

## AGENDA SPECIAL CALLED TELEPHONE MEETING of THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

April 8, 2015 Austin, Texas

CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEM

3:00 p.m.

U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding a) pending Regental request for information pursuant to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10801 (Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information), Section 5.4, and b) pending Regental request for meeting with external investigators to make further inquiries

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IF NEEDED, RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS 3:30 p.m. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551

- 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 duties of presidents (academic and health institutions), U. T. System Administration 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
- Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers – Section 551.071
  - U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues

IF NEEDED, RECONVENE THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On March 6, 2015, Regent Wallace L. Hall, Jr., requested an opportunity to visit with Mr. Bill Nugent of Kroll Associates to make further inquiries related to the Kroll report on admissions issues at U. T. Austin, dated February 2015.

On March 9, 2015, Regent Hall asked to review "any and all information, confidential and otherwise, that is related to the Kroll investigation that was originally slated for destruction but is now held as part of any TPIA request . . . ."

Following discussion with Regent Hall on March 10, 2015, Chairman Paul Foster and Chancellor William H. McRaven advised that their concerns about these requests remain unresolved. Accordingly, Chairman Foster directed that the request for information be placed on the agenda for discussion by the Board of Regents as required by Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10801, Policy on Transparency, Accountability, and Access to Information, Section 5.4 (Requests by Members of the Board of Regents and Chancellor). Subsection 5.4.5 provides that "For the purpose of a Board vote on this issue, the vote of any two or more Regents in support of the request is sufficient to direct that the request will be filled without delay."

Chairman Foster also asked that Regent Hall's request to meet with Kroll Associates be the subject of discussion by the full Board. The process for Board discussion of a request for information under Regents' Rule 10801 is new and has not been previously utilized; it is unclear if the Rule was intended to cover a Regent's request for a meeting or further inquiry in situations where the request is not supported by the Chairman and the Chancellor. However, the request for a meeting appears to be best processed under the Rule 10801 requirement for Board discussion and vote under these circumstances.