

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
HELD AT
270 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
October 25, 2001**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia held a special meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2001, in the Board Room, room 7007, 270 Washington Street, S.W., seventh floor. The Chair of the Board, Regent Hilton H. Howell, Jr., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Present on that day, in addition to Chair Howell, were Vice Chair Joe Frank Harris and Regents Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Connie Cater, William H. Cleveland, Michael J. Coles, George M. D. (John) Hunt III, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., J. Timothy Shelnut, Glenn S. White, Joel O. Wooten, Jr., and James D. Yancey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Immediately after he called the Board to order, Chair Howell called for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into Executive Session. Those Regents were as listed above. Also in attendance were the Secretary to the Board, Gail S. Weber, and Chancellor Stephen R. Portch. 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.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Chair Howell reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session and announced that no actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Stephen R. Portch escorted Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, Chancellor of the University of Alabama System, and Mrs. Susan Meredith into the Board Room. Chair Howell made a motion that the Board elect Dr. Meredith as the tenth Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, effective January 1, 2002. Vice Chair Harris seconded the motion. Regent White moved that the motion be unanimous by acclamation, which it was. Chair Howell introduced Mrs. Susan Meredith and welcomed the Merediths to the University System of Georgia. He then invited Chancellor-Elect Meredith to address the Board.

REMARKS OF CHANCELLOR-ELECT

Chancellor-Elect Meredith approached the Board and made the following remarks:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's a delight to be here. I must admit it bothers me a great deal to see how widely that Steve Portch is smiling. Thank you for introducing [my wife] Susan. We are coming up on 30 years of marriage. As all of the presidents assembled here know, successful leadership requires a true partnership, and our marriage is a partnership as well. I want to thank you for your confidence in entrusting me with the position of Chancellor of one of the finest higher education systems in the country. Your decisive actions have earned the respect of the other states, as has the leadership of Stephen Portch, who has just done a fabulous job in moving Georgia forward in the area of higher education. The support of Governor Roy Barnes, who has extraordinary vision for education in this state, and the support of the Georgia legislature are enviable. It's been fun to watch what you've done here from a neighboring state, and it's exciting to become a part of that now. I look forward to working with the outstanding presidents you have in this state. Several of them are well known nationally, and to be able to work with them as a team as we move this great system of higher education forward is truly an honor. I thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. on October 25, 2001. The meeting was followed by a press conference.

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

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Hilton H. Howell, Jr.
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia