The Board of Regents held a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Gerberding Hall, Room 142. The notice of the meeting was appropriately provided to the public and the media.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent Ayer called the Special Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary, Joan Goldblatt, recorded the roll.

Present in person were Regents Ayer (chairing), Brown, Jaech, and Riojas.

Present by phone were Regents Blake, Harrell, Rice, Shanahan, Simon, and Smith.

Staff present: Karin Nyrop, Mary Gresch, and Norm Arkans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Ayer said the University is at a time of transition. The announcement of President Young as the sole finalist for the presidency at Texas A&M University came as a surprise. On behalf of the Board, Regent Ayer wished President and Mrs. Young well, and thanked him for his leadership.

The Board has work to do and is fortunate to do it at a time when the University has great momentum. The UW has record applications, research funding, and philanthropic support. It is a community of accomplished, caring, and driven people. The outstanding students, faculty, and staff, and thousands of alumni and community partners who care deeply about this University, are the reason it is regarded as one of the best in the world.

There is broad and deep leadership across the University, a team of exceptional people who continue to move many important initiatives forward. For these and many other reasons, Regent Ayer expects the leadership transition to proceed with optimism, energy and great enthusiasm. The Board looks forward to sharing its decisions as it moves forward.

Regent Ayer announced the Board would hold an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the University, potential
litigation as defined in RCW 42.30.110. No action would be taken following the executive session.

ADJOURN

Regents returned to open session and Regent Ayer adjourned the Special Meeting at 3:40 p.m. Regent Ayer thanked Regents for attending.

Approved at the meeting of the Board on March 12, 2015