

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas, hereby ratify and approve all actions taken at this meeting to be reflected in the Minutes.

Signed this the 7th day of April , 1961, A. D.

Thornton Hardie  
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Chairman

W. W. Heath  
W. W. Heath  
Vice-Chairman

Walter P. Brennan  
Walter P. Brennan, Member

J. P. Bryan  
J. P. Bryan, Member

H. F. Connally, Jr.  
H. F. Connally, Jr., M.D., Member

Wales H. Madden, Jr.  
Wales H. Madden, Jr., Member

A. G. McNeese, Jr.  
A. G. McNeese, Jr., Member

John S. Redditt  
John S. Redditt, Member

Joe C. Thompson  
Joe C. Thompson, Member

APRIL 7, 1961. --The Board of Regents of The University of Texas, pursuant to a call dated March 30, 1961, convened in a special meeting in Room 212, Main University, Austin, Texas, at 3:00 p. m. on Friday, the 7th day of April, 1961.

On March 30, 1961, Chancellor Wilson discussed with a special committee of the Regents (including Chairman Hardie) in Austin, for another purpose, the matter of having a special meeting of the Board in Austin on April 7 to provide the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association of San Antonio an opportunity for a hearing on The South Texas Medical School. Secretary Thedford polled each Regent, except Mr. A. G. McNeese, Jr., by long-distance telephone to see if it would be possible to get a quorum on April 7. Mr. McNeese could not be reached at that time. Having ascertained that a quorum could be obtained and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents for the Government of The University of Texas, Part One, Chapter I, subsection 5-2, the Secretary mailed on March 31, 1961, to each Regent a notice that a special meeting had been called for April 7, 1961, at 3:00 p. m., in Austin, Texas, for the sole purpose of hearing the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association of San Antonio regarding The South Texas Medical School. A copy of said notice is in the Secretary's Files, Volume VIII, Page 176-7

## ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairman Hardie, presiding	Regent Bryan
Vice-Chairman Heath	Regent McNeese
Regent Brenan	Regent Thompson
Regent Connally	
Regent Madden	
Regent Redditt	
Doctor Ransom, Chancellor	
Doctor Wilson, Special Consultant to the Chancellor's Office	
Secretary Thedford	

Also among those present representing the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association of San Antonio were the following:

- W. W. McAllister, Jr., President of the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association and President of the San Antonio Savings and Loan Association
- O. Roger Hollan, M. D., President-elect of the Bexar County Medical Society and Clinical Lecturer of the San Antonio Division of The University of Texas Postgraduate School of Medicine
- J. J. Hinchey, M. D., Immediate Past President, Bexar County Medical Society, and Clinical Lecturer of the San Antonio Division of The University of Texas Postgraduate School of Medicine
- Most Reverend Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio

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Mother Mary Vincent, Administrator of the Santa Rosa Medical Center

M. Winston Martin, Executive Administrator of the Urban Renewal Agency

F. M. Davis, Chairman of the Central City Council

J. Edwin Kuykendall, Mayor of the City of San Antonio

Walter Corrigan, President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

H. B. Zachry, President of the H. B. Zachry Company

W. W. McAllister, Sr., Chairman of the San Antonio Savings Association

Chairman Hardie called the meeting to order and welcomed the people present for the hearing, stating this was the largest attendance at a Board meeting since he had been a member. He expressed the Board's pleasure for the fine interest being manifested by the people of San Antonio in The South Texas Medical School and assured all that after the hearing the Regents would go into the matter thoroughly without any regard to the decision previously made.

Then Chairman Hardie stated that the purpose of the meeting primarily was to hear representatives of the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association of San Antonio but that the Oak Hills group had asked to say a few words. Though Mr. W. W. McAllister, Jr., President of the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association, had not understood this to be a joint meeting, he did accept on behalf of the Downtown group the following procedure to be pursued with the understanding that the Oak Hills group would not be present for the Downtown group's presentation:

1. Résumé by Doctor Wilson of the actions and proceedings by the Board of Regents concerning the establishment of a Third Medical School
2. Presentation by the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association (one and one-half hours)
3. Presentation by Oak Hills group (30 minutes)
4. Rebuttal by Downtown group (15 minutes)
5. Question period
6. Executive Session

