

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
November 11, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast and telephonic dial in. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Vice Chairman James M. Hull and Regents Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., were excused.

**VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION**

Chairman Sachin Shailendra began the meeting by commemorating Veterans Day and thanking past and present service members for their service to the nation.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Secretary to the Board Edward Tate gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting of October 13, 2020.

**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

Chairman Shailendra thanked University System Office (USO) staff, students from all University System of Georgia (USG) campuses, and Board members for their service to the USG during such a challenging year.

**ACADEMIC DEGREE APPROVAL REDESIGN**

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer Tristan Denley presented an overview of the redesigned process for authorizing and reviewing academic programs. This initiative is part of the USG's 2024 strategic plan, which focuses on the alignment of degree programs with talent needs in the Georgia business community. New degree proposals will include information about supply and demand for specific programs of study, specific knowledge and competencies required for related careers, and career outlook and labor market data; this will ensure that USG institutions develop new academic programs in in-demand areas. Proposals for new degree programs will explain how each new program will impact the institution's overall academic portfolio, including student and faculty needs, and will be incorporated into the budget proposal process that occurs each winter. The USO will provide training for faculty to develop degree proposals in the new format and to use data tools to retrieve relevant career and labor market data.

**FALL STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis Angela Bell provided an update on 2020 student enrollment. The USG enrolled a record 165,801 students in Summer 2020. This figure represents a 9% increase compared to Summer 2019 and shows that the USG outpaced other U.S. colleges and universities, most of which experienced no increase this summer. Fall 2020 enrollment is 341,485 students, a 2% increase since Fall 2019, including increases in African-American, Asian, Hispanic, and non-resident students.

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Wrigley began his final report of 2020 by acknowledging Veterans Day. He thanked veterans and active duty service members for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country. The Chancellor spoke of the

USG's many efforts to support veterans and service members under the leadership of Director of Military Affairs David Snow, including providing a dedicated space for veterans and other military-connected students on every campus; waiving out-of-state tuition for service members and recent veterans; and waiving out-of-state tuition for the children of current service members who attended high school in Georgia or whose parents were stationed in the state within the last five years. He also commended several USG institutions that have been recognized for their support of the military. OnlineU named Georgia State University the #1 Online Military-Friendly School in the nation, and Military Times counts seven USG institutions on its "Best for Vets" list. Georgia Southern University was recently selected as part of a group of institutions that will launch the new U.S. Naval Community College, and the University of North Georgia, also known as the Military College of Georgia, is one of only six senior military colleges in the U.S.

Chancellor Wrigley mentioned several highlights from across the University System. He thanked the USG presidents, faculty, and staff for their leadership and determination in these unprecedented times. He also thanked the USO staff for their dedication to the mission of the USG. Lastly, he thanked Chairman Sachin Shailendra and the members of the Board of Regents for their guidance and support this year. The Chancellor spoke of the increase in mental health challenges on university campuses across the country and described the Mental Health Task Force's plan to significantly expand mental health services, including access to teletherapy and clinical counseling services, at all USG campuses. A new USG Mental Health Consortium will also develop a long-term mental health service model. Chancellor Wrigley thanked Albany State University President Marion Fedrick and Valdosta State University President Carvajal for co-chairing the Mental Health Task Force. The Chancellor then spoke of the USG's Fall 2020 enrollment milestones, including reaching all-time high student enrollment; increases in first-year, African-American, Asian, and Latino students despite a national trend of enrollment declines; and increases in degrees awarded and four-year graduation rates. He also mentioned a slight decline in enrollment at the USG's state colleges, likely an effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lastly, Chancellor Wrigley congratulated ITS, Shared Services, the University System Office, and all USG campuses on completing the OneUSG Connect initiative. This three-year project united all 26 institutions and other USG entities on a single human resources and payroll platform and is an example of the way shared services allow the USG to function more efficiently.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note. On this day in 1918, the Allied powers signed a ceasefire treaty with Germany to end World War I. November 11 later became known as Armistice Day, in remembrance of the thousands who lost their lives fighting in the war.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto. Upon motions made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the reports of the following committees:

- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Finance & Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

Regent Samuel D. Holmes recused himself from voting on the following Real Estate & Facilities program management firm rankings: Project No. J-361, Ag Facilities Enhancement, at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; No. J-362, Nursing and Health Science Simulation Lab Facility, at Albany State University; Project No. J-366, Performing Arts Center, at Valdosta State University.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Two communications were presented to the Board for review. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next BOR meeting will be held on January 12, 2021.

