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**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting

March 20, 2009

Open Public Session ~ 3:10 p.m. (Showalter 201)
Executive Session ~ 3:00 p.m. (Showalter 201)

MINUTES

Trustees in Attendance via teleconference call:

Jo Ann Kauffman, Chair
Bertha Ortega, Vice Chair
Gordon Budke
Courtney Fleming
Kris Mikkelsen
Paul Tanaka

Call to Order, I.

Chair Kauffman called the March 20, 2009 special meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chair Kauffman announced that the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

She announced that executive session would last approximately 10 minutes, that no final action would be taken during executive session, and that at the conclusion of the executive session the Board would convene into open session.

Chair Kauffman reconvened the open session of the March 20, 2009 special Board of Trustees meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Quorum, II.

A quorum was present. Trustees McReynolds and Zozaya-Gesit were not present due to scheduling conflicts.

Executive Session, III.

Chair Kauffman stated that executive session was held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 as previously noted. No action was taken during the executive session.

Discussion Action Item, IV.

Review Presidential coverage and take appropriate action, IV.A.

Chair Kauffman stated that the Board will take action regarding presidential coverage.

Motion 3-01-09: *Motion by Trustee Budke that the Board return Dr. Mason to the position of Provost, and thus end his position of Acting President, effective Monday, March 23, 2009. Seconded by Trustee Ortega.*
Motion Carried.

Trustee Budke, on behalf of the Board, thanked Dr. Mason as well as the other administrators, for serving in temporary positions and for their dedication to Eastern. The Board also thanked the university community for their patience and cooperation during this time.

Delegation of Authority to the President to develop and institute a Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program for Faculty, IV.B.

Motion 3-02-09: *Trustee Budke moved that the Board delegate authority to the President to develop and institute a Voluntary Faculty Early Retirement Incentive Program. Seconded by Trustee Ortega.*
Motion Carried.

Adjournment, V.

Chair Kauffman thanked all who are connected with the university for their collaboration during the past several months, and she expressed the Board's gratitude to them.

Chair Kauffman expressed the Board's gratefulness that Dr. Arévalo has returned to health and will now return to the university.

Chair Kauffman adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Jo Ann Kauffman, Chair

John Mason, Acting President,
on behalf of Rodolfo Arévalo,
Secretary