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Phillips Elected Chairman of the UNC Board of Governors; Other Officers Named

CHAPEL HILL – Greensboro attorney Jim Phillips was today (**June 9**) elected to a two-year term as chairman of the UNC Board of Governors, the policy-making body of the 16-campus University of North Carolina. In addition, Raleigh businessman J. Craig Souza was re-elected vice chairman, and retired Durham educator Patsy B. Perry was re-elected board secretary.

A partner in the Greensboro law firm of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, Phillips was first elected to the Board of Governors in 1997. A current member of the Board's Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs, he previously served on the Committee on University Governance and was twice elected chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance. Phillips has also been tapped to chair numerous special and ad hoc board committees, including the Task Force on Best Financial Practices, the Special Committee Reviewing the Funding Model for Enrollment Growth, the Public Affairs Committee, the Committee on the University Award, and the Committee on Committees. He has also served on the Board's Tuition Policy Task Force, the Presidential Search Committee, and the Tuition and Fees Policy Committee.

A 1979 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was elected student body president, Phillips earned his law degree with highest honors from Wake Forest University School of Law, serving as editor in chief of the Law Review. A former legislative counsel to then Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., (1993-94, 1996), he now specializes in complex business and commercial litigation.

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In addition to his service on the Board of Governors, Phillips sits on the board of the Triad Stage and is a member of the NC Bar Association's Committee on Judicial Independence and the NC Commission on Business Law and the Economy. Previously, he has served on the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Board, and the Family and Children's Services of Greensboro Advisory Board.

President and chief executive officer of the NC Health Care Facilities Association, Souza joined the Board of Governors in 1997. A current member and former chairman of its Committee on Personnel and Tenure, he also serves on the Board's Public Affairs Committee. Previously, he has served on the Committee on University Governance and chaired the University Award Committee, as well as a special Committee on the Future of Nursing. A graduate of East Carolina University, Souza is a former chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees. He currently serves on the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Public Health's advisory board, the Governor's Council on Health Policy Information, and the NC Center for Public Policy Research board. He is a past president of the Association Executives of North Carolina and the American Society of Health Care Association Executives.

Perry joined the Board of Governors in 1999, a year after retiring as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs of NC Central University. First elected board secretary in 2003, she currently serves on the Committee on Personnel and Tenure. She has previously served on the Committee on University Governance, the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs, and several ad hoc and special committees. Perry holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from NCCU and a doctorate in the field from UNC-Chapel Hill. During her 42-year career at NCCU, she advanced through the ranks of the English Department, serving as department chair and director of the university's honors program before assuming the role of provost and vice chancellor in 1995.

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The oldest public university in the nation, the University of North Carolina enrolls nearly 200,000 students and includes all 16 of North Carolina's public institutions that grant baccalaureate degrees. UNC campuses support a broad array of distinguished liberal-arts programs, two medical schools and one teaching hospital, two law schools, a veterinary school, a school of pharmacy, 12 nursing programs, 15 schools of education, three schools of engineering, and a specialized school for performing artists. Also under the University umbrella are the UNC Center for Public Television with its 11-station statewide broadcast network, and the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the nation's first public residential high school for gifted students.