

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
August 8, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019, in the Board Room, Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., 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 Chris Cummiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Laura Marsh; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Sachin D. Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents C. Dean Alford, Erin Hames, and E. Scott Smith were excused.

NEW REGENT RECOGNITION

Chairman Waters welcomed new Regents Jose R. Perez and Samuel D. Holmes to the Board of Regents (BOR).

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Valdosta State University Student Government Association (SGA) President Jacob Bell gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: SGA PRESIDENTS

Chairman Waters recognized the many SGA Presidents from across the University System of Georgia (USG) who were in attendance at the meeting.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Chief of Police Bruce Holmes gave the safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings of May 14, June 6, and June 13, 2019.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Kennesaw State University (KSU) President Pamela Whitten began her presentation by announcing that KSU recently received a Carnegie Classification of R2, which means that it is a doctoral university with high research activity. President Whitten spoke of the institution's focus on student success, a recent increase in enrollment, and the addition of 100 new full-time faculty thanks to the USG's Comprehensive Administrative Review (CAR).

President Whitten then introduced several KSU undergraduates who spoke of their diverse student experiences at the institution. Emma Pearson, a physics major and a 2019 Birla Carbon Scholar, showcased a device she designed that uses cosmic ray muons to create 3-D density maps of large structures like pyramids. Cynney Walters, a biology and pre-med major, described her STEM-focused internship and research experiences, including a recent internship with the National Science Foundation. Caleb Gilbert, an electrical engineering major, presented a video about Esgro, a mobile application he created that helps freelancers and independent contractors receive payments for their services. Travis Goure, an English major and the president of the Collegiate Recovery Program, recounted his battle with substance abuse and the success he has experienced while in recovery at KSU.

President Whitten concluded her presentation with a preview of KSU's new branding campaign, which will encourage students to "find their wings" at KSU.

THREE MINUTE THESIS

Vice Chancellor for Communications Jen Ryan introduced the winners of KSU's 2019 Three Minute Thesis

competition, which requires participants to condense their theses into a format and for a broader audience. Jessica Rudd, a Ph.D. candidate from Atlanta, spoke of her research on genetic sequencing and predictive modeling using the NCAA basketball bracket as a test case. Jie Hao, a postdoctoral researcher from Beijing, described her work using genetic and clinical information to analyze and predict cancer survival rates.

2020 HEALTHCARE PLAN

Associate Vice Chancellor of Total Rewards Karin Elliott discussed recent healthcare trends and presented proposed plan changes and premiums for the USG healthcare plans for plan year 2020.

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present approved the proposed healthcare plan changes and premiums for plan year 2020.

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present approved the proposed 2020 Medicare-eligible retiree healthcare contribution.

RECESS

The Board recessed for Committee meetings.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: REGENT DONALD M. LEEBERN, JR.

Upon reconvening, Chancellor Steve Wrigley recognized Regent Donald M. Leebern, Jr., who served on the BOR for over 28 years. Chancellor Wrigley thanked Regent Leebern for his many years of dedicated service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Chairman Waters echoed the Chancellor's remarks about Regent Leebern and thanked him for dedicating so much of his adult life to the BOR. Chairman Waters shared a personal anecdote about Regent Leebern's kindness and support after Hurricane Matthew devastated the Georgia coast.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved a resolution to confer upon Regent Donald Leebern, Jr., the status of Regent Emeritus.

Regent Emeritus Leebern spoke of his fond memories serving on the BOR. He thanked his wife, Mrs. Suzanne Leebern, and the other members of the Board for their support during his tenure.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Wrigley began his report by noting the beginning of a new academic year. He welcomed the 330,000 USG students back to school and wished them the best in the upcoming year. The Chancellor thanked former Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Richard L. Tucker for their service on the BOR and welcomed new Regents Jose Perez and Samuel Holmes to the Board. Chancellor Wrigley welcomed several new campus leaders to the USG, including Georgia Gwinnett College President Jann Joseph, Savannah State University (SSU) Interim President Kimberly Ballard-Washington, and incoming Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) President Ángel Cabrera.

Chancellor Wrigley spoke of the USG's ongoing plans to refashion its core curriculum to make it more modern, flexible, and accessible, and the work being done on the 2020-2025 strategic plan. These projects build on the College 2025 and CAR initiatives and will help the USG maintain its status as one of best public higher education systems in the nation. In July, State Higher Education Executives Officers Association awarded the USG the 2019 Exceptional Agency Award. This award recognized the USG as a national model of effective innovation. Chancellor Wrigley thanked the Regents and USG presidents for their hard work in support of student success and degree attainment. He announced that since 2011, the USG has experienced a 3% increase in enrollment and a 24% increase in the number of degrees awarded annually, noting that the increase in the rate of degrees awarded far outpaced enrollment gains.

