

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
October 11 – 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, October 11, and Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in the Derrell C. Roberts Library – Second Floor, at Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Board Chair Harold Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m. on October 11. Present, in addition to Chair Reynolds, on both days were Vice Chair Erin Hames; Regents Doug Aldridge; Tom Bradbury; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; James M. Hull; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Lowery Houston May; Jose R. Perez; T. Dallas Smith; Cade Joiner; and Patrick C. Jones. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present on both days. Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr. participated remotely on October 11 and was excused on October 12. Regent Sarah-Elizabeth Langford was excused on October 11 and was present on October 12. Regents Richard T. Evans, Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and James K. Syfan, III were excused both days.

**PLEDGE**

On October 11, U.S. Army Sgt. James Harper, a student at Dalton State College, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Tiffany Beavers, a student at Dalton State College, gave the invocation.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

Dalton State College Chief Michael Masters gave the safety briefing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Regent Tom Bradbury and seconded by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of September 8, 2022.

**PRESIDENTIAL PRESENTATION AND CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT – DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

President Margaret Venable of Dalton State College led the Presidential Presentation and Campus Spotlight, entitled “Educate Boldly: Empowering Roadrunners for Academic and Career Success.” Cole McCrary, a Dalton State business administration marketing student; Jacob Hardin, a 2022 Dalton State graduate; Mariela Vazquez, a 2021 Dalton State graduate and Dalton City Schools teacher; and Diego Alvarez, a 2020 Dalton State graduate and Dalton State enrollment specialist; also addressed the Board as well. They all spoke about the positive experiences they have had with Dalton State and how the college has successfully prepared them for careers.

**SPOTLIGHT ON GEORGIA'S LIBRARIES – GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE / USG ACADEMIC LIBRARY SERVICE**

Julie Walker, Vice Chancellor for Libraries and Archives, and Lucy Harrison, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Library Services, gave an update on the work being done in the Georgia Public Library Service.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee of the Whole on Academic Affairs met at approximately 2:32 p.m. During its meeting led by Committee Chair Jose Perez, upon motions properly made and seconded, the Board members present unanimously approved the following items:

**INFORMATION ITEM**

The Committee heard a presentation from Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Ashwani Monga on the recent structure changes within the division of Academic Affairs.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the revised institutional mission statement for Georgia Southwestern State University.
2. The Committee approved 12 degree and major termination requests from Kennesaw State University.
3. The Committee approved the naming of the Robert S. Geer Family College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

4. The Committee approved the Mary Frances Early Teacher Education Distinguished Professorship at the University of Georgia.
5. The Committee approved the University of Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professorship in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia.
6. The Committee approved the appointment of several named faculty positions at Georgia Southern University, the University of Georgia, and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, its meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee of the Whole on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 2:47 p.m. on October 11. Committee Vice Chair James Hull called the meeting to order, and the committee heard an information item on the Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Update. There being no further business to come before the committee, its meeting adjourned at approximately 2:58 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: PERSONNEL & BENEFITS**

The Committee on Personnel and Benefits met at approximately 2:59 pm. Committee Chair Lowery Houston May called the meeting to order. The committee heard the following information item on the USG Well-being Program Review.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Total Rewards Karin Elliott presented on the USG Well-being program. This presentation provided information about the progression of the USG Well-being program, shared some program results, and reviewed the new programs and offerings for 2023.

The Dalton State College Well-being program was highlighted, and Lori McCarty, Dalton State's Assistant Vice President of Human Resources, presented the successes of its campus-based programming.

Teresa MacCartney, Chief Operating Officer, and Tracey Cook, Chief Fiscal Officer, presented the traveling trophy to Dalton State College for the System Showdown Step Challenge.

There being no further business to come before the committee, its meeting adjourned at approximately 3:22 pm.

## **RECESS**

On Tuesday, October 11, 2022, the Board recessed for the day at approximately 3:23 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

On Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Board Chair Harold Reynolds called the meeting back into session at 8:59 a.m.

## **PLEDGE**

Cameron West, a student at Dalton State College, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Joseph Wilson, a student at Dalton State College, gave the invocation.

## **SAFETY BRIEFING**

Dalton State College Chief Michael Masters gave the safety briefing.

## **UPDATE TO BYLAWS**

Vice Chair Erin Hames presented an informational item regarding proposed updates to the Board's bylaws. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at its next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee of the Whole on Economic Development met at approximately 9:06 a.m. Committee Chair Cade Joiner called the meeting to order. The committee heard the following information items.

1. Georgia Chamber of Commerce – New Georgia Economy Tour  
Chris Clark, President of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on the

2022 New Georgia Economy Tour and discussed how higher education is helping to address labor demands, diversifying the economy, and building the infrastructure of the future.

2. Dalton State College – Connecting Higher Education to Industry  
Dr. Margaret Venable, President of Dalton State College, and local industry representatives –including Brian Cooksey of Shaw Industries, Jeff Myers of Hamilton Health Care System, Larry Winter with Nichols, Cauley & Associates, and Mike Ewton of Whitfield County Schools – shared examples of how various academic programs at Dalton State College are meeting the workforce needs of Dalton and Northwest Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole Economic Development, its meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 a.m.

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Committee of the Whole on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance met at 10:12 a.m. Committee Chair Sarah-Elizabeth Langford called the meeting to order. The committee heard the following information item.

Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit and Chief Audit Officer Jenna Wiese along with Associate Vice Chancellor for Accounting and Reporting Amanda Bibby provided the committee an overview of the audit deficiencies presented at a previous Board meeting regarding Savannah State University. President Kimberly Ballard-Washington of Savannah State then presented an informational update on the measures taken at the university to ensure those deficiencies were corrected.

There being no further business to come before the committee, its meeting adjourned at approximately 10:43 a.m.

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES**

The Committee of the Whole on Real Estate and Facilities met at approximately 10:44 a.m. Committee Chair T. Dallas Smith called the meeting to order. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**

1. The Board received an informational update from Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities Sandra Lynn Neuse on the Fiscal Year 2024 capital outlay funding cycle and the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2025 capital request.

#### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

2. The Committee approved the ranking of the design professional firms for project number J-399, Design and Construction of New Physical Plant, for Savannah State University. The ranked firms were:
  - 1) Lott + Naugle Architects, Inc. (Savannah)
  - 2) Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung International, Inc. (Savannah)
  - 3) Cogdell & Mendrala Architects, PC (Savannah)

4) Pond & Company (Savannah)

The motion to approve was made by Regent Samuel Holmes and seconded by Board Vice Chair Hames.

3. The Committee authorized project number BR-90-2301, Norton Hall HVAC Improvements and Window Replacement, for Kennesaw State University. The motion to approve was made by Regent Gudenrath and seconded by Regent Houston May.
4. The Committee authorized project number BR-91-2301, Cross Country Course Pavilion, for Middle Georgia State University. The motion to approve was made by Regent Bradbury and seconded by Regent Kennedy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, its meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ORGANIZATION & LAW**

The Committee of the Whole on Organization and Law met at approximately 10:55 a.m. Board Committee Chair Samuel Holmes called the meeting to order. The committee unanimously approved the following approval items.

1. Upon a motion by Regent W. Allen Gudenrath and seconded by Regent Tom Bradbury, the committee approved proposed revisions to Board Policy 8.2.18.3, Prohibition on Certain Political Activities.
2. Upon a motion by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes and seconded by Regent Tom Bradbury, the committee approved a mutual aid agreement between Georgia Southwestern State University and the City of Americus.
3. Upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the committee approved a request by Columbus State University to award an honorary degree to Barbara Carlton Swift.
4. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent T. Dallas Smith, the committee approved a request by Georgia Southern University to award an honorary degree to Enver Roshi.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, its meeting adjourned at approximately 11:06 a.m., pending an executive session to be held subsequently as part of the Board of Regents' executive session.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

The committee report of the meeting of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics is attached hereto.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Sonny Perdue gave his monthly report. He began by complimenting President Margaret Venable and the whole Dalton State College team on an amazing job in hosting the Board meeting. He noted what a friendly and supportive environment he and the Board found at Dalton State and remarked on all the good things going on at Dalton State and the excellent job the college is doing in fulfilling its access mission.

Chancellor Perdue reported on the USG Presidents meeting from the prior week that took place on the campus of Columbus State University. He stated that it was a great meeting and thanked Interim President John Fuchko for the great job that he and the Columbus State team did in hosting that meeting. He thanked the presidents for attending and remarked on the candid dialogue that he and the presidents had and that the meeting felt like a true family atmosphere. He said that conversations with the presidents had led to good suggestions for improvements to be made and that the System Office staff will be following up on those opportunities. He noted what a difficult job university presidents have and assured them that they will have the support of the Board and the System Office staff. He also spoke about the importance of principle-centered leadership.

Chancellor Perdue reported that the University System had another record year in the number of degrees awarded and noted that the University System's student population continues to become more diverse. He will continue to focus on data and metrics to measure success in the University System of Georgia.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Regent Cade Joiner gave an update on the 2022 USG Foundation Gala, which took place on September 9, 2022.

On a motion by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes and seconded by Regent Tom Bradbury, the Board approved the proposed Board meeting dates for 2023.

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw reported that there were no formal petitions or communications to be reviewed by the Board and that the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board will be November 8, 2022, in Atlanta.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair Harold Reynolds called for an executive session, which began at approximately 10:55 a.m. to discuss personnel matters, student records, real estate-related issues, and/or a potentially commercially valuable plan, proposal, or strategy under state law. With a motion made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session. The executive session of the Committee on Organization and Law took place within the full Board executive session from approximately 11:31 to 11:47 a.m. Affidavits regarding the executive sessions are on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**ADJORNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. upon motion made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes, which was unanimously approved.



Harold Reynolds  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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

## **Meeting of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics**

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at approximately 11:01 a.m. in Library Room 235 of the Derrell C. Roberts Library – Second Floor, at Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, Georgia. Committee Chair C. Everette Kennedy, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Kennedy, were Board Chair Harold Reynolds and Regents Cade Joiner and Samuel D. Holmes of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Also in attendance were Regents Tom Bradbury; W. Allen Gudenrath; Jose Perez; Patrick Jones; and Bárbara Rivera Holmes, as well as Chancellor Sonny Perdue.

President Kat Schwaig of Kennesaw State University led a presentation in support of a request by Kennesaw State for approval to enter into an agreement to transition its athletics conference membership to Conference USA and to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

With a motion by Regent Samuel Holmes and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the committee members present unanimously approved the request by Kennesaw State to transition its athletics conference membership to Conference USA and to the Football Bowl Subdivision upon completion of all of the required criteria in Board of Regents Policy 4.5.5.2 to be determined by the Chancellor.

With a motion made by Regent Cade Joiner and seconded by Regent Samuel Holmes, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m.