

**MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

Thursday, October 27, 2011 – The members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System convened at 5:07 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel, Waldorf Astoria Ballroom E, Second Floor, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, with the following members participating:

ATTENDANCE –

Present

Nelda Luce Blair, Chair
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Secretary
Spencer D. Armour III, Regent
Tilman J. Fertitta, Regent
Roger F. Welder, Regent
Welcome W. Wilson, Jr., Regent
Tamecia Glover Harris, Student Regent, nonvoting

Via Skype

Nandita V. Berry, Regent
(from New Delhi, India)

Absent

Mica Mosbacher, Vice Chair
Jacob M. Monty, Regent

In accordance with a notice being timely posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum in attendance, Chair Blair called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Session Report

Chair Blair announced that the agenda of the meeting would be taken out of order. At 5:07 p.m., Chair Blair announced that the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, which allows governing boards to meet in closed session,

Chair Blair reconvened the Board meeting in Open Session at 6:25 p.m. and the following action was taken on matters addressed in Executive Session.

The contract related to conference affiliation and potential realignment of UH Athletics was discussed at length. Regent Nandita V. Berry and Chancellor Renu Khator joined the meeting via Skype. Athletic Director, Mack Rhoades lead the discussion.

Chair Blair stated that the climate in college athletics was incredibly fluid and the Board had full confidence in the Chancellor to make decisions that best position our university for national competitiveness and continued success. Chair Blair noted that the Chancellor should be given full authority to make decisions that are in the best interest of the University of Houston with regards to our conference affiliation.

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On motion of Regent Jarvis Hollingsworth, seconded by Regent Tilman Fertitta, and approved by the majority of the board in attendance, the approval to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute a contract for athletic conference affiliation and to negotiate and provide notice of contract cancellation was approved.

No additional action was taken by the Board from Executive Session.

There being no further action to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

All documentation submitted to the Board in support of the foregoing action items, including but not limited to "Passed" agenda items and supporting documentation presented to the Board, is incorporated herein and made a part of these minutes for all purposes; however, this does not constitute a waiver of any privileges contained herein.

Others Present:

Renu Khator
Carl Carlucci
John Antel
Dona Cornell
Lisa Holdeman
Richard Walker
Marshall Schott
Marquette Hobbs

Mack Rhoades
Omar Farooq
Malcolm Davis
Patrick McNeil
Raymond Bartlett
T. J. Meagher
Karen Clarke
Gerry Mathisen

Leroy Mays
Phil Booth
Barbara Stanley
Ed Jones
Brian Wigtil
Darren Dunn
Jon Aldrich