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Telephone Voting

**Dialog between application and the caller**

**IVR:** Welcome to Investorvote at Computershare. <pause>

To vote, you will need to supply some information from your proxy card, this will only take a moment. If you don't have your card handy, feel free to hang-up and call back when you're ready. To start, please enter the control number (pause), this is the 6 digit number that is circled and located in the colored bar on the front of the card.

Caller: *Enters 6-digit control number*

**IVR:** Next, I'm going to need your holder account number. This number is underlined and located next to the control number. Please enter that number now, excluding any letters or leading zeroes.

Caller: *Enters holder acct number*

**IVR:** Thank you, please hold while I verify those numbers.

*This message will play repeatedly until the host system responds* three seconds of silence followed by... ) ... still verifying (three more seconds of silence)... please continue to hold...

**IVR :** Before you can vote, I need to verify one last piece of information. Located on the proxy card next to the underlined account number is a box that contains your proxy access number. Please enter that number now.

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Caller: *Enters 5-digit access number*

**IVR:** Thank you, please hold while I verify that number...

**IVR:** Ok, you'll be voting your proxy for...

**IVR:** IBM Corporation

**IVR:** You can vote one of two ways. To vote all proposals in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors, press 1. To vote one proposal at a time, press 2.

Caller: *Presses 2*

**IVR:** Ok, let's vote on each proposal.

**IVR:** Proposal number 1. The Board of Directors recommends a vote for all nominees.

You have three ways to vote this item. You can vote for all nominees, withhold from all nominees or withhold from individual nominees. To vote for all nominees, press 1; withhold from all, press 2 or withhold from individual nominees, press 3. To cancel and start over, press star.

Caller: *If 1 or 2 is pressed, record and then go to proposal #2. If 3 is pressed take individual withhold selection(s) and then go to proposal #2.*

**IVR:** Okay, we will withhold the nominees you specify...

For each nominee listed on your card, there is a corresponding two-digit number. Enter the number corresponding to the nominee you want to withhold.

Caller: *Presses number (number of nominee)*

**IVR:** Ok, withholding from nominee number... .

*... (repeats number)*

To withhold your vote from another nominee, enter the two-digit number. If there are no other nominees

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you wish to withhold press zero. If you've made a mistake and want to start over, press star.

Caller: *Presses 0*

IVR: Ok, finished withholding for nominees

**IVR:** Proposal number 2. For which the Board of Directors recommends a vote for . To vote, for , press 1; vote against , press 2; or to abstain , press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1, 2 or 3*

**IVR:** Proposal number 3. For which the Board of Directors recommends a vote against . To vote, for , press 1; vote against , press 2; or to abstain , press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1, 2 or 3*

**IVR:** Proposal number 4. For which the Board of Directors recommends a vote against . To vote, for , press 1; vote against , press 2; or to abstain , press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1, 2 or 3*

**IVR:** Proposal number 5. For which the Board of Directors recommends a vote against . To vote, for , press 1; vote against , press 2; or to abstain , press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1, 2 or 3*

**IVR:** Proposal number 6. For which the Board of Directors recommends a vote against . To vote, for , press 1; vote against , press 2; or to abstain , press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1, 2 or 3*

**IVR:** Proposal number 7. For which the Board of Directors recommends a vote against . To vote, for , press 1; vote against , press 2; or to abstain , press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1, 2 or 3*

**IVR:** If you are planning on attending the meeting press 1, otherwise press 2

Caller: *Presses 1 or 2*

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**IVR:** Ok, you've finished voting but before we process your vote let me list your choices and then you can confirm your vote at the end.

You've elected to vote as follows... .

Playback vote confirmation...

If this is correct, press 1; to hear how you voted again, press 2 and to change your vote, press 3.

Caller: *Presses 1*

**IVR:** Please hold while I record your vote.

*This message will play repeatedly until the host system responds* (three seconds of silence followed by... ) ... please continue to hold...

**IVR:** <earcon> Your vote has been recorded. It is not necessary for you to mail in your proxy card. If you have another proxy card or wish to change your vote, press 1, otherwise I'm now going to end this call.

Caller: *timeout*

**IVR:** Thank you for voting, goodbye.

Caller: *Hang-up.*

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Internet Voting

Voting and Consent Enclosure

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on April 29, 2008.**

**The proxy statement and the annual report to security holders are available at [www.ibm.com/investor/material](http://www.ibm.com/investor/material)**

Vote by Internet

1. Read the accompanying Proxy Statement and Proxy/Voting Instruction Card.
2. Go to website [www.ibm.com/investor/vote](http://www.ibm.com/investor/vote)
3. Follow the simple instructions provided at the log-in site.
4. Your vote will be immediately confirmed and posted.

Vote by Telephone

1. Read the accompanying Proxy Statement and Proxy/Voting Instruction Card.
2. Call the toll-free number, 1-800-652-VOTE (8683). Stockholders residing outside the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico should call 1-781-575-2300.

