



**AGENDA  
FOR  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
U. T. SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS  
March 10, 2009  
Austin, Texas**

- A. CONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION *10:30 a.m.*  
*Chairman Caven*
1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Appointment of Regent Janiece Longoria as Regental member to the Board of Directors of The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO)** *10:31 a.m.*  
*Chairman Caven*  
**Action**
2. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and possible action regarding enhanced academic efficiency and productivity** *10:33 a.m.*  
*Dr. Prior*
3. **U. T. Medical Branch – Galveston: Update and possible action on issues related to strategic direction for the clinical enterprise** *11:05 a.m.*
- B. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO *TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE*, CHAPTER 551
1. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees - Section 551.074
- U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors), other officers reporting directly to the Board (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive), and U. T. System and institutional employees**
2. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers - Section 551.071
- a. U. T. System: Discussion of pending legal issues**
- b. U. T. System Board of Regents/U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston: Discussion of lawsuit titled Sandor, Puccetti, Lecornu, the Texas Faculty Association vs. The University of Texas System et al.**
- C. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF ANY
- D. ADJOURN *1:30 p.m.*

1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Appointment of Regent Janiece Longoria as Regental member to the Board of Directors of The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

In accordance with the requirements of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10402, Chairman Caven requests approval of the proposed appointment of Regent Janiece Longoria to The University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO) Board of Directors to serve a term ending April 1, 2011, or until her successor is chosen and qualifies, or until her earlier resignation or removal.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Pursuant to *Texas Education Code* Section 66.08, the Board of Regents shall appoint the nine directors of UTIMCO. At least three members of the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Chancellor shall be appointed to the UTIMCO Board of Directors by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, by and with the consent of the Board of Regents.

The proposed appointment of Regent Longoria has been reviewed by the General Counsel to the Board and was found to be consistent with State law and the provisions of the UTIMCO Code of Ethics.

This item was deferred at the February 12, 2009 Board meeting.

2. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and possible action regarding enhanced academic efficiency and productivity**

At the request of Chairman Caven, Executive Vice Chancellor Prior will provide a summary of the efforts of The University of Texas System to enhance academic efficiency and productivity in relation to proposed higher education reforms described as "breakthrough solutions."

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On May 21, 2008, Governor Perry convened a meeting of members of the Boards of Regents of all public institutions of higher education in Texas to discuss seven proposed "breakthrough solutions" related to higher education. Two of the solutions (related to putting State funding directly in the hands of students and creating new accrediting alternatives) are beyond the purview of

the State's public institutions of higher education and are not the subject of this discussion. The remaining five solutions are summarized as follows:

Breakthrough solution 1 – Measure teaching efficiency and effectiveness and publicly recognize extraordinary teachers

Breakthrough solution 2 – Recognize and reward extraordinary teachers

Breakthrough solution 3 – Split research and teaching budgets to encourage excellence

Breakthrough solution 4 – Require evidence of teaching skill for tenure

Breakthrough solution 5 – Use “results-based” contracts with students to measure quality

During a subsequent smaller telephone meeting of invited Regents, each public university system was asked to provide a summary of what was currently being done related to the proposed solutions. The U. T. System responded, as requested, with detailed statements concerning the five proposals.

Additional meetings of invited Regents and higher education officials were held in December 2008 and February 2009 to further discuss higher education reforms. On January 13, 2009, a document titled Higher Education Reforms was sent to U. T. System calling for actions within specific timeframes.

Discussion of this item was deferred at the February 12, 2009 Board meeting.

**3. U. T. Medical Branch – Galveston: Update, discussion, and possible action on issues related to strategic direction for the clinical enterprise**

Regent Colleen McHugh, Chairman of the Task Force on UTMB Clinical Operations, and members of the Task Force will update the Board on the meeting held in Galveston on February 20, 2009, to hear public comment related to the strategic direction for U. T. Medical Branch – Galveston's clinical enterprise.

Prior to Board discussion of these issues, Chairman McHugh and other Task Force members, Vice Chairman Huffines, Regent Foster, and Regent Longoria, will also report on comments received since the February 20 meeting.