

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
August 9, 2022**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Board Chair Harold Reynolds called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Reynolds, were Vice Chair Erin Hames and Regents Doug Aldridge; Tom Bradbury; Richard T. Evans; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; Patrick Jones; C. Everett Kennedy III; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; Lowery Houston May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and James K. Syfan, III. Regent T. Dallas Smith was excused. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

Board Chair Reynolds began the meeting by welcoming Regent Patrick Jones who was attending his first meeting since recently being appointed to the Board. Chair Reynolds also thanked former Regent Don Waters for his long service to the Board of Regents, the University System of Georgia, and the State of Georgia overall.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Sharday Lee, the Student Government Association president at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

Mike Coverson, Chief of Police, gave the safety briefing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and seconded by numerous Regents, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meetings of May 3 (revised), May 10, and May 18, 2022.

**THREE MINUTE THESIS – GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Leadership Communications Kristina Torres introduced Kolawole Arowoogun, a Master of Science student at Georgia State University, for the Three Minute Thesis presentation, which requires participants to condense their thesis into a format that is easier for a broader audience to understand. His topic was “Characterization of the Surficial Aquifer System for Non-potable Uses: Wormsloe State Historic Site, Chatham County, Georgia.”

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT – SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE – “ENGAGING COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN STUDENTS’ EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES”**

South Georgia State College presented its campus spotlight “Engaging Community Partners in Students’ Experiential Learning Opportunities,” introduced by President Ingrid Thompson-Sellers. The presentation focused on the impact of the college’s biological sciences, teacher education, and mechanical engineering technology programs on the college’s students and on the

broader community. Presenters included President Thompson-Sellers; Dr. Kimberly Hunt, chair of the Biological Sciences Program; Amy Fitzgerald, Teacher Education faculty; Payton Merritt, Teacher Education student; Paige Lamie, 2021 South Georgia State graduate and Clinch County School System teacher; Dr. Morris Leis, Coffee County Public School System superintendent; Dr. Charles Johnson, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; and Amanda Meyer, Mechanical Engineering Technology student.

### **SHARED SERVICES UPDATE**

Associate Vice Chancellor for Shared Services Julie Harris gave an update on the vital and broad-ranging work that is done at the USG Shared Services Center in Sandersville as well as the values and culture that have been established there.

### **2023 HEALTHCARE PLAN**

Regent Lowery Houston May, the chair of the Personnel and Benefits Committee, led a discussion and approval of the USG healthcare plan for 2023, which was presented by Karin Elliott, Associate Vice Chancellor for Total Rewards. Upon a motion by Regent James M. Hull that was seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the Board members present unanimously approved the healthcare plan and premiums for Plan Year 2023. Upon a motion by Regent Allen Gudenrath that was seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the Board members present unanimously approved the 2023 65+ Medicare-eligible retiree healthcare contribution.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed for track committee meetings and lunch.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT / WELCOME REMARKS**

After the Board reconvened, Chancellor Sonny Perdue welcomed back students, faculty and staff as the fall semester was getting underway. He noted his leadership philosophy of continuous improvement and reminded the board of the flywheel concept, when everyone works together to turn the flywheel faster and faster so that its momentum helps the system succeed.

He applauded President Ingrid Thompson-Sellers of South Georgia State College as well as the students and community presenters who took part in the Campus Spotlight. They showcased the value of the college to its local community. He also applauded Julie Harris, Associate Vice Chancellor for Shared Services, for her team's use of data dashboards and metrics to measure their accomplishments.

He also thanked Dr. Stuart Rayfield for her work as the system's interim chief academic officer. He then welcomed Dr. Ashwani Monga as the system's new executive vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief academic officer and asked Dr. Monga to say a few words as an introduction.

Chancellor Perdue also welcomed new Regent Patrick Jones to the Board and thanked former Regent Don Waters for his outstanding service. He also welcomed new presidents at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College – Dr. Tracy Brundage – and Georgia Highlands College – Dr. Mike Hobbs.