RESUME OF ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD STATE MEDICAL SCHOOL. --Doctor Wilson prefaced his remarks with the statement that he became Ex-Chancellor as of April 1 and Doctor Harry Ransom became Chancellor of The University of Texas. Doctor Ransom and the Regents had decided that Doctor Wilson should make the presentation at this special meeting because of his firsthand knowledge of the Administration's recommendations and the Board's actions and proceedings concerning the establishment of The South Texas Medical School. He then presented a Résumé of the Actions and Proceedings of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas Concerning the Establishment of a Third State Medical School. (Copies of the résumé, together with the complete excerpts from the Minutes of the Board of Regents referred to, were

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distributed to Mr. W. W. McAllister, Jr., President of the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association and President of the San Antonio Savings and Loan Association, Doctor James P. Hollers, President of the San Antonio Medical Foundation, and Representatives Franklin Spears, John C. Alaniz, and Jake Johnson. (Copies of the resume were available at the meeting, and a copy is in the Secretary's Files, Volume VIII, Page 177.)

Following this summary, Doctor Wilson stated the former Chairman of the Board of Regents passed the word along that at any time any group wished to be heard on The South Texas Medical School, the Regents would make themselves available for a meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to give the Downtown group an opportunity to make its case.

PRESENTATION BY DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF SAN ANTONIO RE SITE OF THE SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL. --At the request of the Chair, Mr. W. W. McAllister, Jr., President of the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association of San Antonio, opened the presentation for his group. Those listed under "Attendance" on Pages 1 and 2 as representing the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association spoke and strongly advocated that land in the Urban Renewal Project II, consisting of 330 acres, be chosen as the site for The South Texas Medical School. H. B. Zachry said he had cashier's checks in the amount of \$1,000,000 to underwrite purchase of land in Urban Renewal Project II as a site for the school. Though Mr. Zachry and others said title could be had on the 100 downtown acres within six months, the Chairman of the Urban Renewal Agency, Mr. Roy Baines, estimated it to be four or five years before it would be ready for construction. Neither Mr. Zachry nor any of the other representatives present would guarantee that title to the 100-acre tract would be delivered within a six month period. When questioned as to the meaning of his written statement, "We will make available in six months title to the site for the medical school; in twelve months, the balance.", Mr. Zachry explained that at the conclusion of the six month period, title to the land over and above that of the actual site would be "forthcoming," but no assurance was given as to the length of time contemplated by the word "forthcoming." Mr. Zachry was unwilling to agree that the \$1,000,000 would be deposited in escrow to guarantee performance by the Downtown group. With the exception of a statement by the President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and a summation of the Downtown group's presentation by Mr. W. W. McAllister, Sr., the full text of the presentations was distributed in writing to each Regent and a copy is in the Secretary's Files, Volume VIII, Page 183. Mayor Kuykendall handed to the Board for record the following resolution:

#### A RESOLUTION

PLEDGING THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF  
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO THE BOARD  
OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL  
IN BEXAR COUNTY.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Antonio fully realizes that the establishment of a medical school in Bexar County will greatly promote the health and welfare of this metropolitan area and of the entire State; and

WHEREAS, said City Council greatly desires the establishment of such an institution in Bexar County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:-

1. The City Council of the City of San Antonio will cooperate fully with the Board of Regents of The University of Texas in the establishment of a medical school in Bexar County, and pledges that all agencies of the municipal government will work closely and expeditiously with said Board of Regents, and furnish all information requested, to the end that such medical school will be established at whatever site is finally chosen.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of April, 1961.

Signed by:  
J. Edwin Kuykendall

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Signed by:  
J. Frank Gallagher

CITY CLERK

Approved as to form: Signed by: Carlos C. Cadena

Official Position of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce by Walter Corrigan, President. --Mr. Walter Corrigan, President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, stated that the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce works for the civic good of the entire City of San Antonio. It is widely supported by business and professional men and it is concerned with all phases of community life. He further stated that the Chamber of Commerce felt the following precise position should be made of record: "The Chamber of Commerce has not indicated a preference for any specific site for the proposed school. The only position it has taken is that San Antonio wants a medical school and is prepared to take all necessary steps to insure its location in our community."

