# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA Atlanta, Georgia April 1, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Bárbara Rivera Holmes and T. Dallas Smith were excused.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley provided an update on the state of the University System of Georgia (USG) in light of the current Public Health Emergency. In accordance with instructions provided by the Governor's Office, USG employees will continue to telework and employ flexible work schedules until at least April 30, 2020.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Tristan Denley reported that as of March 30, 2020, 23 USG institutions have completed the transition to providing only remote instruction to students. Despite a significant increase in online traffic, USG systems have been extremely responsive and are still providing an excellent student experience. The University System Office will continue to work with USG institutions to make sure students have access to everything they need to be successful for the remainder of the semester.

Chancellor Wrigley thanked the Academic Affairs and Information Technology Services teams for their hard work during the transition to remote instruction. The USG is continuing to work with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and the Governor's Coronavirus Task Force to manage its response to the pandemic. The USG continues to be responsive to requests to collaborate with other state agencies to provide assistance as part of the State of Georgia's overall coordinated response to the virus. The Chancellor announced that all USG campuses are in the process of issuing refunds to students for services they will not be able to obtain for the rest of the semester and that most campuses have completed move-outs from their dormitories. He thanked staff from the University System Office and all USG institutions for their hard work in continuing operations during these challenging times.

Chancellor Wrigley announced that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020. The Board will conduct limited business via conference call due to the Public Health State of Emergency.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 10:46 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

### **RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 10:56 a.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Sachin D. Shailendra Chairman, Board of Regents University System of Georgia

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