

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
November 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in the Board Room, Room 7007, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:37 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Pruitt, were Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Sachin Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent T. Rogers Wade was excused.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Ms. Holly Chaney, Georgia Highlands College Student Government Association president, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY BRIEFING

The safety briefing was given by Chief of Police Bruce Holmes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's Oct. 13-14, 2015, meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

At approximately 9:41 a.m., Chair Pruitt recognized as special guests City of Fort Valley Mayor Barbara Williams, and several Student Government Association presidents.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Chair Pruitt called for an executive session at approximately 9:43 a.m. for the purpose of discussing 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 Pruitt reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 10 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Arthur Dunning as Albany State University president, and Dr. Charles Jones as Fort Valley State University president.

CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

At approximately 10:04 a.m., Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning Shelley Nickel presented to the Board a recommendation for the consolidation of Albany State University and Darton State College. This will be the University System of Georgia's seventh consolidation, Ms. Nickel said, and aligns with the Board's 2011 guide for considering and study of potential consolidations. Among the rationale provided by Ms. Nickel was that 42 percent of Albany State University's transfer students come from Darton State College. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to consolidate Albany State University and Darton State College, naming the consolidated institution Albany State University, with Dr. Arthur Dunning as president. An audio recording of Ms. Nickel's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS INITIATIVE UPDATE

At approximately 10:16 a.m., Chair Pruitt introduced Vice Chancellor for Educator Access and Success Rob Anderson for an update on, and presentation about, the Essential Skills Initiative. Dr. Anderson shared with the Board examples of campus initiatives to develop and deploy strategies to help students develop a stronger sense of purpose; strengthen soft skills such as communication, critical thinking and organization; and better connect their education to career objectives. He introduced Columbus State University Servant Leadership Program Director Stuart Rayfield and Georgia College & State University Provost Kelli Brown for testimony of the effort's success and implementation on their campuses.

An interruption occurred around 10:34 a.m. Chair Pruitt exercised his prerogative to adjourn the Board and break for Track committee meetings until 12:30 p.m. The presentation resumed when the Board reconvened. Mr. Ed Baker, publisher of the Atlanta Business Chronicle for 30 years, also described a curriculum he has developed and how it addresses these essential skills. Dr. Anderson also outlined next steps regarding system conversations with business and industry leaders. An audio recording of this presentation is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

SPECIAL GUEST: REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN SMYRE

At approximately 10:27 a.m., Chair Pruitt recognized Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre, and welcomed him to address the Board. Rep. Smyre, the Fort Valley State University Alumni Council president, congratulated the Board on its consolidation efforts and vision for the University System. He spoke highly of both Albany State University President Arthur Dunning and Fort Valley State University President Paul Jones.

STUDENT VETERANS UPDATE

At approximately 12:44 p.m., Director of Military Affairs David Snow provided a synopsis of University System initiatives and successes of the last year concerning student veterans. He introduced Kennesaw State University Director of Military & Veteran Services Frank Wills, who outlined initiatives and programs in place at KSU to support military and veteran students; and Mr. David Garcia, a Marine and current graduate student at Georgia State University, also serving in a six-month The Mission Continues Fellowship with the University System, to speak of his experiences at GSU.

Dr. Snow concluded his presentation by sharing a video on the Wounded Eagle program at Georgia Southern University. Noting that Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, was Veterans Day, Chair Pruitt asked any veterans present at the meeting stand for recognition of their service. An audio copy of the speakers' remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

USG FACULTY RESEARCH RECOGNITION

At approximately 12:58 p.m., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis introduced Atlanta Metropolitan College President Gary McGaha and University of West Georgia President Kyle Marrero to detail some of the research efforts underway by the University System's esteemed faculty. President Marrero spoke particularly of those who worked to support the world summit of Nobel Peace laureates, originally intended to convene in November 2015 in Atlanta; the summit was moved to Barcelona, Spain. The research conducted, and eight award-winning proposals arranged, by the committee aligned with the summit's 13 identified topics. President McGaha detailed efforts to involve students with this project. An audio recording of Presidents McGaha's and Marrero's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

VISION FOR AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

At approximately 1:09 p.m., Augusta University President Brooks Keel addressed the Board to present a vision for the course of the university, recently renamed at the Board's September 2015 meeting, and consolidated in 2011. An audio copy of President Keel's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby gave his report at approximately 1:29 p.m. The Chancellor thanked the Board for its leadership and for making what he held as the right decisions in the matters facing them that day. Chancellor Huckaby continued by touting recent accomplishments and milestones of several System institutions and students. The Chancellor concluded his remarks by congratulating Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and Secretary to the Board Nels Peterson on his recent appointment to the Georgia Court of Appeals; and by lauding Fort Valley State University Provost Jessica Bailey for her leadership in serving as interim president at the university; and thanked Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., for his leadership over the past year. An audio recording of Chancellor Huckaby's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