3. The phone script will provide simple instructions.
4. Your vote will be immediately confirmed and posted.

You may also vote by using the enclosed Proxy Voting Instruction Card. Please date, sign and return the card in the enclosed envelope.

If you vote through the Internet or by telephone, please do not return your proxy card.

Proxy vote

Vote your IBM proxy online

Thank you for choosing to participate in the program to vote your proxy through the Internet. Please read this page and click on the [proceed](#) button below to fill out and submit your proxy.

To vote online you must use numbers that appear in the blue shaded area on your proxy card.

Your online vote authorizes the named proxies in the same manner as if you marked, signed, dated and returned the proxy card. If you choose to vote your shares online, there is no need for you to mail back your proxy card.

When you click on [proceed](#) you will leave the IBM web site and enter the secure Computershare proxy voting site.

Proceed

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**International Business Machines Corporation**  
**Armonk, New York 10504**

**Proxy Solicited by the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders April 29, 2008**

Samuel J. Palmisano, Mark Loughridge, Robert C. Weber, and Daniel E. O'Donnell, or any of them individually and each of them with the power of substitution, are hereby appointed Proxies of the undersigned to vote all common stock of International Business Machines Corporation owned on the record date by the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in the Ballroom of the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**THE PROXIES WILL VOTE USING THE DIRECTIONS PROVIDED BELOW. THE PROXIES ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON ALL OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING, OR ANY ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT THEREOF, UTILIZING THEIR OWN DISCRETION AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT.**

**THIS PROXY WILL ALSO BE USED TO PROVIDE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TRUSTEE FOR ANY SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION HELD IN THE IBM STOCK FUND INVESTMENT ALTERNATIVE UNDER THE IBM 401 (k) PLUS PLAN ON THE RECORD DATE, AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE OF 2008 ANNUAL MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT.**

**Director nominees:**

<b>01. C. Black</b>	<b>04. M.L. Eskew</b>	<b>07. J.W. Owens</b>	<b>10. S. Taurel</b>
<b>02. W.R. Brody</b>	<b>05. S.A. Jackson</b>	<b>08. S.J. Palmisano</b>	<b>11. L.H. Zambrano</b>
<b>03. K.I. Chenault</b>	<b>06. L.A. Noto</b>	<b>09. J.E. Spero</b>	

You may vote in accordance with the recommendations of the IBM Board of Directors, or you may vote for each item separately.

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**Directors Recommendations**

Click below to cast your vote in accordance with the recommendations of International Business Machines Corporation s Board of Directors.

Vote with Board of Directors

IBM s Directors recommend a vote FOR all Nominees.

**1. Election of Directors for a Term of One Year**

**FOR all Nominees**  **WITHHOLD vote from all Nominees**

FOR all Nominees EXCEPT those selected below

01. C. Black

02. W.R. Brody

03. K.I. Chenault

04. M.L. Eskew

05. S.A. Jackson

06. L.A. Noto

- o 07. J.W. Owens
  
  - o 08. S.J. Palmisano
  
  - o 09. J.E. Spero
  
  - o 10. S. Taurel
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o 11. L.H. Zambrano

**IBM s Directors recommend a vote FOR Proposal 2.**

2. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm      o **FOR**   o **AGAINST**   o **ABSTAIN**

**IBM s Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 3.**

3. Stockholder Proposal on Cumulative Voting      o **FOR**   o **AGAINST**   o **ABSTAIN**

**IBM s Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 4.**

4. Stockholder Proposal on Executive Compensation      o **FOR**   o **AGAINST**   o **ABSTAIN**

**IBM s Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 5.**

5. Stockholder Proposal on Board Committee on Human Rights      o **FOR**   o **AGAINST**   o **ABSTAIN**

**IBM s Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 6.**

6. Stockholder Proposal on Special Meetings      o **FOR**   o **AGAINST**   o **ABSTAIN**

**IBM s Directors recommend a vote AGAINST Proposal 7.**

7. Stockholder Proposal on Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation      o **FOR**   o **AGAINST**   o **ABSTAIN**

Click [Continue](#) to view a summary of your voting instructions

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**International Business Machines Corporation**

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**Confirm Your Voting Selections**

**Step 4**

- o [Click here](#) if you are attending the meeting.

**Final Voting Submission**

If you wish to register your voting preferences as indicated, press [Submit](#) to continue. If you wish to change your voting preferences, use the [Back](#) button below. Please be sure to press the [submit](#) button otherwise your vote will not be counted.

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**IBM's Directors recommend a vote FOR all Nominees.**

**1. Election of Directors for a Term of One Year**

o **FOR all Nominees** o **WITHHOLD vote from all Nominees**

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**Thank you for using InvestorVote!**

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**Finish**

Thank you. Your voting preferences have been submitted and have been processed.

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