MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
January 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER
The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Board Room, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Wilheit, were Vice Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr.; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; and Don L. Waters.

INVOCATION, PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS, AND PLEDGE
The invocation was given by Regent James M. Hull. Following the invocation, the colors were presented by an honor guard detail from the Corps of Cadets of the University of North Georgia. Following the presentation of the colors, Regent James M. Hull led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Following the Pledge, Lieutenant Kevin Ballard, a United States Army officer and UNG graduate, presented greetings from the Corps.

ATTENDANCE REPORT
The attendance report was given by Secretary Burns Newsome.

SAFETY BRIEFING
The safety briefing was given by Chief Bruce Holmes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting held on November 12-13, 2013, were unanimously approved.

CHAIR’S REMARKS
At approximately 9:45 a.m., Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., addressed the Board on the Regents’ ambitious agenda for 2014. Chair Wilheit stated that the Board’s first priority and guiding principle would be to take those actions in the best interests of the University System’s and the State’s students. Toward that end, he emphasized that 2014 would be a year in which the Board will be “continuing the course and picking up speed.” After thanking his committee chairs and leadership team, Chair Wilheit reminded the Board that the Board’s three principle drivers for the University System for 2014 would be: 1. graduating more students from college; 2. serving as an economic development engine for the state; and 3. being good stewards of the state’s resources. An audiotape of Chair Wilheit’s remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS
At approximately 9:50 a.m., Chair Wilheit recognized Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby for special introductions. Chancellor Huckaby recognized and welcomed Dr. Christopher Blake, the new President of Middle Georgia State College; Dr. Arthur Dunning, Interim President of Albany State University; and Dr. Paul Jones, Interim President of Darton State College. Drs. Blake, Dunning, and Jones provided brief remarks to the Board.

Chancellor Huckaby also recognized and welcomed Dr. Teresa Joyce, the Board’s new Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
RECOGNITION OF ELI SCHOLARS
The Personnel and Benefits Committee, meeting as a committee of the whole, met on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at approximately 10:12 a.m. in the Board Room. Chair Don L. Waters introduced Assistant Vice Chancellor Tina Woodard, who made a presentation on the Board’s Executive Leadership Institute. Dr. Woodard also introduced two new ELI Scholars: Dr. Scott A. Schamp, Director of New Media Institute and James Cox Professor at the University of Georgia; and Dr. Michael T. Schmidt, Interim Department Head and Professor of Art at Valdosta State University.

PRESENTATION ON ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT
At approximately 10:16 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, Chair Wilheit recognized Associate Vice Chancellor Shelley Nickel for a special presentation on enrollment management efforts in the University System. Ms. Nickel reviewed the factors contributing to the trend of lower enrollments in U.S. colleges and universities. She also reviewed strategies that many USG institutions are using to address declining enrollments. A copy of Ms. Nickel’s presentation and an audio recording of remarks made are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
The Committee on Economic Development, meeting as a committee of the whole, met at approximately 10:55 a.m. Chair C. Dean Alford introduced Vice Chancellor for Economic Development Mark Lytle and Ms. Margaret Martin, the CEO of Merlin Mobility, a company with roots in the Georgia Institute of Technology’s venture lab. Ms. Martin reviewed many of Merlin Mobility’s products and services. A copy of Mr. Lytle’s and Ms. Martin’s presentations, and an audio recording of remarks made, are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
The Committee on Academic Affairs, meeting as a committee of the whole, met at approximately 11:10 a.m. in the Board Room. Chair Larry Ellis introduced Vice Chancellor Lynne Weisenbach, Dr. Kelly Henson, the Executive Secretary of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, Dr. Adrian Epps, Associate Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics at Kennesaw State University, and Dr. Cindi Chance, Dean of the College of Education at Georgia Regents University. Drs. Weisenbach, Henson, Epps, and Chance discussed teacher education programs in Georgia as well as the Professional Standards Commission’s Teacher Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures.

