

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
May 14, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, in the Board Room, Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Don L. Waters, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade; Regents C. Dean Alford; Chris Cummiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Laura Marsh; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Sachin Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Richard L. Tucker were excused.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Augusta University Student Government Association President LeDarius Scott gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

Chief of Police Bruce Holmes gave the safety briefing.

**SPECIAL GUEST RECOGNITION**

Chairman Waters recognized State Representative Calvin Smyre, who represents the 135<sup>th</sup> district of the Georgia House of Representatives. Representative Smyre is an alumnus of Fort Valley State University (FVSU).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting of April 16-17, 2019.

**WILLIS J. POTTS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley presented the Willis J. Potts Student Advisory Council Leadership Award to Mr. LeDarius Scott of Augusta University. The Potts Award is named in honor of former Regent Willis J. Potts and is awarded by the University System of Georgia (USG) Student Advisory Council each year to one student who exemplifies former Regent Potts' leadership, service, and commitment to USG students.

**REGENTS' TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Tristan Denley presented the Regents' Teaching Excellence Award to the Department of History at Georgia State University. Dr. Denley commended the department for its use of online initiatives, high-impact practices, active learning strategies, and a career readiness program, all of which have resulted in increases in retention and degree attainment for its undergraduate and graduate students.

**INVENTURE PRIZE 2019**

FVSU President Paul Jones introduced FVSU's winning team from the inaugural statewide InVenture Prize competition. The Georgia InVenture Prize highlights the state's innovation ecosystem and its high potential, ambitious, and growth-oriented student entrepreneurs. In the competition, student teams from around the state presented their unique business solutions to a panel of judges. Team ExtendSocket from FVSU won the 2019 prize with its concept for a retractable extension cord located in a wall socket.

**HEALTHCARE PLAN UPDATE**

Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Juanita Hicks provided an update on the USG healthcare plan. The USG currently provides health insurance coverage for over 93,000 individuals. Dr. Hicks announced that the

procurement process for medical and pharmacy plans for the 2021 plan year is already underway.

### **FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

Executive Vice Chancellor of Strategy & Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 operating and capital budget. The total FY 2020 budget is approximately \$9.625 billion, which includes funding from all unrestricted and restricted sources. The FY 2020 budget includes the allocation of state funds as approved by the Board in April 2019, and reflects enrollment and other projections made by each institution, which incorporate the tuition and fee rates approved by the Board in April 2019. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the operating and capital budget.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed for Committee meetings.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION: GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP**

Chairman Waters welcomed Governor Brian P. Kemp, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Governor of Georgia, and thanked him for his support of higher education in Georgia. Governor Kemp spoke of the important role of education in meeting the needs of the state's workforce and praised the work that is being done at each of the 26 USG institutions. He thanked the Regents for their hard work and dedication and reiterated his commitment to championing higher education throughout the state.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Wrigley began his report by recognizing several transitions across the University System. He thanked Governor Brian Kemp for his support of the USG and recognized Regent Erin Hames for being selected as the new headmaster of Heritage Preparatory School in Atlanta. The Chancellor thanked former Executive Vice Chancellor of Administration Tricia Chastain, who left the University System Office for a position at Kennesaw State University, and welcomed Teresa MacCartney, the new Executive Vice Chancellor of Administration. He congratulated Savannah State University (SSU) President Cheryl Dozier on her upcoming retirement and thanked Associate Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs Kimberly Ballard-Washington for serving as interim president at SSU. The Chancellor also congratulated Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) President Gary McGaha on their impending retirements and wished both of them well. He welcomed incoming AMSC Interim President Georj Lewis, who previously served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Georgia Southern University (GSOU), and thanked Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) Interim President Mary Beth Walker for her service during her tenure at GGC. The Chancellor also welcomed incoming University of West Georgia Interim President Michael Crafton. Lastly, he thanked outgoing GSOU Interim President Shelley Nickel for her many years of service to the USG and the State of Georgia and wished her well in retirement.

Chancellor Wrigley congratulated the approximately 32,500 graduates of the Spring Class of 2019 from across the USG. He thanked Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Academic Officer Tristan Denley and the rest of the College 2025 team for their hard work during the past year. The Chancellor announced a new initiative stemming from the work of College 2025 that will design and implement a revamped core curriculum at all USG institutions by Fall 2020. The new curriculum will help students better understand why they study what they study, allowing them to make deeper connections to their purpose on campus.

Chancellor Wrigley then shared some highlights from across the University System. He congratulated State Librarian and Associate Vice Chancellor for Libraries Julie Walker on her election as a regional delegate to the Online Computer Library Center Global Council. He also recognized the 33 graduates of this year's USG Executive Leadership Institute.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note. On this day in 1804, Meriweather Lewis and William Clark embarked on a journey to the Pacific Ocean that would change the shape and history of America.

## **SPOTLIGHT – GLASS: GEORGIA LIBRARIES FOR ACCESSIBLE STATEWIDE SERVICES**

State Librarian and Associate Vice Chancellor for Libraries Julie Walker provided an overview of the services offered by the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), which joined the USG in 2000. Through the state's 407 public libraries, the GPLS helps patrons learn marketable job skills, builds a foundation for early literacy, and provides access to high-speed internet service; it also makes library materials easily accessible to citizens across the state through the PINES statewide interlibrary loan program.

Assistant State Librarian Pat Herndon spoke about the GPLS' Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) program, which provides library materials for blind and physically handicapped patrons who are unable to read standard print. Mr. Stuart Levenson, a longtime GLASS patron, spoke of the importance of the program on his education and quality of life.

## **STUDENT OUTCOMES**

Associate Vice Chancellor of Research & Policy Analysis Angela Bell gave a demonstration of the new student outcomes section of the USG website. This tool includes an update on academic and financial student outcomes for each USG institution, including individual enrollment profiles that are related to the core USG priorities of affordability, efficiency, and degree attainment. Dr. Bell also spoke of the Know More, Borrow Less initiative, which is designed to eliminate financial barriers to aid, increase students' and families' understanding of borrowing, and minimize debt.

## **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 Intercollegiate Athletics
- 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**

There were no petitions. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held on August 8, 2019, at the Board's offices in Atlanta.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Following the announcement on Petitions and Communications, Chairman Waters called for an executive session at approximately 1:34 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and litigation. With motion properly made and 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 Waters reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 2:45 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to reappoint all USG presidents for the 2019-2020 academic year as recommended, with the exception of SSU President Cheryl Dozier and AMSC President Gary McGaha, who are retiring, and GIT President G.P. "Bud" Peterson, who is reappointed until his successor starts. The Board approved the compensation of each such president reappointed in the amount and character presented to the Board.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present approved up to \$60,000 in additional compensation to fund Albany State University President Marion Fedrick's pursuit of an Executive Doctorate in Higher Education at the University of Georgia.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to give notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 45-7-7 that the Board intends to vote on a merit increase of 2% for Chancellor Steve Wrigley at a future meeting at least 30 days from now.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.



Don L. Waters  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:00 a.m. in Room 8135 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Vice Chairman Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Vice Chairman Tarbutton, were Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., and Sachin Shailendra. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board Chairman Don L. Waters also were present. Committee Chairman Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Regent Sarah-Elizabeth Reed were excused.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness John Fuchko, III, presented the Fiscal Year 2018 annual athletics report as required by Board Policy 4.5.6, Monitoring. The report highlighted institutional compliance with athletics subsidy requirements and annual expense growth limits implemented as part of the changes to the Athletics Policy approved at the May 2016 Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22 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 10:19 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Hopkins, were Committee Vice Chairman Chris Cumiskey, Regents C. Dean Alford, W. Allen Gudenrath, Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Laura Marsh, Sarah-Elizabeth Reed, and E. Scott Smith. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved a request to revise the University of North Georgia's institutional mission statement.
2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in health promotion at Augusta University.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts with a major in health, society, and policy at Augusta University.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in engineering technology at Valdosta State University.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science/Master of Science with a major in robotics engineering at Columbus State University.
6. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Arts in technical and professional writing at Middle Georgia State University.
7. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Health Administration at the University of Georgia.
8. The Committee approved the termination of an academic degree at Georgia State University.
9. The Committee approved a request to establish the Andalusia Institute at Georgia College and State University.
10. The Committee approved a request to waive Board of Regents Policy 8.3.7.4, Award of Tenure, and award tenure upon appointment for two faculty members at Augusta University and one faculty member at Georgia Institute of Technology.

### **CONSENT ITEM**

11. The Committee adopted new endowed faculty positions at the University of Georgia, Georgia State University, and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

12. Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Tristan Denley provided an overview of a special tuition rate for the Georgia FinTech Academy.
13. Dr. Denley introduced a proposal to create an honors designation for exemplary students who graduate from teacher education programs.

14. Dr. Denley announced that the 2019 Nursing Summit will be held at Augusta University on July 10-11, 2019.
15. Dr. Denley informed the Committee that the USG will undertake a general education curriculum redesign based on the findings of the College 2025 task force.
16. Mr. LeDarius Scott, Student Government Association President at Augusta University, presented the 2018-2019 Annual Student Advisory Committee Summary of Activities.
17. Dr. Scott Pegan, Associate Professor at the University of Georgia and Chair of the USG Faculty Council, presented the 2018-2019 USG Faculty Council Annual Summary of Activities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 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 approximately 11:10 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Sarah-Elizabeth Reed called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Reed, were Committee Vice Chairwoman Laura Marsh; Regents C. Dean Alford; Chris Cummiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; and E. Scott Smith. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **APPROVAL ITEM**

1. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 6.26, Application for Discretionary Review.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairwoman Reed called for an executive session at approximately 11:12 a.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters. 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, Chairwoman Reed reconvened the committee in its regular session at 11:16 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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

The Committee on Personnel and Benefits of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:19 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 Regents Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Don L. Waters, and Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also were present. Committee Vice Chairman Richard L. Tucker; Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; and Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

**APPROVAL ITEM**

1. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 8.2.19, Tuition Assistance Program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:21 a.m.

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

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:21 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Sachin Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Regents Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Don. L. Waters, and Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also were present. Committee Vice Chairman Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Regent Richard L. Tucker were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook gave a presentation on the FY 2019 Third Quarter Revenues and Expenditures for the University System of Georgia.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 7.5.1, Banking.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a special tuition rate for the Georgia FinTech Academy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:30 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Stelling, were Committee Vice Chairwoman Erin Hames; Regents James M. Hull; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Don L. Waters, and Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also were present. Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Richard L. Tucker were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

**APPROVAL ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 8.2.18.2, Conflicts of Interest, Conflicts of Commitment and Outside Activities.
  
2. Interim Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit and Chief Audit Officer Claire Arnold presented rolling audit plans for the next 18 months for the University System Office and each USG institution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 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 at approximately 10:45 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Tarbutton, were Committee Vice Chairman Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Regents Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Sachin Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Don L. Waters, and Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also were present. Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Richard L. Tucker were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Vice Chancellor for Real Estate & Facilities Jim James informed the Committee about a proposed facilities management program for student housing at several institutions.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

2. The Committee adopted the Resolution 2020 General Obligation Bond Issue requesting the issuance of bonds through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission.
3. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-90-1903, Kennesaw Campus Entry, at Kennesaw State University.
4. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-30-1904, Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
5. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-30-1905, Tenth Street Chiller Plant Resiliency Improvements, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
6. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-1906, Veterinary Medicine Anatomy Lab Improvements, at the University of Georgia.
7. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. BR-10-1901, Center for Art and Nature, for the State Botanical Garden of Georgia at the University of Georgia.
8. The Committee authorized the execution of a rental agreement amendment for 608 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, District of Columbia, for the University of Georgia.
9. The Committee authorized the execution of a rental agreement for the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street, Savannah, for Savannah State University.
10. The Committee authorized the execution of a ground lease for a Solar Energy Generation Facility at Fort Valley State University.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

11. The Committee approved proposed revisions to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 7.7.5, Background Checks of Supplier and Contractor Employees.
12. The Committee approved the naming of Dooley Field at the University of Georgia.
13. The Committee authorized the demolition of buildings located at 828 & 830 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

14. The Committee authorized the demolition of Watson Hall, 1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, for the University of West Georgia.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m.