

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008
ST. CAJETAN'S CENTER
AURARIA CAMPUS, DENVER, COLORADO**

A special meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at St. Cajetan's Center on the Auraria Campus, Denver, Colorado. Chair Hayes called the special meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. In attendance were: Chair Hayes; Vice Chair Lucero; Regents Bosley, Bishop, Carlisle, Carrigan, Hybl, Ludwig, and Schauer; and Vice President, University Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Regents Wilkerson.

Public Hearing

Chair Hayes announced that the purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments regarding presidential finalist Bruce Benson. She also announced that following the 90 minute public comment session the board would recess into executive session. Approximately 150 people attended the public hearing session. The board received comments from students, faculty, staff, elected officials and members of the public.

Following the public hearing, Chair Hayes asked for a motion to recess into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, specifically to consider the appointment of a public official, presidential finalist Bruce Benson, as permitted by C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (3)(b)(I).

The motion was made by Regent Schauer, and seconded by Regent Ludwig, and carried unanimously. Executive session convened at approximately 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chair Hayes re-convened the board in public session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Regent Carlisle and seconded by Regent Carrigan "that the Board of Regents re-open the search process bringing forward three to five finalists with Mr. Benson counted among them, if so desired, in a public process." The motion failed.

Moved by Regent Hybl and seconded by Regent Bishop:

"WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Colorado, Article 9, Section XIII requires the regents to elect the President of the University of Colorado;

WHEREAS the Presidential Search Committee recommended Bruce Benson for consideration as the sole finalist; and

WHEREAS on January 30, 2008, the regents accepted that recommendation; and

WHEREAS Mr. Benson has participated in nearly 40 public meetings with various groups over the previous three weeks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REVOLVED that Bruce D. Benson be hereby elected as the 22nd President of the University of Colorado.”

After regent discussion, Chair Hayes asked for a roll call vote. Regents voting in favor of the motion: Hayes, Bishop, Bosley, Lucero, Schauer. Regents opposing the motion: Carlisle, Carrigan, Ludwig. The motion passed (5-3).

Exhibit A in the bound copies of these minutes has the verbatim transcript of the regents' comments prior to the roll call vote (11 pages).

Having no further business to discuss, Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.