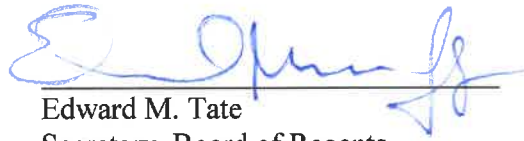
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



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Sachin D. Shailendra  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



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Edward M. Tate  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:01 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames, were Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; and Don L. Waters. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Arts in Communication at Columbus State University.
2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Arts with a Major in Art and Design at Kennesaw State University.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of an eMajor Collaborative Associate of Science in Financial Technology at Georgia Highlands College.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

4. The Committee approved the establishment of several endowed positions at Georgia State University, Georgia Southwestern State University, and the University of North Georgia.
5. The Committee approved the appointment of several named faculty positions at the Augusta University, Georgia Southwestern State University, and the University of Georgia.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for Committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:08 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW**

The Committee on Organization and Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 10:08 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Committee Vice Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Jose R. Perez. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

**APPROVAL ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved a request from University of North Georgia President Bonita Jacobs to use certain intellectual property, in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 6.3.5, Trademarks.
2. The Committee approved Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College entering into a mutually beneficial aid agreement with the City of Tifton.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 10:11 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and student records. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

**RECONVENE**

After the Committee exited executive session, Chairman Waters reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 10:26 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

**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 10:03 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Vice Chairman Harold Reynolds called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Vice Chairman Reynolds, were Regents Cade Joiner; Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board Chairman also were present. Committee Chairman Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., and Regents Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed were excused.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Associate Vice Chancellor for Accounting & Reporting Brad Freeman presented information on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget to Actuals for the University System of Georgia.
  
2. Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy & Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook presented the FY 2021 First Quarter Financial Update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

## **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 10:23 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices at 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Holmes, were Committee Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith; Regents J. Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Harold Reynolds; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra also were present. Regents Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. were excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-90-2103, Small Animal Vivarium Build-Out, at Kennesaw State University.
2. The Committee approved the ranking of program management firms for Project No. J-361, Ag Facilities Enhancement at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, as listed below. Committee Chairman Holmes recused himself from voting on this item.
  - 1) Darden & Company, LLC, Atlanta
  - 2) PDC Solutions, LLC, Atlanta
  - 3) CBRE Heery, Inc., Atlanta
  - 4) Colliers International-Atlanta, LLC, Atlanta
3. The Committee approved the ranking of program management firms for Project No. J-362, Nursing and Health Science Simulation Lab Facility at Albany State University, as listed below. Committee Chairman Holmes recused himself from voting on this item.
  - 1) PDC Solutions, LLC, Atlanta
  - 2) CBRE Heery, Inc., Atlanta
  - 3) Hendessi & Associates, LLC, Atlanta
  - 4) Skanska USA Building, Inc., Atlanta
4. The Committee approved the ranking of program management firms for Project No. J-363, Academic Renovation and Campus Infrastructure at Fort Valley State University, as follows:
  - 1) Colliers International Atlanta, LLC, Atlanta
  - 2) PDC Solutions, LLC, Atlanta
  - 3) Hendessi & Associates, LLC, Atlanta
5. The Committee approved the ranking of program management firms for Project No. J-365, Humanities Building Renovation and Infrastructure at the University of West Georgia, as follows:
  - 1) Comprehensive Program Services, Inc., Atlanta
  - 2) Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., Atlanta
  - 3) Gleeds USA, Inc., Atlanta
  - 4) Darden & Company, LLC, Atlanta
6. The Committee approved the ranking of program management firms for Project No. J-366, Performing Arts Center at Valdosta State University, as listed below. Committee Chairman Holmes recused himself from voting on this item.
  - 1) Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., Atlanta
  - 2) Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc., Atlanta
  - 3) Darden & Company, LLC, Atlanta
  - 4) CBRE Heery, Inc., Atlanta

7. The Committee approved rankings of program management and design professional firms for Project No. J-375, Convocation Center at Georgia Southern University, as follows:

Program Management

- 1) BDR Partners, LLC, Atlanta
- 2) Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., Atlanta
- 3) Gleeds USA, Inc., Atlanta

Design Professional

- 1) LS3P Associates, Ltd. w/AECOM (Savannah/Kansas City, MO)
- 2) Cooper Carry, Inc. w/Ewing Cole, Inc. (Atlanta/Atlanta)
- 3) Stevens & Wilkinson GA, Inc. w/tvsdesign (Atlanta/Atlanta)

8. The Committee approved the execution of a ground lease and rental agreement for Project No. PPV-90-2002, New Student Residence Hall, at Kennesaw State University.
9. The Committee approved the execution of a ground lease and rental agreement for Project No. PPV-10-2001, New First-Year Student Residence Hall, at the University of Georgia.

**APPROVAL ITEMS**

10. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-40-2101, 4th Floor Research Space Build-Out, College of Science and Math Building, at Augusta University.
11. The Committee approved the execution of a ground lease for a solar energy generation facility at Georgia College & State University.
12. The Committee approved the execution of a historic preservation easement on the Jean LeRoy Bywaters Building at Fort Valley State University.
13. The Committee approved the naming of Williams Family Plaza at the University of Georgia.
14. The Committee approved a naming modification for Lynn Cottrell Park at the University of North Georgia.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:31 a.m.



**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 10:31 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chairman Cade Joiner, Regents Samuel D. Holmes, Everett Kennedy, Harold Reynolds, and T. Dallas Smith. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra also were present. Regents Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., were excused.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Wilheit called for an executive session at approximately 10:32 a.m. to discuss personnel and compensation matters. 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.

**RECONVENE**

After the Committee exited executive session, Chairman Wilheit reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 10:47 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken in the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.