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Arizona Board of Regents Authorize Contract Negotiations to Begin for University of Arizona Presidential Finalist Dr. Robert Robbins

PHOENIX, Ariz. – The Arizona Board of Regents authorized contract negotiations to commence with University of Arizona Presidential Finalist Dr. Robert Robbins during a special board meeting today.

Dr. Robbins was selected by the board as the UA presidential finalist in a special board meeting on March 7. As president and chief executive officer of Texas Medical Center, Dr. Robbins manages the largest medical complex in the world. He is the finalist for the 22nd president of the university.

The regents will work with Dr. Robbins on his transition in the coming weeks.

“Negotiating a contract for the next president and ensuring a smooth transition are crucial next steps as ABOR facilitates the presidential succession process at the University of Arizona, a renowned institution known for its excellence in research and medicine,” said Arizona Board of Regents Chair Greg Patterson.

President Ann Weaver Hart announced in [June](#) of last year that she would not seek an extension on her contract. The board anticipates voting on the contract for the new University of Arizona president and formally announcing the new president at its meeting at the UA on April 6-7.

In addition, the board voted to support Senate Bill 1415 that would transfer the operation, management and maintenance of the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum to the UA.