He then talked about his goal to increase the use of data dashboards to give all institutions consistent metrics on progress. He thanked Governor Kemp for helping USG partner with a data analytics company to additionally provide students with a new statewide career planning resource platform.

Chancellor Perdue also debuted a new data-centered website called Georgia Degrees Pay, which he said will help students and families work through critical decisions about college affordability and value. The new site allows the public to compare costs to attend any of USG's 26 institutions, as well as student success metrics and future earnings based on actual graduates of USG degree programs. The website has additional resources, including access to financial aid information and admission links.

Chancellor Perdue thanked the Board, faculty, staff and students for their support and hard work, and wished everyone a good academic year.

### **GEORGIA DEGREES PAY WEBSITE INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Angie Bell, Vice Chancellor of Research and Policy Analysis, introduced and provided a demonstration of the USG's new webpage Georgia Degrees Pay, which can be found at [www.usg.edu/georgia-degrees-pay](http://www.usg.edu/georgia-degrees-pay). It allows users to access extensive data from all 26 USG institutions about cost of attendance, future earnings, and student success, among other features.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Upon a motion by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Board members present unanimously voted to appoint Regent Richard "Tim" Evans to the Augusta University Health Board of Directors to fill the seat previously held on that board by former Regent Don Waters, who resigned.

Upon a motion by Regent Samuel D. Holmes and seconded by Regent Allen Gudenrath, the Board members present unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Carol Lefebvre to the Georgia Board of Dentistry to serve in a new seat that was created this year by legislation. Dr. Lefebvre is the dean of the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University.

Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., gave an update on the USG Foundation Gala, which will take place on September 9, 2022.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw reported that there were no formal petitions or communications to be reviewed by the Board and that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on September 8, 2022, in the Board room in Atlanta.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair Reynolds called for an executive session at approximately 1:36 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and real estate-related issues. With motion made by Regent James K. Syfan, III, and seconded by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Affidavits regarding the executive sessions are on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**RECONVENE**

The Board reconvened in open session at approximately 3:00 p.m., and Chair Reynolds announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:03 p.m.



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Harold Reynolds  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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Christopher A. McGraw  
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 10:58 a.m. on August 9, 2022, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Jose R. Perez called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Perez, were Committee Vice Chair Samuel D. Holmes and Regents Tom Bradbury, Allen Gudenrath, Cade Joiner, Patrick Jones, and Board Vice Chair Erin Hames. Other attendees included Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Ashwani Monga and Vice Chancellor Dr. Stuart Rayfield. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

The Committee welcomed Dr. Ashwani Monga, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, and Regent Patrick Jones.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved a request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Technology Management at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The motion was made by Regent Hames and seconded by Regent Gudenrath.
2. The Committee approved a request to offer an Executive Master of Business Administration at Georgia Southwestern State University. The motion was made by Regent Hames and seconded by Regent Gudenrath.
3. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Data Science at Clayton State University. The motion was made by Regent Holmes and seconded by Regent Jones.
4. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Data Information Science at the University of North Georgia. The motion was made by Regent Hames and seconded by Regent Bradbury.
5. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Data Science at the University of Georgia. The motion was made by Regent Hames and seconded by Regent Holmes.
6. The Committee approved a request to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence at the University of Georgia. The motion was made by Regent Joiner and seconded by Regent Bradbury.
7. The Committee approved a request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice as part of the eMajor Collaborative online degree program at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and East Georgia State College. The motion was made by Regent Jones and seconded by Regent Holmes.

8. The Committee approved a request to terminate the Applied Mathematics major at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. The motion was made by Vice Chair Hames and seconded by Regent Holmes.

9. The Committee approved the reaffirmation of the mission statement for Atlanta Metropolitan State College. The motion was made by Vice Chair Hames and seconded by Regent Holmes.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

10. The Committee approved the establishment of the Clair I. Colvin Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry at Georgia Southern University.

11. The Committee approved the José Domingo Pérez Foundation Fund in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

12. The Committee approved the establishment of the Guy J. Lookabaugh Professorship at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

13. The Committee approved the establishment of the Michael and Caroline Fierman Professorship in Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia.

