

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
February 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 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; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Erin Hames; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed were 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 meeting of January 12, 2021.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Wrigley began his report with a legislative update, thanking Governor Kemp and members of the General Assembly for their support. Chancellor Wrigley then discussed efforts across campuses employed for a successful start to the spring semester and noted that campuses continue to teach, conduct research, and carry out public service projects while protecting health and safety. The Chancellor then highlighted a number of accolades earned by students and faculty at University System of Georgia institutions.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note. On this day in 1883 John Garnet Carter was born in Georgia. He is considered one of the founders of mini-golf and eventually founded Rock City.

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 Real Estate & Facilities

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The date of the next scheduled Board meeting was announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 11:17 a.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 1:18 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

VOTE

The Board voted to waive Board Policy 2.1 for the limited purpose of allowing the Interim President of Savannah State University to be a candidate for the position of President at that institution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.



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



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

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:00 a.m. in Room 8003 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 Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Don L. Waters. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee adopted the following practices as developed in response to the Board's January 12, 2021, self-assessment:
 - a. Institutional Mission Review. The BOR already has adopted a more systematic review process for institutional missions. A couple members recommended expanding this process to include a presentation from the campus president. Going forward, this process should include a presentation from the institutional president or other appropriate institutional representatives to the Academic Affairs Committee.
 - b. Committees. Continue the practice of presenting high-level items for consideration by the entire Board. Further, a couple members recommended that the Board may wish to consider the practice of maintaining Board and/or selected Committee chair positions for two years. Finally, committee liaisons should review proposed agenda items and continue the practice of reaching out to Board members to pre-brief them on significant issues of potential interest to those members.
 - c. Strategic Planning. A couple members recommended formally reviewing the strategic plan and its implementation status. This review can be conducted by the Executive and Compensation Committee in conjunction with the current practice of the entire Board dedicating one meeting per year to strategic planning and related issues.
 - d. Campus Presentations. Resume the "campus spotlight" as a part of Board meetings consistent with public health guidelines and available space.
 - e. Academic Program Review. Several Regents expressed a desire for more information related to new academic programs. Required information related to new academic programs has been expanded to include data and metrics related to employability of graduates from these programs as part of a revised Academic Program Authorization proposal protocol that was enacted on January 4, 2021. This change will be fully implemented for all future new degrees presented for approval. Changes to the review process to provide analogous information for existing programs are being developed and will be implemented over the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 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 10:15 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's Offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Vice Chairwoman Holmes, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath, Bárbara Rivera Holmes, James M. Hull, Rachel B. Little, Lowery May, and Jose R. Perez. Board Vice Chair Cade Joiner was also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

Dr. Venn shared the status of the new academic proposal processes and forms and that all programs will be required to use the new processes and forms. Hence, no degrees were presented to the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The Committee approved a request to offer the Bachelor of Science with a major In Information Technology fully online at Georgia Gwinnett College.
2. The Committee approved the termination of a program at College of Coastal Georgia.
3. The Committee approved the request of President Kyle Marerro be authorized to name the existing Department of Music to the Georgia Southern University Fred and Dinah Gretsches School of Music.
4. The Committee approved the request of President Pamela Whitten that Kennesaw State University be authorized to name the School of Music to the Dr. Bobbie Bailey School of Music.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. The Committee reviewed and approved an Institutional Mission Statement at Valdosta State University.
6. The Committee approved the establishment of the Shaw Industries Chair in STEM at Dalton State College.
7. The Committee approved the establishment of the Dr. Alma Jones Professorship in Social Justice at Fort Valley State University.
8. The Committee approved the establishment of the Steven A. Denning Chair in Global Engagement at Georgia Institute of Technology.
9. The Committee approved the establishment of the Ed and Pat Joy Faculty Fund at Georgia Institute of Technology.
10. The Committee approved the establishment of the G. Wayne Clough Faculty Fund at Georgia Institute of Technology.
11. The Committee approved the establishment of the Kelly Sepcic Pfeil PhD Faculty Fund at Georgia Institute of Technology.
12. The Committee approved the appointment of one endowed faculty position at Georgia Institute of Technology.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 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 10:20 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 Chairman Waters, were Committee Vice Chairman James M. Hull and Regents W. Allen Gudenrath, Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Rachel B. Little, Lowery May, and Jose R. Perez. Board Vice Chair Cade Joiner was also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee approved a request from Columbus State University President Chris Markwood to award an honorary degree to Robert "Bob" Koon.
2. The Committee approved Georgia Southwestern State University entering into mutually beneficial aid agreements with Sumter County and the City of Americus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 10:33 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 10:51 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 10:55 a.m.

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

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 10:16 a.m. Tuesday, February 9, 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; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Chair Sachin Shailendra and Chancellor Steve Wrigley were also present.

INFORMATION ITEM

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 10:25 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

**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 on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at approximately 10:26 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chairman Wilheit were Regents Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins; Everett Kennedy; T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling Jr. Board Chair Sachin Shailendra was also present.

INFORMATION ITEM

Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit and Chief Audit Officer Claire Arnold presented an informational update on the internal audit reports issued across the University System of Georgia over the last 12 months.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:39 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, February 9, 2021, at approximately 10:40 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 Committee Vice Chair T. Dallas Smith and Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra were also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Committee was provided information on the Facilities Management Program for Student Housing and was briefed on a potential redevelopment opportunity for Georgia Institute of Technology's Savannah Campus.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-50-2102, 55 Park Place, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Renovation for Georgia State University.
2. The Committee approved the naming modification for Mac Nease Baseball Park for Georgia Institute of Technology.
3. The Committee approved the naming of the Jack and Ruth Ann Hill Convocation Center for Georgia Southern University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:53 a.m.