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 22^{nd} 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 o(esir)12(sity)Ama renzon(b)3(btcc)10tu5(tia4ma).