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TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

May 1, 2014

The Tennessee Board of Regents met in a special called telephonic session on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 2:45 p.m. (CDT). The purpose of the special session was to receive recommendations for the presidency at the University of Memphis and the director at Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Hohenwald. Vice Chairman Reynolds thanked Governor Haslam for participating on the call and called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Board Secretary, Ms. Sonja Mason was asked to call the roll. The following members participated:

Governor Bill Haslam, Chairman
Regent Emily Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Regent Greg Duckett
Regent John Farris
Regent Darrell Freeman
Regent Tom Griscom
Commissioner Kevin Huffman
Regent Ashley Humphrey
Regent Jonas Kisber
Regent Fran Marcum
Regent J. Parker Smith
Regent Johnny Stites
Regent Bob Thomas
Regent Danni Varlan
Regent Deanna Wallace

A quorum was present. Commissioner Julius Johnson, and Regents Rich Rhoda and Howard Roddy were not available for the call. Media and other guests were on the call.

The purpose of the special called meeting was to receive and act upon a recommendation for the presidency at the University of Memphis. Vice Chairman Reynolds called on Chancellor Morgan for the recommendation. Chancellor Morgan thanked the search committee for its commitment and dedication to the search process. Board members who served on the search committee were: Vice Chairman Greg Duckett, Chair of the search committee, Regents John Farris and Ashley Humphrey. Chancellor Morgan proceeded with the recommendation of Dr. David Rudd as the next president of the University of Memphis. Currently Dr. Rudd serves as Provost at the University of Memphis.

Next, Vice Chairman Reynolds called on Regent Duckett, who provided comments about the search. There were over 70 applicants received from across the country. The search committee held its first meeting on December 4, 2013. On February 3rd, the search committee met and
selected candidates for round one interviews. Ten of the candidates were invited to meet with the committee on February 19 and 20. As a result of the interviews, six candidates were brought forward for reference checking. The committee met again on March 6 to discuss and review reference feedback on the candidates selected to move forward. It was the consensus of the committee at that time to bring four finalists forward for campus interviews on March 17 through March 25.

Regent Duckett thanked Dr. Betty Asher, search consultants for Greenwood/Asher and Associates, and all those involved in the search process for their efforts in selecting the next leader of the University of Memphis.

Governor Haslam addressed the Board and stated that he had the pleasure of interviewing all four finalists. He complimented everyone on a successful search process. He further complimented Dr. Rudd on his leadership ability and is excited about the future of the University of Memphis.

Regent Farris provided further comments concurring the recommendation, Regent Duckett moved to accept Chancellor Morgan’s recommendation to hire Dr. David Rudd as the next president of the University of Memphis. A second was provided by Regent Farris. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Reynolds congratulated Dr. Rudd on his new appointment and was then asked to address the Board. He expressed his appreciation to the Tennessee Board of Regents System and welcomed the opportunity to serve as the next president at the University of Memphis.

The next item of business was the recommendation for the director at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Hohenwald. Vice Chairman Reynolds called on Chancellor Morgan for the recommendation.

Chancellor Morgan recommended Ms. Kelli Kea-Carroll, who has served at the TCAT-Hohenwald as the Assistant Director since 2002. Vice Chairman Reynolds served on the search committee and provided details of the search. The search opened in January 2014. The committee consisted of twelve members including Vice Chairman Reynolds, Vice Chancellor James King, Dr. Janet Smith, President of Columbia State Community College, representatives from the college’s faculty, staff, students, the lead institution, the college’s general advisory committee. The search committee met on February 27, March 24 and April 9 to review the applicants, select interview candidates, and conduct interviews. Vice Chancellor James King and Regent Danni Varlan, Chair of the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology Committee, provided additional remarks about Ms. Kea-Carroll and to support the recommendation of the chancellor. The recommendation to hire Ms. Kelli Kea-Carroll as the director of the TCAT-Hohenwald was made by Vice Chairman Reynolds with a second from Regent Thomas. The motion carried by roll call vote. Ms. Kea-Carroll provided words of appreciation for the confidence placed in her as the next director.
In closing, Governor Haslam thanked all of the regents for their time and effort put forth to serve the greater need of the state.

There was no further business to come before the Board and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary G. Moody
Mary G. Moody, Secretary

John G. Morgan, Chancellor

Emily J. Reynolds, Vice Chairman