

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
HELD AT  
270 Washington St., S.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia  
December 8, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, December 8, 2005, in the Board Room, room 7007, 270 Washington St., S.W., seventh floor. The Chair of the Board, Regent J. Timothy Shelnut, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present on that day, in addition to Chair Shelnut, were Vice Chair Patrick S. Pittard and Regents Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Connie Cater, William H. Cleveland, Joe Frank Harris, Julie Ewing Hunt, W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., Elridge W. McMillan, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Wanda Yancey Rodwell, Richard L. Tucker, Allan Vigil, and Joel O. Wooten, Jr.

Regent Michael J. Coles joined the meeting by teleconference.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The attendance report was read on Thursday, December 8, 2005, by the Secretary to the Board, Gail S. Weber, who announced that Regent Martin W. NeSmith had asked for and been given permission to be absent on that day.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2005, Chair J. Timothy Shelnut called for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and compensation issues. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into Executive Session. Those Regents were as follows: Chair Shelnut, were Vice Chair Patrick S. Pittard and Regents Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Connie Cater, William H. Cleveland, Michael J. Coles, Joe Frank Harris, Julie Ewing Hunt, W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., James R. Jolly, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., Elridge W. McMillan, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Wanda Yancey Rodwell, Richard L. Tucker, Allan Vigil, and Joel O. Wooten, Jr. Also in attendance were Interim Chancellor Corlis Cummings; the Secretary to the Board, Gail S. Weber; the Associate Secretary to the Board, Jennifer E. Fairchild-Pierce; the Associate Vice Chancellor for Media and Publications, Arlethia Perry-Johnson; and Dan Parker of Baker-Parker and Associates, Inc. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4), an affidavit regarding this Executive Session is on file with the Chancellor's Office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)**

At approximately 10:35 a.m., Chair Shelnut reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session and announced that no actions had been taken in the Executive Session.

Chair Shelnut recognized the members of the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee who were in attendance at this meeting: Thomas G. Cousins; President Dorothy LeLand of Georgia College & State University; Dr. Patricia Rugaber, Distinguished Professor and Professor of Biology, Coastal Georgia Community College; and Dr. Teresa Merriweather-Orok, Associate Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning and Outreach, Albany State University.

Chair Shelnut then called for a motion to elect the new Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Regent Wooten made the motion to appoint Erroll B. Davis as the new Chancellor. Regent McMillan seconded the motion. With motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board of Regents elected Mr. Davis as Chancellor-designate of the Board of Regents.

Chancellor-Designate Davis thanked the Regents for their faith and confidence in him. He said that he would be open and communicative with them and that he would lead the University System of Georgia with integrity.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m. on December 8, 2005. The meeting was followed by a brief press conference.

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Gail S. Weber  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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J. Timothy Shelnut  
Chair, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia