

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
February 8, 2022**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 9:40 am on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Board Chair Harold Reynolds called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Reynolds, were Regents Tom Bradbury; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; C. Everett Kennedy III; Lowery Houston May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; and James K. Syfan III. Regents Richard T. Evans; Samuel D. Holmes; T. Dallas Smith; Don L. Waters; and Vice Chair Erin Hames were excused.

At the outset, Chair Reynolds welcomed newly appointed Regent Tom Bradbury to the Board. He also thanked former Regents Rachel B. Little and Sachin Shailendra for their service to the Board.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Naiya Patel, Student Government Association president at Georgia Gwinnett College, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

Mike Coverson, Chief of Police, gave the safety briefing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of January 13, 2022. The motion was made by Regent Jose R. Perez and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.

**ACADEMIC RECOGNITION HONOREES**

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Joyce Jones recognized the 26 Academic Recognition Day honorees. Each USG institution nominates one student for this award based on his or her exceptional academic achievement and community involvement.

**THREE MINUTE THESIS – GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications Lance Wallace introduced the winner of the Georgia State University Three Minute Thesis competition, which requires participants to condense their thesis into a format that is easier for a broader audience to understand. In her presentation, Dr. Alexandra Yep, a recent graduate of the astronomy program, spoke on her work about young stars amid external radiation and colliding clusters.

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT- ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

Board Chair Reynolds introduced President David Bridges of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), who began the presentation of ABAC's campus spotlight "Time Well Spent –

Prepared for Life” and introduced five students whose lives have been transformed by their experience inside and outside of the classroom and preparation for the workforce. ABAC students Raegan Clack, Rebecca Butler, Luke Guy, Luke Altman, and Emalee Green spoke about their experiences and how ABAC has shaped and prepared them for success.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed for Committee meetings at approximately 9:44 am.

### **CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney began her report by showing gratitude to the General Assembly and the government relations teams within the University System. She welcomed the newest board member Tom Bradbury and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of former Regents Rachel Little and Sachin Shailendra for their service to the System and the State.

Acting Chancellor MacCartney congratulated the 26 outstanding students who were honored as part of Academic Recognition Day earlier today. She then congratulated the ABAC President, Dr. David Bridges, on his retirement as president of ABAC and thanked him for his leadership and dedication for the past 16 years of leading ABAC.

Acting Chancellor MacCartney shared several University System accomplishments over the decade since 2011: all state colleges offer bachelor’s degree programs across the state; 66% increase in the fiscal year 2022 budget compared to the fiscal year 2011 budget; 72% increase in research expenditures from Fiscal Year 2021 compared to Fiscal Year 2011; enrollment has increased from 318,000 students to more than 340,000 students; awarding of more than 73,000 degrees in the last academic year which is a 33% increase.

Acting Chancellor MacCartney concluded her report by acknowledging that the University System has evolved over the years and will continue to change by working together and as a system.

### **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 & Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk & Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Personnel & Benefits
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

With motion made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent Jose R. Perez, the Regents present voted unanimously to appoint Shannon McGhee and Steffanie Morrison as assistant secretaries to the Board to assist the Board Secretary with his duties or to fill in in his absence.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw noted the inclusion of materials in the Board packet regarding a communication that had been provided for the Board's review and stated that the next BOR meeting will be held on March 15 and March 16 for a strategic planning retreat.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


Board Chair Reynolds called for an executive session at approximately 12:19 pm to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Regent Jose R. Perez and seconded by Regent Tom Bradbury. 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, Board Chair Reynolds reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 2:11 pm 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 2:11 pm.

  
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Harold Reynolds  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

  
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Christopher A. McGraw  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

## **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 10:44 am in Room 7007 of the Board's Offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Jose R. Perez called the meeting to order in form of a motion. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Perez, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Cade J. Joiner; and Bárbara Rivera Holmes. Regents Samuel D. Holmes and Don L. Waters were excused. Board Chair Harold Reynolds was also present.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training at Albany State University. The motion was made by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner.
- 2) The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Medical Physiology at Augusta University. The motion was made by Regent W. Allen Gudenrath and seconded by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes.
- 3) The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Computer Science at the University of North Georgia. The motion was made by Regent W. Allen Gudenrath and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner.
- 4) The Committee approved a request to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science at Kennesaw State University. The motion was made by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes and seconded by Regent W. Allen Gudenrath.
- 5) The Committee approved the termination of two programs across Fort Valley State University and Valdosta State University. The motion was made by Board Chair Harold Reynolds and seconded by Regent W. Allen Gudenrath.
- 6) The Committee approved a request from Dr. Stuart Rayfield to establish Board Policy 8.3.2.2 (Regents' Innovators Leave of Absence and Regents' Entrepreneur Designation). The motion was made by Regent Cade Joiner and seconded by Board Chair Harold Reynolds.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

- 7) The Committee approved the establishment of the Fuller E. Calloway Professional Chairs at Fort Valley State University and Valdosta State University.
- 8) The Committee approved the establishment of the Sharon A. and David B. Pearce Professorship II at the Georgia Institute in Technology.
- 9) The Committee approved the establishment of the Dr. Steeve Giguere Memorial Professorship in Large Animal Medicine at the University of Georgia.
- 10) The Committee approved the establishment of the Rado Family Foundation/UGA Foundation Professorship in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and GeoDesign at the University of Georgia.

11) The Committee approved the renaming of the established R. Harold and Patsy Harrison Distinguished Professorship in Poultry Science to the R. Harold and Patsy Harrison Chair in Poultry Science at the University of Georgia.

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

A motion to approve the items on the consent agenda was made by W. Allen Gudenrath and seconded by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

13. Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Stuart Rayfield provided an update on the University System of Georgia's post-tenure review process, the University System of Georgia's enrollment, and the University System of Georgia's nursing capacity.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for Committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:18 am. The motion was made by Regent Jose R. Perez and seconded unanimously by the committee members present.

