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EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 9, 2006

**Open Session at approximately 2:30 p.m.
Executive Session 2:00 p.m.**

**Eastern Washington University
Cheney Campus
Tawanka Commons - Room 215 B&C**

MINUTES

Trustees Present or via Teleconference:

*Kris Mikkelsen, Chair
Paul Tanaka, Vice Chair
Gordon Budke
Jo Ann Kauffman
Neil McReynolds
Bertha Ortega
Stacey Roestel
Ines Zozaya-Geist*

Call to Order, I.

Chair Mikkelsen called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Quorum, II.

A quorum was present, as four Trustees were present on the Cheney campus and four Trustees were present via teleconference.

Executive Session, III, was held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110

At 2:00 p.m. Chair Mikkelsen announced that the Board would convene into executive session as authorized in RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. She noted that the Board would not take final action during the executive session, and that the Board would reconvene into open session at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Reconvene

The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Action Item, IV.

Discussion Action Item, IV.A.

Appointment of Eastern Washington University's 25th president and approval of the president's contract, IV.A.

Chair Mikkelsen called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 p.m. and noted that Trustees Tanaka, Zozaya-Geist, Ortega and McReynolds were present via teleconference.

It was expressed that the Trustees want to thank Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich for uniting Eastern and for keeping the university moving in the right direction during this time of transition. He has kept the strategic plan moving forward as well as many other important initiatives and has done a phenomenal job.

Trustee Ortega said she wanted to echo the previous comments and she also wanted to extend a warm thank you to Brian's wife, Debi, for supporting Brian and Eastern during this time.

Trustee McReynolds expressed that one of the keys to a presidential search is the interim president and presidency. He thanked Dr. Levin-Stankevich very much for keeping things moving in key areas during his interim presidency.

Trustee Budke shared that Brian has surpassed all expectations as the Interim President.

Trustee Kauffman thanked Dr. Levin-Stankevich for his leadership and for blazing the way for the diversity open/listening session. She commented that this session was a good experience for Trustees and all within the campus community.

Trustee Zozaya-Geist extended her appreciation to Brian for his personal approach and for the human factor in his leadership. She shared that she looks forward to his continued leadership on campus.

Trustee Tanaka expressed that he has enjoyed working with Dr. Levin-Stankevich and looks forward to continuing to work with him.

Dr. Levin-Stankevich thanked everyone for their support during this transition period, and he expressed the continued need for collaboration and support to move through this next phase of the transition.

Trustee Mikkelsen thanked Trustee Budke for his leadership in the search process.

Trustee Budke shared that the search process has been a good experience, and that the people on the search committee were a delight to work with.

Motion 01-01-06: *Motion was made that the Board of Trustees appoint Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo as the 25th President of Eastern Washington University.*

Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo is an experienced administrator and the Board is confident that he will contribute to the continued success of Eastern Washington University.

Trustee Kauffman expressed that there were three highly qualified candidates, and in all cases Dr. Arévalo rose to the top.

Trustee Roestel, on behalf of the students, welcomed Dr. Arévalo to Eastern Washington University. He stated that he believes Dr. Arévalo will be student focused.

Motion carried.

Chair Mikkelsen stated that she is pleased to announce Dr. Arévalo as the next President of Eastern Washington University.

Chair Mikkelsen presented Dr. and Mrs. Arévalo with Eastern Washington University attire.

Dr. Arévalo stated that he knows he and Eastern will do great things together. He shared he is humbled by the task the university has given him, and he knows the he and the university can reach forward to achieve a great deal.

Dr. Arévalo commented that he and his wife, Nadine, look forward to joining Eastern, and they look forward to living on campus because it will give the opportunity to learn more about the students and about life on the campus. Dr. Arévalo shared that one of the things he spoke to the Board about during the interviews, after having thought about Eastern during the last 5 months, is that he is very interested in hearing from people on campus and from people off campus. He will try to meet with focus groups to gain further understanding about the students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Arévalo will be on campus between now and April 1st to prepare for beginning as the new president on April 1st.

Dr. Maldonado welcomed Dr. Arévalo to Eastern.

Adjournment, V.

Chair Mikkelsen adjourned this special Board of Trustees meeting.

Kris Mikkelsen, Chair

Brian Levin-Stankevich, Secretary