

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
January 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:36 a.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2019, in the Board Room, Room 8003, 270 Washington Street 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 C. Dean Alford; Chris Cumiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Sachin D. Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Georgia Institute of Technology Graduate Research Assistant Azell Francis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF OFFICER EDGAR FLORES**

Board Chairman Don L. Waters asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the life of DeKalb County Police Officer Edgar Flores, who was killed in the line of duty in December 2018. Officer Flores was a graduate of the University of North Georgia.

**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 meeting of November 13, 2018.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Waters began by welcoming everyone to the first Board meeting of 2019. He thanked past Chairman James M. Hull for his service to the Board of Regents and the University System of Georgia (USG). He also thanked his fellow Regents, Chancellor Steve Wrigley, and the other individuals and organization that play a key role in keeping higher education in Georgia accessible, affordable, and exceptional. Chairman Waters welcomed Georgia's incoming governor and legislators and expressed his excitement to work with the Georgia General Assembly to ensure continued strong financial support for all 26 USG institutions.

The Chairman reminded the Board of its charge to focus on student purposefulness leading to student success. He spoke of the USG's key role in the classroom-to-career pipeline and its success in collaborating with K-12 schools on programs such as dual enrollment. Nearly 90,000 students have participated in the dual enrollment program since 2016. Chairman Waters also spoke of the USG's three main goals of student success, economic development, and good stewardship of assets. He touted the USG's all-time high enrollment, despite declining college enrollment in other states; its economic impact of \$16.8 billion; and efforts like the Comprehensive Administrative Review that increase the efficiency of the System. As a result, the USG is building, maintaining, and growing a workforce that is worthy of the #1 State for Business distinction that Georgia has earned for six consecutive years.

Chairman Waters concluded his remarks by reminding the Board that the April 2019 meeting will be held in Savannah, co-hosted by Savannah State University and Georgia Southern University, and the October meeting will be held in Athens on the campus of the University of Georgia. He looks forward to visiting both campuses to see the tremendous work that USG students and faculty are doing across the state.

## **CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT ON FILM**

Chairman Waters introduced Columbus State University (CSU) President Chris Markwood for this month's campus spotlight. CSU is located in Columbus, Georgia, and has an approximate enrollment of 8200 students. President Markwood spoke of the university's thriving film production program, including a new nexus degree in film production. Through a partnership with the Georgia Film Academy (GFA) and Flat Rock Studio, a new film production facility in Columbus, CSU provides its students with opportunities for hands-on learning on real-life movie sets. Dr. Danna Gibson, Chair of CSU's Communication department and author of the nexus degree in film production, described the program and the high level of student interest it has generated since its creation in 2018. Dr. Gibson introduced CSU film production alumna Ginger Steele and current student Timothy Pitts, who spoke of their experiences studying at CSU and working in the television and film industries.

President Markwood then showed a trailer for *Still*, the first full-length film produced by the CSU-GFA partnership. 13 CSU students worked on the film, which won the Top Georgia Film Award at the Atlanta Film Festival and was recently picked up for international distribution.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chris Clark, Georgia Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, gave an overview of the Georgia InVenture Prize competition that will take place on April 3-4, 2019, at the Georgia Public Broadcasting studios. The USG will participate in event, allowing each USG institution to identify a team to showcase its entrepreneurship programs in the statewide competition.

## **ETHICS TRAINING**

Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness John Fuchko provided an overview of the Board of Regents Bylaws provisions and USG Ethics Policy requirements that pertain to members of the Board, the Chancellor, and Executive Vice Chancellors and presented the USG Ethics Policy for certification.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Wrigley began his report to the Board by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked several visitors and notable figures who were in attendance, including Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre and outgoing Board Chairman James M. Hull. The Chancellor also welcomed incoming Board Chairman Don L. Waters and several new members of the University System Office (USO) staff, including Executive Vice Chancellor for Operations Teresa MacCartney, Vice Chancellor Jen Talaber Ryan, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Juanita Hicks, and Executive Director of Government Relations Casey Aultman to the Board of Regents. He thanked Georgia Institute of Technology Director of Media Relations and Issues Management Lance Wallace and Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Karin Elliott for their outstanding work in interim roles at the USO. Chancellor Wrigley acknowledged Savannah State University (SSU) President Cheryl Dozier's planned retirement and thanked her for her service to the university. Associate Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs Kimberly Ballard-Washington will serve as interim president of SSU until a new president is selected through a national search. The Chancellor acknowledged Georgia Institute of Technology President Bud Peterson's retirement announcement and thanked Dr. Peterson for his years of service and many contributions to Georgia Tech.

Chancellor Wrigley then shared several highlights from across the University System. He spoke of the Momentum Year student survey results and announced a new System-wide initiative requiring incoming first-year students to elect a program focus before they begin their first semester. This initiative is in line with programs that are already in place at Columbus State University, Georgia College and State University (GCSU), and Georgia State University. He congratulated Valdosta State University on winning the Division II National Football Championship. He also congratulated Kennesaw State University and Georgia Southern University on receiving updated Carnegie Classifications of R2, the second-highest classification for research institutions in the country. The Chancellor commended GCSU alumnus Kevin Morris, who has been named the institution's first Marshall

Scholar. Mr. Marshall hopes to study at University College London this fall.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note. On this day in 2007, Steve Jobs introduced the first iPhone. This new device introduced touchscreen navigation to the public and forever changed how developers created and distributed software.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto. Upon motion 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 Economic Development
- the Committee on Finance & Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Personnel & Benefits
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

In connection with adopting the Committee on Academic Affairs' report the Board waived Board Policy 8.3.2 with respect to the process in approving naming Governor Nathan Deal as a Regents Professor at the University of Georgia.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to appoint Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Chris McGraw as Assistant Secretary to the Board.

Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., gave an update on the 2019 USG Foundation Gala. The event will be held on February 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Regis Hotel in Atlanta.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no petitions. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held on February 12, 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 12:05 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and 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 12:45 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to name Dr. Kyle Marrero as the finalist for the position of Georgia Southern University president.

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present approved a revision to the Georgia Institute of Technology security clearance resolution that was approved by the Committee on Organization & Law earlier in

the meeting.

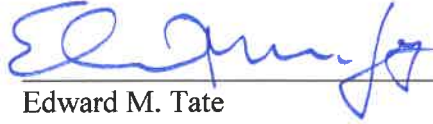
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.



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Don L. Waters  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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

## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive & Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:02 a.m. in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Board Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade; Regents Chris Cumiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Sachin D. Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and several members of his staff also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

The Committee discussed its periodic self-assessment, which was completed on November 13, 2018. This self-assessment was completed in accordance with the Board's Bylaw which requires the Board of Regents to define and regularly evaluate its responsibilities. The self-assessment process identified potential areas for improvement and associated recommendations. At today's meeting we approved the recommendations brought forward from the self-assessment. These recommendations included improving the Regents' Initial and Committee Orientations, highlighting key items being presented for a Track Committee to the entire Board, and conducting a review of other system boards to identify additional best practices. The recommendations accepted also included the continuation of certain practices such as presenting high-level items for consideration by the entire board, continuing in-depth discussions of presidential performance, and having students and faculty present at Board meetings.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at approximately 9:10 a.m. to discuss personnel and litigation matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and several members of his staff also were present for the 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 Waters reconvened the committee in its regular session at 9:22 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 9:23 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 10:34 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 C. Dean Alford, W. Allen Gudenrath, Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Laura Marsh, Sarah-Elizabeth Reed, and E. Scott Smith. Board Chairman Don L. Waters and Chancellor Steve Wrigley also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Marti Venn provided an orientation on the work conducted by the Committee on Academic Affairs during each Board meeting.
2. Vice Chancellor Venn informed the Committee about an action taken by the Chancellor pursuant to delegated authority to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Chamblee Burch the Fuller E. Callaway Distinguished Chair at the University of Georgia.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

3. The Committee approved the establishment of a nexus in cybersecurity in financial technology at Columbus State University.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in in biomolecular science at Augusta University.
5. The Committee approved naming Governor Nathan Deal as a Regents Professor at the University of Georgia and waived Board Policy 8.3.2 Regents' Professorships with respect to the process.

### **CONSENT ITEM**

6. The Committee adopted new endowed faculty positions at Georgia State University and named faculty appointments at Augusta University, Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:51 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 10:52 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 C. Dean Alford; Chris Cummiskey; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; and E. Scott Smith. Board Chairman Don L. Waters also was present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Committee Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes presented a brief orientation on the mission of the Committee on Economic Development.
  
2. Chief Innovation Officer Dr. Art Recesso provided an update on the developing partnership between the University System and the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the creation of apprenticeship standards for the financial technology industry in Georgia.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 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 11:01 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 C. Dean Alford; Chris Cummiskey; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; and E. Scott Smith. Board Chairman Don L. Waters also was present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

1. University System Office staff provided a brief orientation on the structure and activities of the Committee.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

2. The Committee approved certain named personnel at the Georgia Institute of Technology to apply for, and receive, United States Government security clearance related to classified government research.
3. The Committee approved certain named personnel at Savannah State University to apply for, and receive, United States Government security clearance related to classified government research.
4. The Committee approved Gordon State College entering into mutually beneficial emergency services arrangements with the City of Barnesville and Lamar County.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairwoman Reed called for an executive session at approximately 11:05 a.m. to discuss personnel and litigation 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, Chairwoman Reed reconvened the committee in its regular session at 11:19 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL & BENEFITS**

The Committee on Personnel and Benefits of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:40 a.m in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Phillip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chairman Richard L. Tucker; Regents Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leeburn, Jr.; Sachin D. Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also was present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Interim Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Karin Elliott provided an orientation regarding the activities of the Committee on Personnel and Benefits.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 10:45 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Committee Vice Chairman Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Regents Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also was present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook provided an orientation on the Committee on Finance and Business Operations and its yearly forward agenda.

**APPROVAL ITEM**

2. The Committee approved a proposed revision to the *Board of Regents Policy Manual*, Section 7.3.4.3, Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 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 11:00 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 Committee Vice Chairwoman Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin D. Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

**INFORMATION ITEM.**

1. Interim Chief Audit Officer & Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit Tan Smith gave an orientation on the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance. Dr. Smith and Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness John Fuchko reviewed the Committee's planned forward agenda.

**APPROVAL ITEMS**

2. The Committee approved the proposed Internal Audit Charter.
3. The Committee approved the proposed Compliance and Ethics Charter.
4. The Committee approved the proposed Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance Charter.

**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 10:51 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Tarbuton, were Committee Vice Chairman Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Regents Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin D. Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Vice Chairman T. Rogers Wade also was present. 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 by the Chancellor under delegated authority to approve the construction management firm rankings for project no. BR-10-1903, Brumby Hall Renovation, at the University of Georgia.
2. Vice Chancellor James provided the Committee with a brief orientation and forward agenda.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

3. The Committee authorized project no. BR-68-1902, Observatory Replacement, at the University of North Georgia.
4. The Committee approved the naming of Howard Nathaniel Lee Circle at Fort Valley State University.
5. The Committee approved the naming of the Patrick and Kara Jones Family Gate at Sanford Stadium at the University of Georgia.
6. The Committee approved the naming of the Saunders Center for Laboratory Sciences at Columbus State University.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.