## **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 11:18 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Vice Chair Tom Bradbury called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Vice Chair Bradbury, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Cade Joiner; and Jose Perez. Committee Chair Don L. Waters and Regent Samuel D. Holmes were excused. Board Chair Harold Reynolds was also present.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Christopher McGraw presented the Organization and Law Committee Orientation.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

2. The Committee approved proposed revision to the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 2.1, Election of Presidents by the Board of Regents. The motion was made by Board Chair Harold Reynolds and seconded by Regent Jose Perez and unanimously approved by the committee members present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee Vice Chair Tom Bradbury called for an executive session at 11:23 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and student records. The motion was made by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner. 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.

### **RECONVENE**

After the Committee exited executive session, Committee Vice Chair Bradbury reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 11:34 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 11:36 a.m. The motion was made by Regent Cade Joiner and seconded by Bárbara Rivera Holmes.

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

The Committee on Personnel & Benefits of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:43 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Lowery Houston May called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair May, were Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Sarah-Elizabeth Langford. Regents Richard T. Evans and T. Dallas Smith were excused. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Associate Vice Chancellor for Total Rewards, Karin Elliott, presented an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the USG Healthcare Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:57 a.m. 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 Committee Chair Pruitt, were Committee Vice Chair James M. Hull; Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Lowery Houston May; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; and Jim K. Syfan, III. Regents Richard T. Evans and T. Dallas Smith were excused. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. The Committee received an information item on the second quarter revenues and expenditures for the University System of Georgia.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:06 a.m. The motion was made by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent James M. Hull.



## **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 at approximately 11:06 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Vice Chair C. Everett Kennedy, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Vice Chair Kennedy, were Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Lowery Houston May; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; and James K. Syfan, III. Regents Richard T. Evans and T. Dallas Smith were excused as absent. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney was also present.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the ranking of the design professional firms for project number BR-10-2203, Holmes-Hunter Academic Building Renovation, for the University of Georgia. The ranked firms were:
  1. Perkins & Will, Inc (Atlanta) in association with Fitzgerald Collaborative Group, LLC (Atlanta)
  2. Moody Nolan, Inc. (Atlanta) in association with SSOE | Stevens & Wilkinson (Atlanta)
  3. May Architecture + Interiors, LLC (Atlanta) in association with Preservation Design Partnership, LLC (Philadelphia, PA)
  4. Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects (Alpharetta) in association with Goode Van Slyke Architecture (Atlanta)

The Committee also delegated authority to the Chancellor to approve the ranking of the construction management firms for the project prior to the April Board meeting.

2. The Committee approved the ranking of the design professional firms for project number J-348, Expansion of Tech Square, Phase IIIA, for Georgia Institute of Technology. The ranked firms were:
  1. Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio, LLC (Atlanta) in association with Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, APC (New Orleans, LA)
  2. Kieran Timberlake, LLC (Philadelphia, PA) in association with PRAXIS3, LLC, (Atlanta)
  3. Perkins & Will, Inc. (Atlanta)
  4. Cooper Carry, Inc. (Atlanta) in association with Behnisch Architekten, LLP (Boston, MA)
3. The Committee authorized project number BR-64-2202, Campus-Wide HVAC Renewal, for Fort Valley State University.
4. The Committee authorized project number BR-66-2201, Armstrong Research Building Repurpose, for Georgia Southern University.
5. The Committee authorized project number BR-66-2202, University Villas Housing Complex Demolition and Redevelopment, for Georgia Southern University.

6. The Committee authorized a budget modification for project number J-374, Dublin Center & Library Building Renovation, for Middle Georgia State University.
7. The Committee approved a sub-rental agreement for the sixth and seventh floors of the Centergy One Building located at 75 Fifth Street for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
8. The Committee approved a sub-rental agreement for the fourth floor of the Centergy One Building located at 75 Fifth Street for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
9. The Committee authorized the demolition and removal of the Learning Ally Building, Building #2614, at 320 South Hull Street in Athens for the University of Georgia.

A motion to approve the items on the consent agenda was made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

10. The Committee authorized project number PPV-40-2201, 15<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Deck, for Augusta University. The motion was made by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., and seconded by Regent James M. Hull.
11. The Committee authorized project number BR-30-2203, D. M. Smith Building Renewal, for the Georgia Institute of Technology. The motion was made by Regent James M. Hull and seconded by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.
12. The Committee authorized project number BR-10-2205, Hull Street Parking Deck Expansion, for the University of Georgia. The motion was made by multiple Regents and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May.
13. The Committee authorized project number BR-10-2206, Hill Community Improvements, for the University of Georgia. The motion was made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.
14. The Committee approved a budget modification for project number J-377, Science Hill Modernization, Phase I, for the University of Georgia. The motion was made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.
15. The Committee approved the naming of Anthony P. Tippins Family Indoor Practice Facility at Georgia Southern University. The motion was made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m. The motion was made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May.

**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 at approximately 11:20 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Sarah-Elizabeth Langford called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Langford, were Committee Vice Chair James K. Syfan III; Regents James M. Hull; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Lowery Houston May; and Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. Regents Richard T. Evans and T. Dallas Smith were excused. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit and Chief Audit Officer Claire Arnold provided the committee an overview of the deficiencies presented at the last board meeting. President Georj Lewis of Atlanta Metropolitan State College, President Kimberly Ballard-Washington of Savannah State University, and President Ángel Cabrera of Georgia Institute of Technology presented informational updates on the measures taken at their respective institutions to ensure those deficiencies were corrected.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:59 a.m. The motion was moved by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins and seconded by Regent C. Everett Kennedy III.