Chancellor Wrigley then shared some highlights from across the University System. The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) selected two USG students as HBCU Competitiveness Scholars. Rodesha Elam of Fort Valley State University and Aaliyah Buckholts of SSU received the initiative's highest student recognition and will spend the next year working with their cohort to promote individual and institutional achievement. Jay Sexton, Chief Operating Officer of the GIT Center for the Development and Application of Internet of Things Technologies ended the historic 32-game win streak of James Holzhauer on *Jeopardy!*. Jay finished the game in third place and won \$17,000. Lastly, the Chancellor congratulated Georgia Film Academy Executive Director Jeff Stepakoff, who will be honored as one of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* most-admired CEOs.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note, observing that August is a time for new beginnings for both the USG and the nation. KSU was founded in the 1960s using borrowed classrooms and offered only two courses; by 1980, it had been transformed from a junior college to a four-year institution that awarded baccalaureate degrees. In August 1981, the BOR appointed the first woman to lead an institution in the USG. Dr. Betty Siegel served as KSU president for 25 years, overseeing critical stages of institutional growth and building a legacy that continues today. When she retired, President Siegel held the record as the longest-serving woman president of any public university in the nation. Chancellor Wrigley also noted that August 18, 2019, is the 99th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted women the right to vote.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Vice Chancellor of Research and Policy Analysis Angela Bell provided an update on the new strategic plan for the USG, which will guide the organization for the next five years and enable the System to adapt to meet the needs of tomorrow's students and the world. Plan development is grounded in the USG's priorities of student success, affordability, and efficiency, and recommendations from the College 2025 report and the Comprehensive Administrative Review. Work on the strategic plan began this summer and will continue until November 2019, when the plan will be presented to the BOR for approval.

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 Economic Development
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law

Due to a typographical error, the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities approved one item amended by the Board in its adoption of the committee report. Regent Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, presented the report to the Board and recommended a revision due to the error. Regent Tarbutton requested that item 8 be amended to reflect that Cooper Carry, Inc. is the top-rated design firm for Project No. J-350, Mike Cottrell College of Business, at the University of North Georgia. The amended report of the following committee was unanimously approved by the Board and is attached hereto:

- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

With motion made and variously seconded the Regents present approved the proposed BOR meeting dates for 2020.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next BOR meeting will be held on September 10, 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 1:13 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and pending 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 1:32 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

With motion made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to move \$20,000 from Georgia Gwinnett College President Jann Joseph's annual compensation to her executive deferred compensation plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 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 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:40 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 W. Allen Gudenrath, Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Laura Marsh, and Sarah-Elizabeth Reed. Regents C. Dean Alford and E. Scott Smith were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Marti Venn informed the Committee of an action taken pursuant to the Chancellor's delegated authority to transfer Governor Nathan Deal's Regents Professorship to the University of North Georgia, effective July 18, 2019.
2. Dr. Venn informed the Committee that the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) approved the first ever nexus degree for Columbus State University at its meeting in June 2019. Each institution that offers a nexus degree must submit the first such degree for SACSCOC approval; upon approval, institutions will not need to submit future nexus degrees for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

3. The Committee approved a proposed change to the institutional mission at Georgia Southern University.
4. The Committee approved a proposed change to the institutional mission at Kennesaw State University.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in data science at the College of Coastal Georgia.
6. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in biological and computational mathematics at Augusta University.
7. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science in Supply Chain Analytics at Clayton State University.
8. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership Development at Clayton State University.
9. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science in Public Health at Columbus State University.
10. The Committee approved the termination of several academic programs at Columbus State University, Georgia State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of West Georgia.
11. The Committee approved a waiver of Board of Regents Policy 8.3.7.4, Tenure, for a joint faculty appointment and tenure upon appointment.
12. The Committee approved a request to grant Dr. Cheryl Dozier the distinction and title of President Emerita, Savannah State University.

CONSENT ITEMS

13. The Committee adopted the establishment of new endowed faculty positions at the University of Georgia.
14. The Committee adopted the naming of endowed faculty positions at Augusta University, Kennesaw State University, and the University of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:01 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Economic Development of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 11:03 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Holmes, were Committee Vice Chairman W. Allen Gudenrath; Regents Chris Cumiskey; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Laura Marsh; and Sarah-Elizabeth Reed. Regents C. Dean Alford and E. Scott Smith were excused.