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ATTENDANCE. --Chairman Hardie, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. McAllister and other representatives of the Downtown group for the very excellent presentation. At this time, the following, among other proponents of the Oak Hills site, came into the meeting:

James P. Hollers, D. D. S., President of the San Antonio Medical Foundation  
 John M. Smith, M. D., Chairman of the Medical School Committee of the Bexar County Medical Society  
 David Jacobsen, Rabbi of San Antonio  
 W. H. Hamrick, Administrator of the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital  
 J. L. Cochran, M. D.  
 John L. Matthews, M. D.  
 Bonham Jones, M. D., President of the Bexar County Medical Society

PROponents OF OAK HILLS SITE. --Doctor James P. Hollers led the presentation for the proponents of the Oak Hills site. In his opening remarks he expressed appreciation for the diligence the Board has shown in this medical school project and stated that the attitude of the San Antonio Medical Foundation has been that the decision as to the site rests in the Board of Regents. He asked those to stand up who felt that the decision as to the site of the third Medical School is a decision for the Board of Regents to reach. All present at the hearing stood up.

The other representatives of the Oak Hills site listed above were given an opportunity to be heard and the various steps taken on the part of San Antonio citizens were outlined. Doctor Hollers stated that the proposed medical center at the Oak Hills site presently consists of 170 acres owned by the San Antonio Medical Foundation and 58 acres owned by the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital (25 acres given by the San Antonio Medical Foundation and 33 acres recently given by a group headed by Sid Katz). Doctor Hollers stated that the San Antonio Medical Foundation has an option to buy two tracts (in the immediate vicinity of the Oak Hills site as shown on the official copy of a plat filed in the Office of the Board of Regents) of 193 acres and 114 acres, respectively, the option to be exercised by the 15th of April. Of the 170 acres owned by the San Antonio Medical Foundation, Doctor Hollers stated that he had with him a deed conveying 100 acres to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL (1) SITE, (2) SELECTION AND TITLE TO ACREAGE, (3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SELECTION OF THE DEAN, AND (4) PRELIMINARY STEPS FOR ESTABLISHMENT. --After a question and answer period by those in attendance at the hearing and after a rebuttal by the proponents of the downtown site, the Board of Regents went into Executive Session in the Regents' Room (Main Building 209). The following actions of the Board were released on Monday morning, April 10, 1961:

1. We have listened with close attention to the very able presentation made by prominent citizens of San Antonio, members and friends of the Downtown Merchants and Property Owners Association. We have been reminded of the history of this problem since its inception several years ago.

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We are familiar with conditions at our medical institutions in Galveston, Dallas, and Houston. We have had well prepared reports from experts in this field and most of our members have personally investigated the material facts in San Antonio.

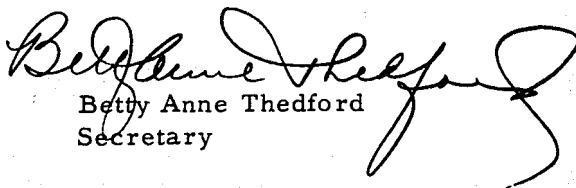
We are unanimously of the opinion that the location of the medical school in the Oak Hills District will be in the best interests of the people of Texas.

We know that all citizens of Bexar County will join with us in making this one of the finest medical colleges in the South. We are asking the Legislature to appropriate adequate funds to begin the planning and construction of an outstanding medical school in San Antonio.

Our recommendation is made upon the condition that the San Antonio Medical Foundation acquire the additional acreage as proposed which additional acreage shall become a part of the medical center and must be used for the development of such center and with the consent and approval of The University of Texas.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the foregoing was unanimously adopted.

2. A resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing and empowering the administrative staff to make a selection of and to secure a title to 100 acres offered by the San Antonio Medical Foundation for The South Texas Medical School, subject to compliance with all appropriate laws.
3. It was unanimously adopted by the Board that the administration be authorized to make recommendations to the Board for the selection of a dean for The South Texas Medical School for the period beginning September 1, 1961.
4. The Board unanimously adopted a motion authorizing the administrative staff to take all preliminary steps that may be needed to expedite the establishment of The South Texas Medical School.

  
Betty Anne Thedford  
Secretary