Chairman William R. Goins called the March 6, 2006, special meeting teleconference of the State Board of Trustees to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL:

Assistant Secretary Bill Morris called the roll and announced that a quorum of the Board was participating. The following State Trustees participated by telephone:

Mr. William R. Goins, Chair
Mr. Thomas J. Trauring, Vice Chair
Mr. Marvin E. Foote
Mr. John P. Griffin
Mr. Francis H. Lueken, Jr.
Mr. Louis R. Martinez
Mr. Mark J. Neff
Mr. V. Bruce Walkup

Trustees unable to participate in the meeting:

Mr. Jerry D. Speidel, Secretary
Mr. Jesse R. Brand
Mr. Joseph T. Bumbleburg
Mr. Lawrence R. Foster, Jr.
Mr. Norman E. Pfau, Jr.
Mr. Lee J. Marchant

B. NOTICES OF MEETINGS MAILED AND POSTED:

Assistant Secretary Bill Morris confirmed that notices of the March 6, 2006, special meeting were properly mailed and posted.

Chairman Goins announced that approval of the February 9, 2006, regular meeting minutes, the report of the President, and the report of Board committees would be deferred until the regular meeting on April 13, 2006.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Goins called for old business and there was none.
D. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1  Chairman Goins called upon Executive Vice President Carol D’Amico for an update on the status of Resolution Number 2006-8. Dr. D’Amico said that she had met with the CHE Commissioner Stan Jones last week, and as a result, was recommending to the Board that action on this resolution be tabled until after a scheduled meeting on March 15 between College staff and Commission staff. Trustee Francis H. Lueken, Jr. said that this was the prudent and appropriate way of moving forward on this important issue. He requested that Dr. D’Amico provide a report on her meetings to the Trustees prior to the April Board meetings. Dr. D’Amico added that a presentation on the College’s strategic plan would be made to the Commission during the meeting on Friday, March 10, where she will mention the Trustees’ interest in the issues of program approval and transfer. Trustee John P. Griffin asked if we were seeking better articulation of our degrees or trying to get the other four-year institutions to drop their two-year programs. Dr. D’Amico said that the focus of the discussion will be on the transfer issue and program approval, not on the other institutions’ programs. She said that she and Commissioner Jones agree that there needs to be more consistency statewide, and he is willing to look at our ideas. Trustee V. Bruce Walkup added that if we can increase the number of transfer students, we will be a major competitor with the 4-year institutions, and they may reconsider offering 2-year degrees. Dr. D’Amico agreed, and she also said that we have gotten the Commission’s attention by raising this issue, and she is looking forward to a positive outcome. Chairman Goins said that he appreciates the steps Dr. D’Amico has taken and that he is optimistic of great results. Dr. D’Amico thanked the Trustees for their support and backing. Trustee Louis R. Martinez asked if the Trustees should be contacting members of the Commission, and Dr. D’Amico recommended waiting until after the strategic plan is presented to the CHE and the meeting of the two staffs; President Lamkin concurred. Chairman Goins asked that the Trustees be notified if additional help is needed.

Item 2  Chairman Goins called upon Dick Tully, Executive Director of Facilities and Institutional Planning, for a report on what has transpired in Region 7/Terre Haute since the meeting notice was mailed. Mr. Tully said that notice of the meeting had to be mailed shortly after a tornado went through the east side of Terre Haute, and at that time, it was not known if emergency repairs would be necessary, which is why this issue was added to the agenda. On February 16, 2006, the Hulman Airport and some of the lands next to that were hit with an F-1 tornado that struck the southwest corner of the building that we lease from the airport authority. Several people,
including Ivy Tech staff, were in buildings that were struck by the tornado, but fortunately, no one was injured. An adjuster from the College’s insurance carrier, Chubb, was on-site the next morning along with JL Fox General Contractor. JL Fox performed the emergency clean up and temporary repairs so the building was secured by noon that day. The building was reoccupied on Wednesday, except for the southwest corner, which continues to be a concern and will not be occupied until renovations are made. The damage is extensive: part of the roof has been torn off and the part that was torn off punctured holes in the part that remained. The perlins, which are structures that sit on the structural steel and hold the roof decking and installation, were significantly damaged. There are at least 14 of them in one bay and about six in another bay that were damaged and will have to be replaced. This is a steel rigid frame structure. The steel structure is not damaged, but a couple of the beams on which the perlins sit were twisted, so those will have to be replaced, the perlins will have to be replaced, and a lot of the roof structure will have to be replaced. Flying debris damaged some of the exterior, some of which was dry-vit and some was steel, and a number of windows were broken on the building. Because of the differential pressure of the tornado passing over the building, a lot of the wall finishes were damaged inside the building. There are cracks in the drywall and suspended ceiling grids were lifted out of their track and dropped back down, as were some of the lights. None of the second or third floor framing behind the drywall appears to be damaged, based on preliminary investigations. A number of the furnace exhausts were bent, and all those above the roof were missing. Those have been repaired and inspected and heat has been restored to the building. Fire suppression systems have been reenergized, the electrical system was checked out, and all damaged wiring was disconnected. That wiring will have to be reconnected and traced. The hangar doors were moved off their track, and they will have to be repaired. There was water damage that has already been cleaned up. Three of the centers’ aircraft that were inside the building were damaged. Temporary repairs have been made, and the building has been secured. Chubb (Ivy Tech’s property insurer) has met with College staff, airport authority staff, at least one airport authority board member, the airport authority’s insurance company (Traveler’s), and has received a damage assessment from their structural engineering firm. They are waiting for a similar report from Traveler’s. They are also waiting on cost estimates from at least two contractors. The airport director has engaged a loss consultant from Globe Midwest Adjusters International to work with the airport authority in negotiations with insurance companies. Once Chubb receives the Traveler’s engineering report and cost estimates and checks their database, they will start forming an estimate of the insurance proceeds that we should receive for the repair
of the building. At that point, the College has proposed holding a meeting with all the concerned parties, that is, people from Region 7, Central Office, Gregory and Appel (the College’s insurance broker), Chubb, Traveler’s, and the airport authority, to talk about the repairs that need to be made to the building. Eventually, we will receive a settlement, and it will be our responsibility to get an engineering firm to design whatever changes and repairs need to be made and then bid it out according to state and College policies. Trustee Martinez asked if the Board needed to engage an emergency repair policy. He said he was concerned about not having an emergency bidding procedure in place and if those procedures are needed or not. Mr. Tully said that the emergency repairs were done by JL Fox and Chubb pays them directly for that: We do not have to declare an emergency. In a public works act, the Trustees could have declared emergency, which circumvents having to go through the publication of a bid. The design work to get the repairs done is going to take a long enough time that we do not need to exercise an emergency suspension of publishing this in the newspaper. Trustee Walkup asked if we had received insurance money yet, and Mr. Tully explained that we will not receive insurance money until the analysis is done and Chubb tells us what they believe the work should entail and what they believe the costs will be. Trustee Walkup asked if we were paying the emergency repairs out of pocket, and Mr. Tully said we fully expect the emergency repairs to be paid for by Chubb Insurance, with a possible exception of the deductible. Trustee Walkup asked if there was a business interruption clause in the policy, and Mr. Tully said that the policy covers the cost of renting space to temporarily house Ivy Tech staff and students. Trustee Lueken asked what would happen if the bids come in higher than the settlement that is offered or accepted from the insurance company. Mr. Tully said that he understood there to be an “unforeseen clause” in the policy and that Chubb has assured us that once work starts, if something unexpected is discovered, they will provide the additional money to cover those unforeseen costs. Chairman Goins thanked Chancellor Jeff Pittman and his staff in Terre Haute for doing a great job. Chancellor Pittman said that his staff did a great job, and he thought that Chubb and Fox did a great job of getting them back in the building.

Item 3 Chairman Goins said that Trustee Joseph T. Bumbleburg had planned on providing a report to the Trustees, but he was absent. Trustee Lueken said that Trustee Bumbleburg, in fact, had a prior commitment but that he was trying to keep the Board informed. External Counsel Rich Smikle said that Trustee Bumbleburg was going to report that he had requested proposals from several executive search consultants and he would provide a report in April.
Item 4  Chairman Goins reminded the Trustees that they are invited to lunch at noon on Monday, March 13 with the team members from the North Central Association during their focus visit, and to inform Tina Phelps of their plans.
Chairman Goins adjourned the formal meeting of the Board.