INFORMATION ITEM

Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes introduced the University of North Georgia (UNG) economic development team for an update on the major goals and objectives of the department. UNG Chief of Staff Kate Maine, Executive Director for Government Relations and Economic Development Ben Jarrard, and Director of Economic Development and Community Engagement Bobbi Larson highlighted some of their work engaging and partnering with the business community on high-demand talent sectors.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 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 11:25 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 Chris Cummiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; and C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr. Regents C. Dean Alford and E. Scott Smith were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee approved a proposed addition to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 6.15.8.2, Retention of Weapon and Badge: Retiring Police Officer.
2. The Committee approved East Georgia State College entering into mutually beneficial emergency services arrangements with the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office, the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office, Georgia Southern University, the Georgia State Patrol, and the Swainsboro Police Department.
3. The Committee approved South Georgia State College entering into a mutually beneficial emergency services arrangement with the City of Douglas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairwoman Reed called for an executive session at approximately 11:29 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. 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 approximately 11:39 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

**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 at approximately 10:45 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 Regents Samuel D. Holmes; James M. Hull; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin D. 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. Committee Vice Chairwoman Erin Hames was excused.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Stelling called for an executive session at approximately 10:47 a.m. to discuss personnel 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, Chairman Stelling reconvened the Committee in its regular session at approximately 11:09 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:11 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 11:11 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 Samuel D. Holmes; James M. Hull; Jose R. Perez; Sachin D. 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. Regent Erin Hames was 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 an action taken pursuant to the Chancellor's delegated authority to approve a project at the Carmichael Student Center for Kennesaw State University.
2. Vice Chancellor James provided the Committee with a written report of real estate actions taken pursuant to the Chancellor's delegated authority between March 1, 2019, and June 30, 2019.
3. Vice Chancellor James informed the Committee about a proposed renovation of the Kennedy Hall student housing complex at Georgia Southern University.

CONSENT ITEMS

4. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-91-1901, Enrollment Center, at Middle Georgia State University.
5. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-2001, Visitor Entrance Improvements, State Botanical Garden of Georgia, at the University of Georgia.
6. The Committee approved the below ranking of program management and design professional firms for Project No. J-347, Bandy Gym Student Recreation Renovations, at Dalton State College:

Program management firms in rank order:

1. Comprehensive Program Services, Inc., Atlanta
2. Colliers International Atlanta, Atlanta
3. BDR Partners, LLC, Atlanta

Design professional firms in rank order:

1. Clark Patterson Engineers, Surveyors and Architects, P.C., Woodstock
2. Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc., Marietta
3. Sizemore Group, LLC, Atlanta
4. Croft & Associates, P.C., Kennesaw

7. The Committee approved the below ranking of design professional firms for Project No. J-349, Interdisciplinary STEM Research Building, Phase II, at the University of Georgia:
 1. Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc., Atlanta
 2. Cooper Carry, Inc., Atlanta
 3. Flad and Associates, Inc., Atlanta

8. The Committee approved the ranking of program management and design professional firms for Project No. J-350, Mike Cottrell College of Business, at the University of North Georgia.

Program management firms in rank order:

1. Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., Atlanta
2. Comprehensive Program Services, Inc., Atlanta
3. Hoar Program Management, Atlanta

The Committee's ranking of the design professional firm was amended by the Board to correct a typographical error during the Committee's approval process. The approved corrected ranking appears below.

Design professional firms in rank order:

1. Cooper Carry, Inc., Atlanta
2. Collins Cooper Carusi Architects, Inc., Atlanta
3. LS3P Associates, LTD, Savannah
4. Moody Nolan, Inc., Atlanta

9. The Committee approved the below ranking of design professional firms for Project No. BR-10-1906, Veterinary Medicine Anatomy Lab Improvements, at the University of Georgia. Regent James M. Hull recused himself from the vote.

1. Lord Aeck Sargent, Inc., Atlanta
2. Perkins + Will, Inc., Atlanta
3. Clark Nexsen, Inc., Macon
4. May Architecture, LLC, Atlanta

10. The Committee approved the naming of Foley Courtyard at the University of Georgia.
11. The Committee approved the naming of the Rob and Cindy Scott Gate, Sanford Stadium, at the University of Georgia.
12. The Committee approved the naming of the Cottrell Center for Business, Technology & Innovation at the University of North Georgia.
13. The Committee approved the naming of Scheller Tower, Technology Square Phase III, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
14. The Committee approved a sub-rental agreement in Huntsville, Alabama, for use by the Georgia Tech Research Institute.
15. The Committee approved a rental agreement at One Press Place in Athens for the University of Georgia.
16. The Committee approved an extension of the ground leases and rental agreement for Georgia Hall and Reade Hall student housing at Valdosta State University.
17. The Committee approved a disposition of real property located at 659 Mount Pleasant Road in Rydal for Kennesaw State University.

APPROVAL ITEM

18. The Board authorized the allocation of Fiscal Year 2020 Major Repair and Rehabilitation funds to the institutions in accordance with staff recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m.