At approximately 11:35 a.m., Chair Ellis recessed the committee to allow the Board Chair to make a special introduction before the Board’s scheduled lunch. At approximately 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, Chair Ellis reconvened the Committee on Academic Affairs, meeting to allow Board members to ask questions of Drs. Weisenbach, Henson, Epps, and Chance. Copies of the presentations and an audio recording of remarks made are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECOGNITION OF SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM
At approximately 11:35 a.m., Chair Wilheit welcomed and recognized Senate President Pro Tem David Shafer. Senator Shafer thanked the Board for its work on behalf of Georgia’s students and pledged to partner with the Board toward a more educated Georgia. Chair Wilheit thanked Senator Shafer for his good work on behalf of the University System.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS
The Committee on Finance and Business Operations, meeting as a committee of the whole, met at approximately 2:30 p.m. Chair Rogers Wade introduced Vice Chancellor John Brown and Associate Vice
Chancellor John Fuchko to discuss Board policies and practices regarding out-of-state tuition waivers. Mr. Brown reviewed the Board’s policies on tuition waivers as well as national trends in this area. Mr. Fuchko reviewed with the Board the results of a recent audit of tuition waivers by the State Auditor. Messrs. Brown and Fuchko also presented to the Board recommended changes to Board policies that will be formally presented to the Board for action in February.

Copies of the presentations and an audio recording of remarks made are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
The Committee on Graduate Medical Education, meeting as a committee of the whole, met at approximately 3:15 p.m. Chair C. Thomas Hopkins introduced Mr. Ben Robinson of the Chancellor’s Staff and Dr. Mark Darrow of Gwinnett Medical Center. Mr. Robinson and Dr. Darrow reviewed Gwinnett Medical Center’s participation in the University System’s expanded program for Georgia medical residencies. Copies of the presentations and an audio recording of remarks made are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
At approximately 3:25 p.m., Senior Vice Chancellor Tom Daniel gave the Board an update on the Board’s legislative agenda for the 2014 session of the Georgia General Assembly.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
At approximately 3:27 p.m., Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby gave the Chancellor’s Report, in which he emphasized the importance of the University System’s and the State’s Complete College Georgia Initiative; discussed the Board’s opposition to proposed academic boycotts of Israeli scholars; and presented a video highlighting many historical milestones celebrated by University System institutions during the past year.

At the conclusion of the Chancellor’s remarks, on motion of Regent Rogers Wade and seconded by Regent Don Leebern, the Board unanimously authorized Chancellor Huckaby to issue the following statement on behalf of the Board:

Three academic professional organizations have endorsed and seek support for an academic boycott of Israeli scholars and academic institutions.

In contrast, both the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Universities have announced their opposition to this boycott.

On behalf of the University System of Georgia and its institutions, we strongly oppose such academic boycotts. The call for this boycott directly violates academic freedom, which is the fundamental principle of American higher education essential to the research, teaching, and public service activities of our institutions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
The reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was none.
NEW BUSINESS
There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At approximately 4:05 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, Chair Wilheit called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for portions of the executive session included Chancellor Huckaby and members of his staff. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

J. Burns Newsome
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, in Room 7007 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent Larry Walker, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Walker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Lori Durden; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leeborn, Jr.; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Richard L. Tucker; and T. Rogers Wade. Board Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., and Vice Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also were present.

1. The committee received orientation on the USG Office of Real Estate and Facilities, its operations, role, and responsibilities.

2. The committee discussed enhancements to project briefings to Regents; project origins; a consent agenda for routine committee items; and due diligence for best practices for USG institutions’ facilities offices.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in Room 7019 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St., S.W. The chair of the committee, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Wilheit; were Vice Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Regents Larry R. Ellis; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Larry Walker.

1. The Board heard a briefing from Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Wrigley on matters concerning presidential searches.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:07 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2014, Chair Wilheit called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Chair Wilheit reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 9:27 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:28 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
1. The committee heard an update regarding military education outreach and coordination.

2. The Board approved a request for a substantive change and name change to the Master of Science in Environmental Science at Columbus State University.

3. The Board approved a request for a substantive change to the Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Georgia Regents University.

4. The Board approved a request for a Substantive Change to the Master of Education in Professional Counseling at the University of West Georgia.

5. The Board approved termination of select Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees at Darton State College.

6. The Board approved termination of five Baccalaureate programs at Albany State University.

7. The Board approved a termination of the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Secondary Teacher Education at the University of West Georgia.

8. The Board approved termination of three academic programs at Middle Georgia State College.

9. The Board approved termination of five Baccalaureate and eight Master’s programs at Georgia Southwestern State University.

10. The Board approved establishment of the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) Eminent Scholar and Joseph M. Pettit Chair at Georgia Institute of Technology.

11. The Board approved establishment of the Charles W. Brady Chair at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

12. The Board approved establishment of the David Sloan Lewis Professorship at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

13. The Board approved establishment of the Glen E. Garrison, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine at Georgia Regents University.

