

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
December 9, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, via telephone. The Chair of the Board, Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Stelling, were Vice C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; James M. Hull; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents W. Paul Bowers; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; and Richard L. Tucker were excused.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Regents' May 10 (revised) and Nov. 9, 2016, meetings.

**SPECIAL CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE**

Chair Hopkins introduced Vice Chancellors Shelley Nickel and John Fuchko for a segment on the proposed consolidation of Albany State University and Darton State College. Possibility for this consolidation was first recommended to, and approved by, the Board of Regents in November 2015. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved:

1. a resolution consolidating Albany State University and Darton State College, creating Albany State University, effective January 1, 2017.
2. appointment of Dr. Arthur N. Dunning as Albany State University president.
3. amendment of Board of Regents Policy 2.10 Institutional Mission and Function for a blended institutional function, designating Albany State University's primary sector as a State University and secondary sector as a State College.

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to name Dr. Richard A. Carvajal as Valdosta State University president.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Regents present voted unanimously to approve Georgia Institute of Technology President G.P. "Bud" Peterson's request to award an honorary degree to Mr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 10:15 a.m., Chair Stelling called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing 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 Stelling reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 10:25 a.m., and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present approved increasing to \$515,400.00 the total annual value of Chancellor-elect Steve Wrigley's compensation, effective Jan. 1, 2017, as proposed at the Board's Nov. 9, 2016, meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2016.



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



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