CHAIR PRUITT'S REMARKS

Chair Pruitt gave his remarks at approximately 1:41 p.m. He thanked the Board of Regents for the opportunity to serve as its chair in 2015, and cited several ongoing goals for the Board, though ones in which it has experienced success. One is graduating more students and enabling them to find a productive place in the workforce, and increasing the number of Georgians with a degree of some kind. According to Chair Pruitt, this has been accomplished in part through the Governor's Complete College Georgia Initiative; the eCore and eCampus programs; and providing more needs-based financial aid. The Board must continue to be stewards of its resources, as it has done by consolidating institutions and embarking on public-private partnerships. The Board also must continue improving the safety of its institutions and allaying the worries of its stakeholders, particularly students, Chair Pruitt said. The Campus Safety and Security Committee, after thorough research and examination, made a number of recommendations to the Board this year to that end, many of which have already been implemented, according to Chair Pruitt. An audio recording of Chair Pruitt'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

With motion made and variously seconded, the Board of Regents approved delegating authority to Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby until the Board reconvenes in January 2016. University System of Georgia Foundation Chair Sachin Shailendra announced that the Regents' Salute to Education, colloquially known as the gala, will be Friday, April 29, 2016.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:06 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.



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



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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Pruitt, were Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Regents Larry R. Ellis; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:03 a.m., Chair Pruitt called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing 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 Pruitt reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 9:25 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 10:44 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in conference room 5158 of the University System office at 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Lori Durden called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Durden, were Regents Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Larry Walker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present for a portion of the meeting. Regent T. Rogers Wade was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The Board approved establishment of a Bachelor of General Studies at Georgia Southwestern State University, and a Bachelor of Science with a major in Environmental Engineering at Kennesaw State University.
2. The Board approved substantive changes to the Master of Archival Studies offered by Clayton State University; and the Bachelor of Arts with a major in French and Bachelor of Arts with a major in Spanish offered by Georgia College & State University, creating a stand-alone Bachelor of Arts with a major in World Languages and Cultures.
3. The Board approved a modification to the College of Coastal Georgia's institutional mission statement. The revised mission statement includes language indicating that the institution will provide associate and baccalaureate degrees that support the intellectual, economic, and cultural needs of the community and region.
4. The Board approved establishment of a number of 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.
5. The committee heard a report and viewed a presentation concerning the annual Academic Programs report provided by Assistant Vice Chancellor Marci Middleton.
6. The committee heard an update on the Georgia Film Academy from Executive Director Jeffrey Stepakoff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 11:21 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in conference room 5158 of the University System office at 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Larry Walker called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Walker, were Regents Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent T. Rogers Wade was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The Board approved Georgia Institute of Technology President G.P. “Bud” Peterson’s request to award honorary degrees to Ms. Mary Rockett Brock and John F. Brock, III.
2. The Board approved a resolution authorizing certain named Georgia Institute of Technology personnel to apply for and receive United States Government security clearance related to classified government research.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 11:27 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, Chair Walker called for an executive session for the purpose of 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 11:56 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:57 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Economic Development of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in the Board Room, Room 7007, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair C. Dean Alford called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Alford, were Regents W. Paul Bowers; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. Board Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., also was present.

1. Vice Chancellor Mark Lytle and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Distance Education Jon Sizemore presented the committee an update on program and service aspects of the evolving University System of Georgia role in the Governor's High Demand Career Initiative. This included addressing critical workforce issues facing technology-based industries, and an initial list of eMajor programs in development for the new eCampus initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:03 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2015.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 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 11:03 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in the Board Room, Room 7007, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair James M. Hull called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Hull, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. Board Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., also were present. Regent Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, was excused.

1. Associate Vice Chancellor Tracey Cook presented to the committee information on University System of Georgia first quarter revenues and expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL & AUDIT, RISK & COMPLIANCE**

The Committee on Real Estate & Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 11:11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Richard L. Tucker called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Tucker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Don L. Waters. Board Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., also were present. Regent W. Paul Bowers was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Director of Information Technology Audit Patrick Jenkins presented the committee a status update on phase one of the Office of Internal Audit and Compliance's system-wide information security audit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:18 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 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 11:19 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr. called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Hopkins, were Regents C. Dean Alford; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. Board Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. also was present. Regent W. Paul Bowers was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Vice Chancellor for Facilities Jim James presented an informational item concerning proposed revisions to Policy Manual Section 9.0, Facilities.
2. The committee heard information on Georgia Institute of Technology's High Performance Computing Center.
3. The committee heard information on Georgia Institute of Technology's proposed project to construct a new police facility.
4. The committee heard information on Georgia Southern University's proposed privately-funded project to renovate and expand the College of Business Administration.
5. The committee heard information on the University of Georgia's proposed project to renovate Clark Howell Hall.
6. The committee heard a report on environmental and occupational safety activities for Fiscal Year 2015.
7. The Board authorized project number BR-30-1606, Renovation of Instructional Space (Boggs Chemistry Building), at Georgia Institute of Technology.
8. The Board approved a waiver to Policy 9.7.3 Modular/Temporary Buildings for the restoration of the Kennedy Fine Arts Building at Savannah State University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:33 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015.