

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
April 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 11:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast and telephonic dial in. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman Cade Joiner; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; 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.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Secretary to the Board Edward Tate gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 9th, February 18th, March 9th and March 30th.

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT**

Four Student Government Association presidents reported to the Board on how they and fellow students embraced opportunities and overcame challenges during the past year. The students were Kelsey Rios from the College of Coastal Georgia; Alexander Lowe from Fort Valley State University; Khareem Leslie from the University of West Georgia; and Mahadia Islam from Augusta University.

**FY 2022 FISCAL ACTIONS**

Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented information on Fiscal Year 2022 Fiscal Actions. With motions made and variously seconded, the Board approved the following items unanimously.

1. Fiscal Year 2022 Tuition
2. Fiscal Year 2022 Mandatory Fees
3. Fiscal Year 2022 Elective Fees and Special Charges
4. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Allocations

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Wrigley began his report with a legislative update, thanking Governor Kemp for his outstanding support of education and the University System. He also thanked members of the General Assembly and their leaders for the time they spend on making public policy decisions and allocation scarce resources. He thanked institution presidents and their teams supporting the University System's legislative agenda and concluded by thanking members of the System Office staff working on the legislative agenda. Legislatively, the Chancellor highlighted that the budget increases appropriated by the General Assembly will enable the University System to keep tuition and fees low, noting that the Board has worked hard to keep tuition rates low with no increases in four of the last six years, and state funding helps make this possible.

The Chancellor highlighted the return of students to the Board meeting and praised their leadership. In addition

to highlighting the students' return and presentations, the Chancellor applauded the continued success of the Momentum Approach and thanked the Board for their support of it. Highlights of this success include helping students focus on degree completion, and the methods used have proven successful, noting, among other things, that graduation rates have increased more than 9% for all students and more than 25% for African-American students across all sectors of the University System.

Chancellor Wrigley congratulating President Jere Morehead for being named one of the nation's top university presidents by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He also congratulated Georgia Gwinnett's men's tennis program for its record breaking 138th straight victory.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks by noting that on this day in 1960 the nation's first navigational satellite launched into space, paving the way for what has become the Global Positioning System, revolutionizing our everyday lives.

### **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 Executive & Compensation Committee
- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Finance & Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Personnel & Benefits
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Tate noted the inclusion of materials in the Board packet regarding the Special Institution Fee that were provided for the Board's review, as well as the date of the next scheduled Board meeting, May 11, 2021.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 12:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and litigation. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **RECONVENE**

Following executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 1:32 p.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 1:33 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on March 1, 2021, at 2:31 p.m. remotely but publicly available in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Committee Vice Chairman J. Cade Joiner and Regents Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Don L. Waters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The committee convened, and upon motion made and adopted entered executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The committee exited executive session and announced that no action had been take during executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on March 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. remotely but publicly available in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Committee Vice Chairman J. Cade Joiner and Regents Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Don L. Waters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The committee convened, and upon motion made and adopted entered executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The committee exited executive session and announced that no action had been take during executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:00 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's Offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames were Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Regents W. Allen Gudenrath, Rachel B. Little, Lowery May, Jose R. Perez, and Don L. Waters. Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra and Vice Chairman Cade Joiner were also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking at Georgia State University.
2. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Intelligent Robotic Systems at Kennesaw State University.
3. The Committee approved a request to offer a Ph.D. in Computer and Cyber Science at Augusta University.
4. The Committee approved a request to offer a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Engineering at Kennesaw State University.
5. The Committee approved a request to offer a new *e*Degree mode of delivery for seven existing degree programs and the addition of a degree in General Business at Valdosta State University.
6. The Committee approved the termination of programs at Clayton State University and the University of Georgia.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

7. The Committee reviewed and approved an Institutional Mission Statement at Savannah State University.
8. The Committee approved the establishment of the Zvi Galil Faculty Fund at Georgia Institute of Technology.
9. The Committee approved the establishment of the Harley Langdale, Jr. Endowed Chair in Forest Business at the University of Georgia.
10. The Committee approved the establishment of the Lois K. Miller Professorship in Cellular Biology at the University of Georgia.
11. The Committee approved the establishment of the All Shall Be Well Professorship in Religion at the University of Georgia.
12. The Committee approved the establishment of the Nancy Gillespie Brinning Professorship in French at the University of Georgia.
13. The Committee approved the request of President Jere Morehead to rename the Wheatley Distinguished Professorship in Deer Management to the Wheatley Distinguished professor in Forest Health.
14. The Committee approved the appointment of several endowed faculty positions at Augusta University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, and the University of Georgia.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW**

The Committee on Organization and Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:10 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames were Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Regents W. Allen Gudenrath, Rachel B. Little, Lowery May, Jose R. Perez, and Don L. Waters. Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra and Vice Chairman Cade Joiner were also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the reappointment of Albany State University President Marion Fedrick as a member of the board of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia.
2. The Committee adopted a resolution provided in the Board materials granting the Chancellor delegated authority to act on behalf of the Board pursuant to certain parameters identified therein.
3. The Committee approved a request from the Chancellor at the request of the Georgia Institute of Technology to award an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy to H. Milton Stewart.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and student records. With motion properly made and 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 10:25 a.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 10:27 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND BENEFITS**

The Committee on Personnel and Benefits met at approximately 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021, in room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Pruitt, were Regents: Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., and Chancellor Steve Wrigley were present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

The Committee received an informational update on USG Student Health Insurance Plan for 2021-2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:14 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 10:14 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Stelling, were Regents Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.. Chancellor Steve Wrigley was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

The Committee received an information item on the USG Capital Liability Management Plan.

**ACTION ITEMS**

The Committee approved the request for Multi-Year Leasing Contract Value Authority.

The Committee approved a special eDegree rate at Valdosta State University.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:31 a.m.



## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate & Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at approximately 10:31 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices at 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chairman Holmes, were Vice Chair T. Dallas Smith; Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley was also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Assistant Vice Chancellor Sharon Pope presented the annual report covering design and construction-related contracting activities during calendar year 2020 using qualifications-based selections

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

1. The committee approved the design-build firm rankings for Project No. BR-40-2101, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Research Space Build-Out, College of Science and Math Building, at Augusta University. The ranked firms were:
  1. Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta) w/Lord Aeck & Sargent (Atlanta)
  2. Carroll Daniel Construction Co. (Gainesville) w/Pond & Company (Peachtree Corners)
  3. Structor Group, Inc. (Atlanta) w/EYP Architecture & Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta)
  
2. The committee approved amendments to assign and extend the ground leases and rental agreement for Student Housing Phases I and II and Bell Hall at Georgia College & State University.
  
3. The committee approved the naming of Six Ninety Veranda for the University of Georgia.
  
4. The committee approved the naming of Michael and Runell Cheek Field Entry for the University of Georgia

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:44 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
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 Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at approximately 10:47 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Regents Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Regent T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling; Jr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley. was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Vice Chancellor John Fuchko shared an update on the University System of Georgia Ethics and Compliance Reporting Line.
  
2. Director of Ethics & Compliance Wesley Horne shared an update on the University System of Georgia Ethics Awareness Week.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee Chair Regent Wilheit called for an executive session at approximately 10:54 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. With the 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. The Executive Session was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m., no actions were taken in the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:01 a.m.



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



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