14. The Committee approved the establishment of the UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Family and Consumer Sciences IV at the University of Georgia.

15. The Committee approved the establishment of the Ji/Georgia Vegetable Industry Distinguished Professorship in Plant Pathology at the University of Georgia.

16. The Committee approved the establishment of the Nalley Distinguished Chair in Business at the University of Georgia.

17. The Committee approved the establishment of Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Georgia/Dr. Fleetwood Maddox Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology at Augusta University.

18. The Committee approved the appointment of several named faculty positions at the University of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Augusta University.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:38 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 11:41 a.m. on August 9, 2022, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Holmes, were Committee Vice Chair Tom Bradbury and Regents Doug Aldridge, W. Allen Gudenrath, Cade Joiner, Patrick Jones, and Jose Perez. Board Vice Chair Erin Hames was also present.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

With motion properly made by Vice Chair Hames and seconded by Regent Gudenrath, the Committee members who were present unanimously approved a mutual aid agreement between Georgia Highlands College and the City of Marietta Police Department.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee Chair Holmes called for an executive session at 11:43 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and student records. The motion was made by Regent Jones and seconded by Regent Joiner. 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, Committee Chair Holmes reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 11:57 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session. The motion to reconvene was made by Regent Perez and seconded by Regent Gudenrath.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Regent Perez and seconded by Regent Gudenrath.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 11:04 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Pruitt, were Regents Richard "Tim" Evans; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; Lowery Houston May; James K. Syfan, III.

The Committee approved a tuition rate for a new degree program at Georgia Southwestern State University. The motion for approval was properly made by Regent Syfan and seconded by Regent Langford.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:06 a.m. on Tuesday, August 09, 2022.



**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 11:06 a.m. on Tuesday, August 09, 2022, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Sarah-Elizabeth Langford called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Langford, were Committee Vice Chair James K. Syfan, III, and Regents James M. Hull, Neil L Pruitt, Jr., C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., C. Everett Kennedy, III, Lowery Houston May, and Richard "Tim" Evans, Sr.

The Committee approved Jenna Wiese's appointment to Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit and Chief Audit Officer. The motion for approval was properly made by Regent Lowery and seconded by Regent Syfan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:08 a.m. on Tuesday, August 09, 2022.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at approximately 11:09 a.m. in the Board's offices, located at 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Vice Chair C. Everett Kennedy, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Vice Chair Kennedy, were Regents Richard T. Evans, Sr., C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., James M. Hull, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford, Lowery Houston May, Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and James K. Syfan, III. Committee Chair T. Dallas Smith was excused as absent. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **Information Item**

1. The Committee received information about two actions taken by the Chancellor to approve the design-build firm rankings for project number BR-30-2205, East Campus Streetscapes, and project number BR-30-2206, Ferst Drive Corridor Realignment, both of which are for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

### **Approval Items**

2. The Committee authorized the allocation of \$65,900,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 Major Repair and Rehabilitation funds to the institutions in accordance with staff recommendations. The motion to approve was made by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.
3. The Committee authorized project number BR-10-2301, Sanford Stadium South Side Improvements, for the University of Georgia. The motion to approve was made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May.
4. The Committee authorized project number BR-10-2302, Lindsey Hopkins Indoor Tennis Facility Replacement, for the University of Georgia. The motion to approve was made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, Sr.
5. The Committee authorized project number BR-10-2303, Partial Replacement of Barkuloo-Rich Building, Rock Eagle 4-H Center, for the University of Georgia. The motion to approve was made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent James K. Syfan, III.
6. The Committee authorized project number BR-30-2301, Tech Way Building Grad Office and Research Lab Renovation, for the Georgia Institute of Technology. The motion to approve was made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.

7. The Committee approved the naming of Thomas F. Rodgers Administration Building at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton for the University of Georgia. The motion to approve was made by Regent Richard T. Evans, Sr., and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.
  
8. The Committee approved the naming of Keith and Julie Chandler Family Gate at Sanford Stadium for the University of Georgia. The motion to approve was made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:21 a.m. A motion to adjourn the Committee was made by Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.