval of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges on January 23, 2009.

Shari Brecht, Administrative Associate