The November 15, 2016, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Zoe Newton at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Kansas State University Student Union’s Forum Hall (918 N. 17th Street, Manhattan, Kansas). Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zoe Newton, Chair  
Dave Murfin, Vice Chair (by conference call)  
Joe Bain  
Shane Bangerter  
Ann Brandau-Murguia  
Bill Feuerborn  
Dennis Mullin  
Daniel Thomas  
Helen Van Etten (by conference call)

NAMING KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY 14TH PRESIDENT
Chair Newton stated naming a university president is one of the most important jobs the Board undertakes. The selection of a new president is always an important moment in the history of an institution and the community it serves. She noted that the Board was seeking a leader who would be able to carry out the goals of the Board’s strategic plan, Foresight 2020, and who would understand the importance of honoring the traditions and history of Kansas State University. To help in this process the Board created the Presidential Search Committee. Chair Newton recognized and thanked the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, Regent Mullin.

Regent Mullin thanked the members of the Search Committee and the staff that supported the Committee. He noted the members dedicated many hours to this process and reaffirmed the importance of the Board’s decision to make this a closed search. He believes that the pool of candidates was extremely strong because this was a closed search. Regent Mullin also thanked Interim President Myers for the remarkable job he has done.

Regent Mullin stated he is a native of Merriam, Kansas, and a graduate of Kansas State University. He joined the Air Force in 1965 and commanded all the levels before becoming the nation’s highest ranking military officer. Given his strong leadership and vision, Regent Mullin moved to hire Richard B. Myers as the 14th President of Kansas State University and that the Board direct the Chair, Vice Chair and President of the Board of Regents to negotiate the compensation package and sign the letter of appointment. Regent Bain seconded, and the motion carried.

Chair Newton introduced General Myers as the 14th President of Kansas State University. General Myers thanked the Board of Regents, the KSU Presidential Search Committee, and his wife, Mary Jo, for all her support. He stated he loves the State of Kansas and saw this as an opportunity to be able to serve the State. He believes in the mission of the University and is looking forward to working closely with the University’s students, faculty, and staff.
ADJOURNMENT

Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Blake Flanders, President and CEO   Zoe F. Newton, Chair