

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
February 14, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, in the Board Room, Room 8003, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:34 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Hopkins, were Vice Chair James M. Hull; and Regents C. Dean Alford; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; Sachin Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent W. Paul Bowers was excused.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Georgia Institute of Technology Student Government Association President Nagela Nukuna gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

Chief of Police Bruce Holmes gave the safety briefing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's January 11, 2017, meeting.

**CHIEF LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

At approximately 9:39 a.m., University System Chief of Police Bruce Holmes presented information on the Chief Leadership Initiative Program, a continuing education and development course for system police chiefs to standardize their knowledge and procedures. Chief Holmes recognized those chiefs in the second cohort: Chief Antonio Long, Atlanta Metropolitan State College; Chief Michael Masters, Dalton State College; Chief Ken Morgan, Fort Valley State University; Chief Shawn Douglas, Middle Georgia State University; and Chief Justin Gaines, University of North Georgia. An audio recording of Chief Holmes' remarks, and a copy of his presentation, is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

An interruption occurred from 9:41-9:45 a.m.

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, ROCKONOMIX**

At approximately 9:55 a.m., University of West Georgia President Kyle Marrero and Professor Kim Holder regaled the Board with a presentation on Rockonomix. This student-produced music video parody project, which President Marrero described as a modern-day "School House Rock," helps motivate student learning by using popular media to reinforce basic economic principles, and enables educators to actively engage students in the learning process. Professor Holder stated the contest was an engaging way to hook students on material and learning, and shared examples of its implementation and success, as well as some video clips of students' entries and parodies. An audio recording of President Marrero's and Professor Holder's presentation is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Steve Wrigley gave his report to the Board around 12:47 p.m. The Chancellor stressed his administration will continue to focus on student accessibility and online access, as well as furthering the mission of Complete College Georgia. Dr. Wrigley stated affordability starts with tuition, and noted the Board had kept tuition increases at an average of 2.5 percent over the past five years. He mentioned building on efforts to improve efficiency, increase accountability and control costs, citing as prime example the morning's actions on

consolidation. He thanked the Georgia Legislature for its continued support of the University System of Georgia. The Chancellor also took time to recognize the life and service of the recently-deceased Dr. Harry Downs, Clayton State University founding president, and who also had served the USG as an assistant vice chancellor and acting Chancellor. Finally, Chancellor Wrigley shared with the Board various highlights from, and accomplishments at, System institutions. An audio recording of Chancellor Wrigley's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Regent Wilheith announced that approximately six weeks remained before the Regents' Salute to Education, commonly called the Regents' gala.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

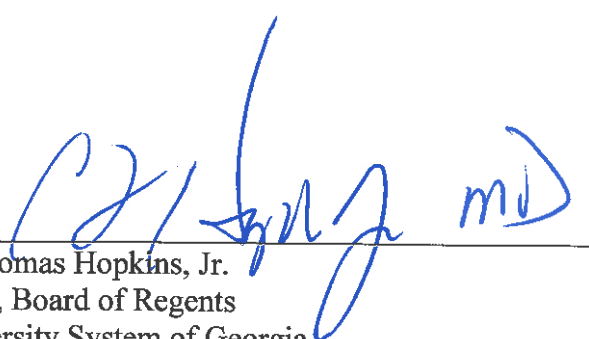
Secretary to the Board Samuel C. Burch announced the next Board of Regents meeting would be Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

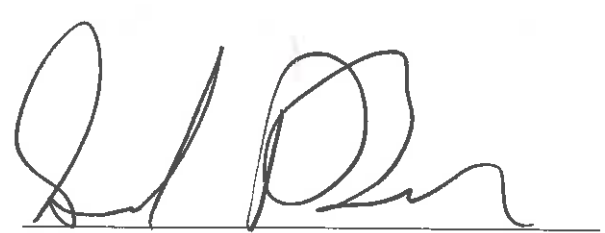
At approximately 1:05 p.m., Chair Hopkins called for an executive session to discuss personnel and compensation matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for portions of the executive session included Chancellor Wrigley and members of his staff. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board. Chair Hopkins reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 2:01 p.m., and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:03 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.



