

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
May 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 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; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; 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. Regent T. Dallas Smith was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings of February 11, March 10, March 12, March 16, April 1, April 14, and May 7, 2020.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Steve Wrigley began by thanking Governor Brian Kemp for his support of the University System of Georgia (USG) and his leadership during these trying times. He thanked USG students for their hard work and persistence and congratulated those who are graduating this year. Although USG institutions will be unable to host in-person graduation ceremonies this spring, we look forward to welcoming Spring 2020 graduates back for in-person celebrations to recognize their achievements as soon as possible.

The Chancellor then provided some updates regarding the USG. He mentioned the State of Georgia's request for a plan to reduce spending by 14% across all state agencies starting July 1, 2020, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The Georgia General Assembly will reconvene in June and a joint budget committee has already begun to meet. Details regarding the final FY 2021 budget for the USG will be shared as soon as a final budget appropriation has been approved.

Chancellor Wrigley congratulated USG faculty, staff, and students on their quick transition to online learning due to the COVID-19 Public Health State of Emergency. The USG is looking ahead to the gradual return of faculty and staff to campuses over the summer, and eventually the return to in-person instruction for the fall semester in August. The USG is working closely with and has requested assistance from the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish protocols, guidelines, and recommendations for all USG institutions. The USG is developing on-campus guidelines for social distancing, sanitization, and other essential measures needed to help protect faculty, staff, and students. While each institution has created its own campus-based working groups to help plan for its unique needs, the USG has stressed the importance of understanding and following DPH guidance as plans are developed and implemented.

In addition to working closely with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia National Guard, and the Governor's Task Force on the coronavirus, the USG is also focused on helping jump-start economic recovery efforts. The USG Office of Economic Development hosted its first virtual systemwide meeting of institutional economic development professionals on Monday, May 4. The goals of this meeting were to begin aligning USG economic development efforts across the state with the new USG strategic plan approved by the Board of Regents in 2019 and to identify opportunities for collaboration between institutions and gaps in resources and capacity where the University System Office can provide additional support. Chancellor Wrigley thanked Regents W. Allen Gudenrath and Jose R. Perez for their support in this endeavor.

Chancellor Wrigley mentioned that the USG has received the U.S. Department of Education's final rule on Title IX regarding the ways in which higher education institutions must address campus-related sexual harassment and

sexual misconduct. The USG is working hard to align all guidance and policies with the new rule. The Chancellor emphasized that the USG is committed to ensuring a safe learning and working environment for all our students and University System communities.

Lastly, Chancellor Wrigley shared a video created by the Georgia Film Academy that will remind USG students and community members of different ways to stay safe during the current public health crisis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto. Upon motions made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the reports of the following committees:

- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Finance and Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A petition regarding the implementation of a pass/fail grading system was presented to the Board for review. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held in June 2020 following final state budget appropriations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 10:59 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 11:18 a.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

PRESIDENTIAL REAPPOINTMENTS

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to reappoint all USG presidents for the 2020-2021 academic year as recommended. The Board approved the compensation of each such president reappointed in the amount and character presented to the Board, subject to any furlough plan that was previously authorized by the Board. Any interim presidents will continue to serve in an interim capacity.

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Steve Wrigley as Chancellor of the University System of Georgia for the 2020-2021 academic year, with no changes in compensation and subject to any furlough plan that was previously authorized by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



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



Edward M. Tate
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

**COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Friday, May 8, 2020, at approximately 10:31 a.m. via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Committee Chairman Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Stelling, were Committee Vice Chairman Harold Reynolds; Regents Cade Joiner; Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra, and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy & Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Report on Third Quarter Revenues and Expenditures.
2. Executive Finance Director Cynthia Robinson Alexander outlined the University System of Georgia Capital Liability Management Plan for FY 2020-2024.

ACTION ITEM

3. The Committee approved a proposed resolution to request contract value authority of \$15 million from the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for multi-year office leases for FY 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.

**COMMITTEE ON
INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Friday, May 8, 2020, at approximately 10:46 a.m. via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Committee Chairman Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chairman Cade Joiner; Regents Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. Chairman Sachin Shailendra, Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull, and Chancellor Steve Wrigley Board also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEM

1. The Committee approved proposed 2020-2021 internal audit plans for the University System Office and each University System of Georgia institution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.

**COMMITTEE ON
REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate & Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:58 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020, via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Holmes, were Committee Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith; Regents Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra, and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities Sandra Lynn Neuse briefed the Committee on Chancellor Wrigley's approval of a rental agreement between the Board of Regents and Junior Achievement of Georgia for the construction and operation of a Discovery Center within the Armstrong Campus Student Recreation Center at Georgia Southern University.
2. Vice Chancellor Neuse presented a written report of real estate actions taken within delegated authority between November 1, 2019, and March 31, 2020.

CONSENT ITEMS

3. The Committee approved a Ground Lease and Rental Agreement for Project No. PPV-66-2001, Kennedy Hall, at Georgia Southern University.
4. The Committee approved a Sub-Rental Agreement for the Centennial Research Building located at 400 Tenth Street NW, Atlanta, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
5. The Committee approved a Sub-Rental Agreement for the Eighth Floor South of the CODA Building, located at 756 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

APPROVAL ITEMS

6. The Committee approved an amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Lease Agreement between Augusta University and Augusta University Medical Center, Inc.
7. The Committee approved the naming of the Junia J. Fambro Dining Center at Fort Valley State University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Friday, May 8, 2020, at approximately 3:30 p.m. via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; and Don L. Waters. Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra, Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull, and Chancellor Steve Wrigley also were present. Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the Georgia Institute of Technology institutional mission.
2. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the Fort Valley State University institutional mission.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Nexus Degree in Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting at Clayton State University.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Nexus Degree in Supply Chain in Financial Technology at Georgia Highlands College.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of a Nexus Degree in Professional Sound Design for Film and Television at Georgia Gwinnett College.
6. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts in Nonprofit Leadership and Administration at Augusta University.
7. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in sustainability science at Georgia Southern University.
8. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts in Game Design at Georgia State University.
9. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Game Development at Georgia State University.
10. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in health and wellness at Gordon State College.
11. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science in Athletic Training at Georgia Southern University.
12. The Committee approved the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice at the University of North Georgia.
13. The Committee approved proposed program terminations at Kennesaw State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of West Georgia.
14. The Committee approved Georgia Southern University's request to revise its out-of-state border waiver to remove the restriction to the Statesboro campus location.

15. The Committee approved East Georgia State College's request to offer the out-of-state border waiver, effective May 12, 2020.

CONSENT ITEMS

16. The Committee approved the appointment of several endowed faculty positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:13 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW

The Committee on Organization & Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Friday, May 8, 2020, at approximately 4:12 p.m. via a telephonic meeting in light of the Georgia Public Health State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Committee Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Committee Vice Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Jose R. Perez. Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra, Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull, and Chancellor Steve Wrigley also were present. Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee approved certain named personnel at Savannah State University to apply for, and receive, United States Government security clearance related to classified government research.
2. The Committee approved Columbus State University President Chris Markwood's request to award an honorary degree to Mr. Marc Olivié and Ms. Marleen De Bode-Olivié.
3. The Committee approved Georgia Institute of Technology President Ángel Cabrera's request to award an honorary degree to Mr. James Robert B. Quincey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at approximately 4:16 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and student records. With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

RECONVENE

After the Committee exited executive session, Chairman Waters reconvened the Committee in its regular session at approximately 4:37 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:38 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.