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Chairman F. Philip Handy convened the meeting of the Florida Board of Education by telephone conference call, 1505 Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida, at 2:00 p.m., with the following members present: Linda J. Eads, T. Willard Fair, Charles P. García, Julia Johnson, William L. Proctor, and Carolyn K. Roberts.

1. Consideration and Ratification of President, FSU

Chairman Handy said Board members had received the materials from the Board of Trustees of Florida State University recommending the appointment of Dr. T. K. Wetherell, as the University's 13th President.

Secretary Horne said it was this Board's obligation to ensure that the Board of Trustees had established a process for the conduct of the search; that the Board had followed that process; and that the candidate met the qualifications for leadership specified for the position.

Secretary Horne reported that Dr. Wetherell had been the selection of the University's Board of Trustees on December 18, 2002. Dr. Wetherell received his undergraduate degree and his doctorate in education administration from Florida State University. He was President of Tallahassee Community College from 1995 to 2001. Dr. Wetherell served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1980 to 1992, the last two years as Speaker. Before resigning to seek the FSU presidency, he was a lobbyist with the Southern Strategy Group. Secretary Horne recommended that the Board ratify the selection of Dr. T. K. Wetherell as the 13th President of Florida State University.

Dr. Proctor said that he had recruited T.K. Wetherell out of high school, had coached him in college, had hired him to work for him at the University of Central Florida, and had enticed him to serve as the Executive Director of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida. He, therefore, moved that the Board ratify the appointment of Dr. T.K. Wetherell as the 13th President of Florida State University, as presented. Mrs. Roberts seconded the motion. The Board concurred unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Mr. John Thrasher, Chairman, FSU Board of Trustees. Mr. Thrasher thanked the Board for acting so expeditiously on the appointment of the President. He said the Trustees appreciated this Board's support during the search. They were very excited about Dr. Wetherell and were confident that he would take FSU to even greater levels of excellence.

Mr. Handy said the new Board of Governors would be meeting in Tallahassee on Tuesday, January 7, 2003. He said this Board was losing Mrs. Roberts to that Board,

and he thanked her for her outstanding service to the Florida Board the past 18 months. Mrs. Roberts thanked the Chairman and the other members. She said it had been a privilege serving on this Board and she was confident they would continue to work together as they worked for improved educational opportunities at every level.

2. Adjournment

Having no further business, Chairman Handy adjourned the special telephone conference call meeting of the Florida Board of Education at 2:10 p.m., January 2, 2003.

F. Philip Handy,
Chairman

Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,
Corporate Secretary