C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive & Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents met at 9:01 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in room 8026 of the Board's offices in Atlanta, Georgia. Board Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Hopkins, were Regents Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent W. Paul Bowers was excused.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 9:03 a.m., Chair Hopkins called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. With motion made and variously 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.

Chair Hopkins reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 9:25 a.m. and announced that the committee took no actions during executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in room 7007 of the Board's offices in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair E. Scott Smith called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Smith, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge Griffin; Jr.; Laura Marsh; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; T. Rogers Wade; and Larry Walker. Regent W. Paul Bowers was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Board unanimously approved all items.

1. The Board approved establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Neuroscience at Georgia Institute of Technology.
2. The Board approved establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Cybersecurity, an eMajor program to be offered via distance education delivery (online), at Kennesaw State University.
3. The Board approved establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Religion at the University of Georgia.
4. The Board approved revisions Board of Regents policies 3.9 Academic Advising, and 4.7.1 Student Appeals.
5. The Board approved establishment of several endowed and named faculty positions and appointments, copies of which are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW**

The Committee on Organization & Law met at approximately 10:57 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in room 7007 of the Board's offices in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Larry Walker called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Walker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge Griffin; Jr.; Laura Marsh; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; and T. Rogers Wade. Regent W. Paul Bowers was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Board unanimously approved all items.

1. The Board approved Augusta University to enter into a mutually beneficial aid agreement with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office; and Dalton State College to enter into such agreements with the Dalton Police Department and Whitfield County Sheriff's Office.
2. The Board approved revisions to Board of Regents policies 2.1 Election of Presidents by the Board, and 2.4.2 Reappointment Declined.
3. The Board approved a revision to Board of Regents Bylaw 3(8).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 11:08 a.m., Chair Walker called for an executive session to discussing 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.

Chair Walker reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 11:38 a.m. and announced the committee took no actions during executive session.

4. The Board approved holding appeal 2425 for further review by the Discretionary Review Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

**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 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in room 8003 of the Board's offices in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Richard L. Tucker called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Tucker, were Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Unless noted otherwise, the Board unanimously approved all items below.

1. The committee heard a briefing on a potential project at the University of Georgia.
2. The committee heard an update concerning the acquisition and renovation of the Ledger-Enquirer Building, subsequently renamed "Frank D. Brown Hall," at Columbus State University's RiverPark Campus.
3. The committee received information on real estate actions taken within the authority the Board delegated to the Vice Chancellor for Facilities for the period beginning Sept. 1, 2016, and ending Dec. 31, 2016. These actions included acquisitions, easements, and leases.
4. The Board approved appointment of a design professional firm for project no. BR-30-1704, CODA Interior Fit-up (Floors 5 – 16), at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
5. The Board approved the naming of the Noonan Golf Facility at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
6. The Board approved the naming of Moore-Rooker Hall at the University of Georgia.
7. The Board approved the naming of Billy Grant Field at Tommy Thomas Park, Valdosta State University.
8. The Board approved the transfer of real property, 1 Eleventh Street, Augusta, for use by, and for the benefit of, Augusta University.
9. The Board approved naming of the Nicholas Smarr and Jody Smith Memorial Building at Georgia Southwestern State University.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

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

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:51 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in room 8003 of the Board's offices in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Wilheit, were Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters.

1. Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs and Budget Director Tracey Cook presented information to the committee on the University System of Georgia's second quarter revenues and expenditures.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

**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 11:13 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in the room 8003 of the Board's offices in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Waters, were Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Chair Waters called for an executive session to discussing 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.

Chair Waters reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 11:42 a.m. and announced the committee took no actions during executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.