

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Held in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 14, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, in Room 519 of the Georgia Tech Research Institute Building at 520 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Tarbutton, were Vice Chair William H. NeSmith, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr.; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James R. Jolly; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Willis J. Potts, Jr.; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker. Regents Robert F. Hatcher; W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., were excused.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Regent C. Dean Alford.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The attendance report was given by Secretary Burns Newsome.

**PRESENTATION**

At approximately 9:20 a.m., Mr. Mathew Hauer, a Public Service Assistant at the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, briefed the Board on Georgia's changing demographics. A copy of Mr. Hauer's presentation is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**PRESENTATION**

At approximately 9:50 a.m., Drs. G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Rafael Bras, President and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, respectively, of the Georgia Institute of Technology, briefed the Board on the changing national landscape regarding online and distance education. A copy this presentation is on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

At approximately 10:36 a.m., Vice Chair William H. NeSmith, Jr., led the Board in a discussion of the greatest challenges and opportunities facing the University System of Georgia. Detailed notes from this discussion are on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

At approximately 11:12 a.m., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis led the Board in a discussion of the Chancellor's and the Board's strategic planning process, the Governor's Strategic Plan, and the Complete College Georgia initiative. Detailed notes from this discussion are on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

At approximately 11:30 a.m., Discussion Group One, composed of Regents C. Dean Alford (moderator), Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., Larry R. Ellis, Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr., James R. Jolly, and Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, met in Room 519, while Discussion Group Two, composed of Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Willis J. Potts, Jr.; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker (moderator) met in Room 528. Each group discussed: (1) Academic Progress and College Completion; (2) Economic Development; and (3) Accountability and Efficiency.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., the Board met again in Room 519 to hear reports from each moderator regarding each group's discussion. Detailed notes from the discussions are on file and available for inspection in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

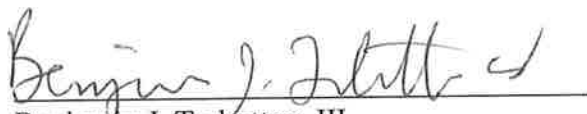
## DISCUSSION

At approximately 2:30 p.m., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis led the Board in a discussion of other sources of input and advice for the development of the Board's strategic plan. Dr. Davis also discussed a timeline for completing the plan.

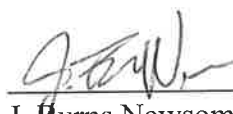
At approximately 3:00 p.m., Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby, Chair Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, and Vice Chair William H. NeSmith, Jr., each briefly addressed the Board regarding the strategic plan and other long-range issues facing the University System of Georgia.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, with no actions having been taken by the Board.



Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III  
Chair, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



J. Burns Newsome  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia