

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
December 12, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, via a special called telephonic meeting. The Chairman of the Board, Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. Present, in addition to Chairman Hopkins, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; and Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Sachin Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; and Ben J. Tarbutton, III, were excused.


SPECIAL CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE


Chairman Hopkins provided background information on the proposed consolidations of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College with Bainbridge State College and Georgia Southern University with Armstrong State University and indicated that Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness John Fuchko, III, was available to answer specific questions related to the proposed consolidations. The original proposal to approve these consolidations was presented and approved by the Board in January 2017 and was subsequently approved by SACSCOC at its annual meeting in December 2017. With motions made and variously seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved:

1. A resolution consolidating Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College, creating Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, effective January 1, 2018, and updating the bylaws to reflect this change.
2. The appointment of Dr. David C. Bridges as Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College president.
3. A resolution consolidating Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University, creating Georgia Southern University, effective January 1, 2018, and updating the bylaws to reflect this change.
4. The appointment of Dr. Jaimie Hebert as Georgia Southern University president.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:36 p.m.


James M. Hull
Chairman, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia


Kimberly Ballard-Washington
Interim Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
270 WASHINGTON ST., SW
ATLANTA, GA 30334-1450**

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the management, governance and control of the University System of Georgia is entrusted by the Georgia Constitution in the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Southern University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research university devoted to academic distinction in teaching, scholarship, and service with its hallmark being a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environment beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success, its nationally accredited academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional studies prepare a diverse and select undergraduate and graduate student population for leadership and service as world citizens while its faculty, staff, and students embrace core values expressed through integrity, civility, kindness, collaboration, and a commitment to lifelong learning, wellness, and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Armstrong State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, founded in 1935 by the city of Savannah and community partners, is been a strong force, contributing to the vitality of the region and providing teaching-centered and student-focused diverse learning experiences and professional programs grounded in the liberal arts and health professions serving a diverse population of both traditional and non-traditional students, representing nearly every state and 47 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents finds that the strengths of each institution enhance and promote the many strengths of the other; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents further finds that the consolidation of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University will more effectively serve the citizens and students of Georgia by expanding academic and extracurricular offerings and increasing access to educational attainment; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

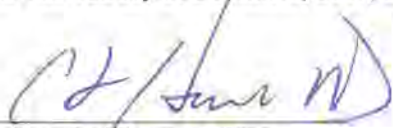
RESOLVED, That Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University shall, effective January 1, 2018, be consolidated and united to form Georgia Southern University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the consolidated Georgia Southern University inure to and possess all of the rights, authorities, and obligations formerly possessed by Georgia Southern University and by Armstrong State University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaw 1.6 of *The Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia* be amended to reflect the creation and name of Georgia Southern University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Chancellor Steve W. Wrigley is hereby directed to take those actions that will most efficiently and effectively give effect to this Resolution of the Board of Regents.

RESOLVED this 12th day of December, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia.



Chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia



Interim Secretary to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

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WHEREAS, the management, governance and control of the University System of Georgia is entrusted by the Georgia Constitution in the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, a unit of the University System of Georgia, founded in 1908 as the Second District A&M School, provides quality practical education to a diverse group of students with opportunities to learn and grow as individuals in order to engage, teach, coach, mentor, and provide relevant experiences that prepare the Graduate for life; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge State College, a state college of the University System of Georgia, provides an accessible, affordable, and excellent education for the diverse population of southwest Georgia and beyond through certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, and select baccalaureate programs as well as through continuing education, adult education, and collaboration with other educational providers, resulting in life-long learning, economic development, and graduates empowered for success in a global society and offers cultural enrichment experiences, continuing education, and economic development programs to the Southwest Georgia community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents finds that the strengths of each institution enhance and promote the many strengths of the other; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents further finds that the consolidation of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College will more effectively serve the citizens and students of Georgia by expanding academic and extracurricular offerings and increasing access to educational attainment; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College shall, effective January 1, 2018, be consolidated and united to form Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the consolidated Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College inure to and possess all of the rights, authorities, and obligations formerly possessed by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and by Bainbridge State College; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaw 1.6 of *The Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia* be amended to reflect the creation and name of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Chancellor Steve W. Wrigley is hereby directed to take those actions that will most efficiently and effectively give effect to this Resolution of the Board of Regents.

RESOLVED this 12th day of December, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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