

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
September 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman Cade Joiner; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; James M. Hull; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Ms. Brianna Bailey, student body president at Georgia State University gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Mike Coverson, Chief of Police, gave the safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings of August 10, August 12, and August 19.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT- WORKING TO FULLFILL OUR PROMISE: GGC 2.0

Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) President Jann Joseph and Provost George Low discussed GGC student support initiatives, including the use of data to add value and better support a diverse student body, resulting in increased retention and graduation rates. GGC students Benjamin Rodriguez and Greatzel Unabi shared their experiences from GGC and how GGC has help shape and prepare them for future success.

ACTING CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Acting Chancellor MacCartney began her report by congratulating USG presidents and their leadership teams, making it possible for all 26 USG institutions to resume in-person learning this fall. The Acting Chancellor reported on the effectiveness of on-campus COVID-19 risk reduction efforts like PCR saliva tests, COVID-19 testing, and rapid tests, as well as the vaccination progress. Chancellor MacCartney highlights that over 313,000 tests have been sent out; 432,000 face masks, shields, and N/KN-95 respirators mask; 942,000 gloves, 21,400 gowns thousands of gallons of sanitizer and disinfectant solutions have been distributed to campuses across the System. Chancellor MacCartney noted that the most effective way to keep from getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 is to get vaccinated and wear a mask. Our institutions strongly encourage mask usage and provide incentives for vaccination.

Chancellor MacCartney highlighted several achievements across the system: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's School of Agriculture and Natural Resources welcomed more than 1,400 students to start this fall; Georgia State University welcomed its largest first-year class ever with more than 5,600 first-year students on the Atlanta Campus; 40% of all fall undergraduate students at Georgia Tech are women; Georgia College is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a state public liberal arts university; and Taylor Dorsey, a junior at Fort Valley State University, has been named a national Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Scholar, the highest honor given by the White House Initiatives on HBCUs.

Chancellor MacCartney concluded her remarks by appreciating all of the important work that students, faculty and staff across the System are doing every day towards student success.

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 Organization & Law
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

Regent Samuel D. Holmes recused himself from voting on a Real Estate & Facilities Committee item: sub-rental agreement for space at 3475 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta for the University of Georgia.

Regent James M. Hull recused himself from voting on a Real Estate & Facilities Committee item: design professional firm ranking for Project No. J-376, Gateway Building and Infrastructure for Georgia Gwinnett College.

Regent Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed recused herself from voting on Real Estate & Facilities Committee item: amendments to extend a ground lease and a rental agreement for University Village Student Housing at Savannah State University.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The next BOR meeting will be held on October 12 and 13, 2021, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 10:30 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**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 9:29 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; James M. Hull; 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 a request to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Emerging Media at Georgia Southwestern State University.
2. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Cyber Technology at Clayton State University.
3. The Committee approved a request to offer a Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management at Georgia Southern University.

CONSENT ITEMS

4. The Committee approved the appointment of one endowed faculty position at Columbus State University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:41 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 9:42 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 James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Jose R. Perez.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee approved proposed revisions to the Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 4.6.5, Standards for Institutional Student Conduct Investigation and Disciplinary Proceedings.
2. The Committee approved Clayton State University entering into a mutually beneficial aid agreement with the City of Lake City.
3. The Committee approved Clayton State University entering into a mutually beneficial aid agreement with the City of Morrow

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 9:46 a.m. to discuss personnel 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 10:08 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 10:09 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at approximately 9:27 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 Committee Chairman Holmes and Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith, were Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney, Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra and Vice Chairman J. Cade Joiner were also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Committee received a written report of real estate actions taken between April 1, 2021, and June 31, 2021, pursuant to the delegated authority of the Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities.

APPROVAL ITEMS

2. The Committee approved the design professional firm ranking for Project No. J-376, Gateway Building and Infrastructure for Georgia Gwinnett College. The ranked firms were:
 - 1) SSOE | Stevens & Wilkinson, Inc. w/Hughes Group Architects, Inc. (Atlanta/Sterling, VA)
 - 2) Lord Aeck Sargent Planning & Design, Inc. w/ROSSETTI, Inc. (Atlanta/Detroit, MI)
 - 3) McMillan Pazdan Smith, LLC w/Sasaki Associates, Inc. (Atlanta/Watertown, MA)
3. The Committee approved the design professional firm ranking for Project No. J-377, Science Hill Modernization, Phase I for the University of Georgia. The ranked firms were:
 - 1) Cooper Carry, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 2) EYP/Architecture & Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 3) Perkins+Will, Inc. (Atlanta)
4. The Committee approved the design professional firm ranking for Project No. J-378, Cumming Academic Building Addition for the University of North Georgia. The ranked firms were:
 - 1) Jericho Design Group, LLC (Cumming)
 - 2) Lyman Davidson Dooley, Inc. (Marietta)
 - 3) Pieper O'Brien Herr Architects, Ltd. (Alpharetta)
5. The Committee approved the construction management firm ranking for Project No. BR-50- 2103, Library North Study Commons Expansion for Georgia State University. The ranked firms were:
 - 1) Albion General Contractors, Inc. (Sandy Springs)
 - 2) Hogan Construction Group, LLC (Norcross)
 - 3) Gay Construction Company (Atlanta)

6. The Committee approved amendments to extend a ground lease and a rental agreement for University Village Student Housing at Savannah State University. Regent Langford Reed recused herself from voting on this item.
7. The Committee approved an amendment to a sub-rental agreement for space at 3475 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta for the University of Georgia. Committee Chairman Holmes recused himself from voting on this item.
8. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-2202, Experiential Learning Center at the Center for Research and Education at Wormsloe for the University of Georgia.
9. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-40-2201, New Modular Data Center for Augusta University.
10. The Committee authorized Project No. PPV-70-2102, Patterson Hall Bathroom Renovation for Valdosta State University.
11. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. PPV-30-1801, Campus Center (Student Center Expansion/Renovation) for Georgia Institute of Technology.
12. The Committee approved the acquisition of real property located at 1127 Broadway in Columbus for Columbus State University. Committee Chairman Holmes recognized three special guests who were in attendance with Columbus State University President Markwood to show their support for this action: Former Regent Jimmy Yancey (1996-2003) and Emeritus member of the CSU Foundation Board of Trustees; Teddie Ussery, Chair of the CSU Foundation Board of Trustees; and Steve Butler, Chair of the Trusteeship Committee for the CSU Foundation Board of Trustees.
13. The Committee approved the naming of the Delta Innovation Hub at the University of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

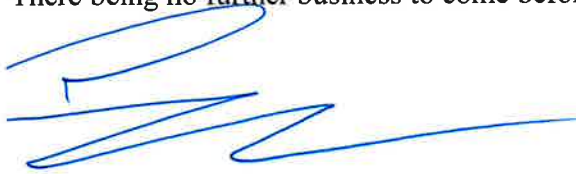
There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:44 a.m.

RECONVENE

Following executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 11:16 a.m. and announced that no action had been taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.



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



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