14. The Board approved establishment of the David A. Johnson Distinguished Scholar at the University of West Georgia.
15. The Board approved certain named faculty appointments and endowed positions, copies of which are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:57 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
The Committee on Personnel and Benefits met at approximately 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Room 5158 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Don L. Waters, called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Waters, were Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr.; Lori S. Durden; Larry R. Ellis; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Richard L. Tucker. The Vice Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present.

1. The committee discussed the University System of Georgia healthcare plan dashboard, recently delivered from Truven, the USG’s healthcare data analytics partner.

2. The committee heard an information item on 2014 Open Enrollment results.

3. The committee discussed the proposed Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus Policy, which reads as follows:

   The USG prohibits the use of all forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented or otherwise in the possession of or by the USG or its affiliates. For the purposes of this policy “Tobacco Products” include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes.

   This policy prohibits any advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products on USG properties unless specifically stated otherwise. This includes, but is not limited to, all areas indoors and outdoors, buildings and parking lots owned, leased or rented or otherwise in the possession of or by the USG or its affiliates. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all vehicles – private or public vehicles - located on USG proprieties.

   This policy applies to all persons who enter the areas described above, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors and subcontractors, employees, spectators, and visitors. All events hosted by a USG entity shall be tobacco-free. All events hosted by outside groups on behalf of the USG shall also be tobacco-free.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
The Committee on Organization and Law met at approximately 1:36 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Room 5158 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Bernard, were Regents Lori S. Durden; Larry R. Ellis; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. The Vice Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present.

1. The Board approved Gordon State College’s adoption of a new seal.

2. The Board approved two requests by President G.P. “Bud” Peterson of the Georgia Institute of Technology to award honorary degrees to Mr. Muhtar Kent and Ms. Sue Van.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At approximately 1:41 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, Chair Bernard called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and student records. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Chair Bernard reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 2:18 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents who were present voted to deny two student applications for review, numbered 2261 and 2266; and found one student application for review, numbered 2272, to be not yet ripe.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
The Committee on Economic Development met on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at approximately 12:25 p.m. in room 7007 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent C. Dean Alford, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Alford, were Regents Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leeburn, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker. The Chair of the Board, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., also was present.

1. The committee heard a progress update on economic development activities.

2. The committee heard an information item on the economic development asset matrix and associated web page.

3. The committee discussed collection and summarization methodology of economic development assets from each campus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
The Committee on Finance and Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 12:47 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in Room 7007 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent T. Rogers Wade, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Wade, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker. The Chair of the Board, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., also was present.

1. The committee heard an update on the University System of Georgia Capital Liability Management Plan, including $3.8 billion in capital lease obligations outstanding, and outlined five-year projections for payments on new and existing projects, and plans for new projects.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:09 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
The Committee on Finance and Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in Room 7007 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent E. Scott Smith, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Smith, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; T. Rogers Wade; and Larry Walker. The Chair of the Board, Regent Phillip A. Wilheit, Sr., also was present.

1. The committee heard an information item on committee orientation and its one-year forward agenda.

2. The committee heard select results of University System Office internal audit engagements conducted since October 2013. A complete update will be provided in April 2014.

3. The Board approved the Internal Audit Charter, defining the purpose, authority, and responsibility of the internal audit function of the University System of Georgia.

4. The Board approved the Compliance and Ethics Charter defining the purpose, authority, and responsibility of the University System of Georgia compliance and ethics function.

5. The Board approved role of the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance Charter, defining the committee’s role with respect to oversight of University System of Georgia risk management, and which was last approved in January 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Finance and Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:47 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, in Room 7007 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent Larry Walker, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Walker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and T. Rogers Wade. The Chair of the Board, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., also was present. Regent James M. Hull recused himself in committee from items 5-13.

1. The committee received orientation regarding its roles and responsibilities.

2. The committee heard an information item regarding implementation of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract Program for Fiscal Year 2015.

3. The committee received an update on update the Board on military outreach initiatives in Warner Robins and Hinesville.

4. The committee reviewed Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby’s November 21, 2013, administrative approval of program management and design professional firms for project no. J-211, Military Academic and Training Center, in Warner Robins. The Chancellor’s action was pursuant to authority delegated by the Board at its November 2013 meeting.

The Chancellor administratively approved the appointment of the first named program management and design professional firms listed below for the identified project, and authorized the execution of a contract with the identified firms. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firms, staff will then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Total Project Cost: $10,000,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): $ 7,000,000

Number of program management firms that applied for this commission: 7
Recommended firms in rank order:
   1. Parramore & Quinn, Inc., Snellville
   2. Palacio Collaborative, Inc., Atlanta
   3. Hendessi & Associates, LLC, Atlanta
   4. Hal Gibson Companies, LLC, West Point
   5. MBP, Atlanta

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 23
Recommended firms in rank order:
   1. JMA Architecture, Perry
   2. Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc., Marietta
   3. Gardner Spencer Smith Tench & Jarbeau, P.C., Atlanta
   4. MBS Architects, Macon
   5. BTBB, Inc., Macon

5. The Board appointed the first-named construction management firm listed below for project no. J-211,
Military Academic and Training Center, in Warner Robins, and authorized contract negotiations and execution to proceed with that firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff will then attempt to negotiate and execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Total Project Cost: $10,000,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): $7,000,000

Number of firms that applied for this commission: 12
Recommended firms in rank order:
1. Parrish Construction Group, Perry
2. Chris R. Sheridan & Company, Macon
3. Piedmont Construction Group, Macon
4. International City Builders, Warner Robins
5. Allstate Construction Group, Perry

6. The Board approved the ranking of the construction management firms listed below for project no. BR-50-1302, Science Park Phase II, at Georgia State University; and authorized contract negotiations and execution to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff will then attempt to negotiate and execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Total Project Cost: $25,536,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): $20,950,000

Number of firms that applied for this commission: 12
Recommended firms in rank order:
1. Holder Construction Group, LLC, Atlanta
2. Balfour Beatty Construction, Atlanta
3. The Beck Group, Atlanta

7. The Board approved the ranking of the design professional firms listed below for the project no. J-235, Price Gilbert-Crosland Tower Renewal, at Georgia Institute of Technology; and authorized contract negotiations and execution to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff will then attempt to negotiate and execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Total Project Cost: $84,600,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): $63,880,000

Number of firms that applied for this commission: 18
Recommended firms in rank order:
1. BNIM, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; LPS Architecture, Atlanta, Georgia
2. NADAAA, Inc., New York, New York; Lord Aeck Sargent, Atlanta, Georgia
3. Smith Dalia Architects, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia; Pfeiffer Partners Architects, Los Angeles, California

8. The Board approved the naming of approximately 1047.09 acres of improved real property in Oconee County the “J. Phil Campbell, Sr. Research and Education Center,” in recognition of J. Phil Campbell,
9. The Board approved the naming of Project J-178, Academic Building at Dalton State College, the “Shelby and Willena Peeples Hall,” in honor of Mr. Shelby Peeples and Mrs. Willena Peeples.

10. The Board authorized the purchase of approximately 1.125 acres of unimproved real property located at 107-111 East Brookwood Drive, Valdosta, from the Valdosta State University Foundation, Inc., for $423,928 for the use and benefit of Valdosta State University. Legal details involved with this purchase of real property be handled by the Georgia Department of Law.

11. The Board declared approximately 29.554 acres of unimproved real property located on the Griffin Campus of the University of Georgia to be no longer advantageously useful to UGA or other units of the University System of Georgia, but only to the extent and for the purpose of allowing this real property to be ground leased to the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of cooperative agricultural research and education. Terms of the ground lease be subject to review of the Georgia Department of Law.

12. The Board declared its interest in approximately 0.21 acres of real property located at 250 Spring Street, Atlanta, to be no longer advantageously useful to the University of Georgia or other units of the University System of Georgia, but only to the extent and for the purpose of allowing the sale of this interest in real property for the benefit of UGA. Legal details involved with this sale of the above interest in real property be handled by the Georgia Department of Law.

13. The Board declared an approximately 0.67 acre tract of unimproved real property on College Station Road, Athens, on the campus of the University of Georgia, to be no longer advantageously useful to UGA or other units of the University System of Georgia, but only to the extent and for the purpose of granting a non-exclusive easement to Georgia Power Company for use for overhead electrical transmission lines and poles. Terms of this non-exclusive easement be subject to review and legal approval by the Georgia Department of Law.

14. The Board authorized project no. BR-10-1404, Brumby/Russell Chiller Plant Replacement, at the University of Georgia, with a total project budget of $2,800,000, to be funded from UGA Auxiliary Housing Reserves.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.