

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF REGENTS  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1986

A special meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma was held in Regency Ballroom B of the Park Suite Hotel, 1815 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning at 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 1986. The purpose of the meeting was to consider candidates for filling the Director of Athletics position at The University of Oklahoma.

Notice of the time, date, and place of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in the office of the Board of Regents on or before 4:30 p.m. on August 29, 1986, both as required by Enrolled House Bill 1416 (1977 Oklahoma Legislature).

The following Regents were present: Regent Tom McCurdy, Chairman of the Board, presiding; Regents John M. Imel, Thomas Elwood Kemp, Charles F. Sarratt, Ronald H. White, M.D., Sarah C. Hogan, and Sylvia A. Lewis.

President Frank E. Horton and Barbara H. Tuttle, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, also were present for the meeting.

Regent McCurdy noted the attendance of a number of representatives of the O Club. He recognized and introduced Mr. J. D. Roberts, President of the Club, for comments. Mr. Roberts noted also that a number of people were present representing the O Club. He said he would like to express to Dr. Horton and the Regents that the O Club believes Mr. Leon Cross should be appointed Athletic Director at The University of Oklahoma. He said because of his longevity, his class, his integrity and knowledge he should be retained as the Athletic Director. He said many believe Mr. Cross should have been automatically given the job. He said they are 100% in favor of Leon Cross.

Mr. McCurdy asked several others present if they wished to make comments and they declined.

Regent Sarratt moved the Board meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The following voted yes on the motion: Regents McCurdy, Imel, Kemp, Sarratt, White, Hogan, and Lewis. The Chair declared the motion unanimously approved.

The Regents, President Horton, and Mrs. Tuttle excused themselves from the room at 4:40 p.m. for the executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 p.m.

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Regent Kemp moved Mr. Donnie Duncan be employed as Athletic Director at The University of Oklahoma on a five-year contract at \$75,000 for 12 months plus \$10,000 per year expense allowance. In response to a question from the Board, President Horton stated he recommends Mr. Duncan for the position.

The following voted yes on the motion: Regents McCurdy, Kemp, Sarratt, and Lewis. The following voted no on the motion: Regents Imel, White, and Hogan.

Regent White said he is not voting against Mr. Duncan but rather casting a vote for Leon Cross because of his loyalty to the University. He said he believes Mr. Duncan is an excellent person and will make an excellent Athletic Director and he pledged his full support to Donnie Duncan. Regent Hogan agreed. Regent Imel said his no vote also was a vote for Leon Cross. He feels the service he has rendered the University made him the most qualified candidate.

Regent McCurdy stated he appreciated the interest and participation by the alumni and friends of the University in this search activity. He said this has been a very important decision for The University of Oklahoma and a very difficult decision for this Board. He commended all of the people involved in the search process including the Search Committee and the Regents. He feels they did an outstanding job.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

  
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Barbara H. Tuttle  
Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents