

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
January 6, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the Board Room, Room 7007, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Stelling, were Vice C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Georgia Perimeter College Student Government Association President Sri Rajasekaran gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

The safety briefing was given by Chief of Police Bruce Holmes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's Nov. 10, 2015, meeting.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chair Stelling gave his remarks to the Board of Regents at approximately 10:11a.m. Chair Stelling thanked immediate past Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., for his leadership through 2015. Chair Stelling outlined three principles by which he intends to lead the Board of Regents, in alignment with the USG's strategic plan, the first being graduating more students. This will be done partially through reaching to more adult students, particularly through the system's Go Back, Move Ahead program. Chair Stelling cited economic development and support of Georgia's industries as his second principle. To that end, he stressed the founding of the Georgia Film Academy to assist graduates entering Georgia's film industry. Third, he cited stewardship of resources, accountability and efficiency. These, Chair Stelling said, in conjunction with initiatives such as online learning and campus consolidations, will aid in lowering costs to students. An audio recording of Chair Stelling's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the office of the Secretary to the Board.

**CONSOLIDATION UPDATE**

At approximately 10:16 a.m., Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning Shelley Nickel presented to the Board an update on the proposed consolidation of Georgia State University and Georgia Perimeter College, to be called Georgia State University, and a resolution for that purpose. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present approved unanimously the two institutions' consolidation; and to name Dr. Mark Becker as president of the consolidated Georgia State University. A copy of that resolution is attached hereto as Appendix I. An audio recording of Ms. Nickel's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**CHIEF LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

At approximately 10:19 a.m., University System Chief of Police Bruce Holmes presented information on the Chief Leadership Initiative Program, a continuing education and development course for system police chiefs to standardize their knowledge and procedures. Chief Holmes recognized those chiefs in the first cohort: Chief Antonio Long, Atlanta Metropolitan State College; Chief Michael Masters, Dalton State College; Chief Ken Morgan, Fort Valley State University; Chief Shawn Douglas, Middle Georgia State University; and Chief Justin

Gaines, University of North Georgia. An audio recording of Chief Holmes' remarks, and a copy of his presentation, is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **SPECIAL GUEST: MS. GRETCHEN CORBIN**

Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby introduced Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Gretchen Corbin at approximately 12:59 p.m. Commissioner Corbin spoke of her vision for the TCSG, which she cited as workforce development. Commissioner Corbin wishes to continue TCSG's position as the pipeline for Georgia's workforce, and collaborate closely with employers to ensure prepared workers meet their needs. An audio recording of Commissioner Corbin's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **SPECIAL REPORT ON ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS**

At approximately 1:10 p.m., Associate Director for the State Services and Decision Support Division David Tanner and Applied Demographer Mathew Hauer, both of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, provided a report on USG Enrollment Data. The CVIOG began in 2014 to investigate how to better utilize in system decision making the extensive student enrollment data collected from campuses. This collaboration has capitalized on expertise at CVIOG in demography, geographic information systems, data science, and data visualization. Messrs. Tanner and Hauer shared the results of their analysis and visualization work related to patterns in student origins, transfer, and enrollment, and offered recommendations on how their work can guide system policy and outreach. A copy of Messrs. Tanner's and Hauer's presentation, and an audio recording of their remarks, is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **ETHICS TRAINING**

At approximately 1:41 p.m., Interim Chief Audit Officer Michael Foxman provided the Board an overview of the Bylaws provisions and USG Ethics Policy requirements that pertain to members of the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, and Executive Vice Chancellors. This orientation included signing the USG Ethics Policy certification and constituted the ethics training required by Board Policy 8.2.20. An audio recording of Mr. Foxman's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby gave his report at approximately 1:49 p.m. The Chancellor thanked the Board for its leadership and for making what he held as the right decisions in the matters facing them that day. Chancellor Huckaby continued by touting recent accomplishments and milestones of several System institutions and students. An audio recording of Chancellor Huckaby's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board appointed Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Samuel C. Burch as Secretary to the Board.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 2:27 p.m., Chair Stelling called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing acquisition and disposition of interests in real property, and personnel and compensation matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session.

University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for portions of the executive session included Chancellor Huckaby and members of his staff. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board. Chair Pruitt reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 3:52 p.m., and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:54 p.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2016.



Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



Samuel C. Burch  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Stelling, were Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; and Regents Larry R. Ellis; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 9:33 a.m., Chair Stelling called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion made and variously 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.

Chair Stelling reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 9:55 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Graduate Medical Education Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Room 8000 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Don L. Waters called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Waters, were Board Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr. and Regents Lori Durden and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

1. The committee heard an update on recent developments and ongoing progress with emerging teaching hospitals in Georgia.
2. The Board approved providing \$2 million in additional support to continue ongoing development of six graduate medical education programs at Kennestone Hospital.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 10:28 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Room 8000 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Lori Durden called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Durden, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; and T. Rogers Wade. Board Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., also was present. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The Board approved establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Music Technology at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
2. The Board approved establishment of a Master of Interdisciplinary Studies at Georgia State University.
3. The committee tabled a recommendation to establish a Bachelor of Science with a major in Integrated Business at South Georgia State College.
4. The Board approved establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Environmental Design and Planning at the University of Georgia.
5. The Board approved establishment of a Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Music Education at Valdosta State University.
6. The Board approved reactivation of the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Secondary Education at Georgia Southern University.
7. The Board approved a substantive change to the existing Bachelor of Science with a major in Communications to create a stand-alone Bachelor of Science with a major in Journalism and Emerging Media at Kennesaw State University.
8. The Board approved a substantive change to the existing Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology and Bachelor of Science with a major in Chemistry to create a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education at the University of North Georgia.
9. The Board approved the termination of the Associate of Applied Science in Agricultural Engineering Technology at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Physics at Kennesaw State University.
10. The Board endorsed the establishment of an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree offered by Wiregrass Georgia Technical College to articulate with Valdosta State University.
11. The committee reviewed a proposed revision to Board Policy 3.3.1 involving the Core Curriculum.
12. The Board approved establishment of several endowed and named faculty positions and appointments, copies of which are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee on Economic Development met at approximately 11:21 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Room 8000 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair W. Paul Bowers called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Bowers, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; and T. Rogers Wade. Board Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., also was present.

1. The committee heard updates on both the University System of Georgia's and Technical College System of Georgia's efforts regarding nursing education, describing substantial achievements made by both systems in this area, and likely changes stemming from the Affordable Care Act that will impact the work of registered nurse programs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW**

The Committee on Organization & Law met at approximately 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Room 8000 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Larry R. Ellis called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Ellis, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Lori Durden; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; and T. Rogers Wade. Board Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., also was present.

1. The Board approved certain named Georgia Institute of Technology personnel to apply for and receive United States Government security clearance related to classified government research. This was approved at the Board's Nov. 10, 2015, meeting; however, the institution requires 2016 approval to align with a new federal inspection cycle.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 11:50 a.m., Chair Ellis called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and student records. 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.

Chair Ellis reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 12:10 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:11 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL & AUDIT, RISK & COMPLIANCE**

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk & Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Waters, were Regents James M. Hull; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; Larry Walker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., also was present. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Interim Chief Audit Officer Michael Foxman reviewed with the committee its planned one-year forward agenda, soliciting feedback on additional agenda items that should be addressed over the coming year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING 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 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Sachin Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Shailendra, were Regents James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; Larry Walker, Don L. Waters, and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. also was present. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Vice Chancellor for Facilities Jim James presented an informational item concerning actions taken by the Chancellor under his delegated authority.
2. The Board approved revisions to Policy Manual Section 9.0: Facilities.
3. The Board authorized project number BR-10-1604, Business Learning Community – Phase III at the University of Georgia.
4. The Board authorized project number BR-40-1601, Kidney Transplant Space Renovation at Augusta University.
5. The Board approved the acquisition of real property at 3051 George Busbee Parkway in Kennesaw for Kennesaw State University.
6. The Board approved the acquisition of real property at Spellman Street and Goss Lane in Augusta for Augusta University.
7. The Board approved a rental agreement with Pinewood Atlanta Studios, located at 461 Sandy Creek Road in Fayetteville, for the Georgia Film Academy.
8. The Board approved the disposition of real property located at 21 Barlow Road in Dahlonega for the University of North Georgia.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 11:06 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, Chair Shailendra called for an executive session for the purpose of discussion a real property matter. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

Chair Shailendra reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 11:33 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:34 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.