

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
November 8, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in Room 8003 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Board Chair Harold Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Present, in addition to Chair Reynolds, were Vice Chair Erin Hames; Regents Doug Aldridge; Tom Bradbury; Richard T. Evans; W. Allen Gudenrath; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy III; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; Lowery Houston May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; T. Dallas Smith; and James K. Syfan, III. Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes participated remotely. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mary-Monroe Smith, Student Government Association President at Gordon State College, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent Doug Aldridge, the Regents voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 11-12, 2022, Board meeting.

**CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT – MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY – “AVIATION EDUCATION: TOGETHER WE SOAR”**

President Christopher Blake of Middle Georgia State University led the Campus Spotlight, “Aviation Education: Together We Soar.” President Blake began by saying, “Middle Georgia State University is proud to deliver a world class aviation program.” Then Adon Clark, Dean of the School of Aviation; Emily Smart, flight student; Nathaniel Redding, maintenance student; and Jada Dockery, air traffic control student; addressed the Board. Dean Clark spoke about the substantial growth in the aviation program since 2014, and the students all spoke with great enthusiasm about their experiences in the aviation program and how it is preparing them for successful careers.

**RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT – “INNOVATIONS IN PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY: ADVANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE BIOECONOMY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY”**

President Jere Morehead of the University of Georgia began the Research Spotlight presentation, “Innovations in Plant Biotechnology: Advancing Agriculture and the Bioeconomy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” by introducing Dr. Robin Buell, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar Chair in Crop Genomics and Professor, Crop and Soil. Dr. Buell discussed her important research which can assist in “boosting worldwide food supplies by improving crop yields and plant hardiness, increasing the biofuel potential of bioenergy crops, and harnessing the inherent power of plants to

produce healing substances.”

### **UPDATE TO BYLAWS**

At the October Board meeting, the Board heard an informational item with proposed changes to the Board’s Bylaws. At this meeting, Vice Chair Erin Hames followed up on that discussion by presenting the proposed changes to the Board for formal approval. Upon a motion by Regent Samuel D. Holmes that was seconded by Regent Tom Bradbury, the Board unanimously approved the changes to the Bylaws.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed for track committee meetings.

### **FALL ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

After the full Board reconvened, Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis Angela Bell gave an update on Fall Semester enrollment throughout the University System. Among other findings, she reported that Fall enrollment for 2022 stands at 334,459, comprised of approximately 148,00 students in research universities, 90,000 in comprehensive universities, 60,000 in state universities and 35,000 in state colleges. Compared to last Fall the system had an overall decline of approximately 6,200 students or 1.8%.

### **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION DISCUSSION**

Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Christopher McGraw and Senior Legal Counsel Josiah Heidt provided information to the Board about freedom of expression on campuses. They specifically discussed the so-called Chicago Statement, which was originally created at the University of Chicago and has since been adopted by many other institutions of higher education, and compared and contrasted it with the Board of Regents Policy on Freedom of Expression.

### **CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

Chancellor Sonny Perdue gave his monthly report. He began by commenting on the earlier Freedom of Expression Discussion and noted that it is part of an ongoing discussion about free speech rights on college campuses. He noted that a university’s role is both to provide specific educational content and to teach the values of civil discourse and the freedom to express one’s views regardless of whether others agree with it.

Chancellor Perdue also noted that it was Election Day and that he hoped everyone would exercise their constitutional right to vote. He also mentioned that Veterans Day is November 11 and discussed the importance of paying tribute to and celebrating those men and women whose service protected our freedoms. He added that Board of Regents strives to make the University System very friendly to our military veterans and that the University System Office recently hired an additional employee to work on outreach to veterans. He also noted the University System emphasizes providing opportunities to adult learners who joined the military after high school and are interested in continuing their education.

Chancellor Perdue also spoke about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and conveyed how grateful he is to work with the Board and the System staff as well as employees on our campuses. He acknowledged that the staff are working tirelessly to do the very best for our State and for

higher education and that he is honored to be a co-laborer with them in that effort. He reiterated that we are a good system, we're getting better, and we're going to be the best.

Chancellor Perdue also reported that task force groups are being formed to address concerns raised by institution presidents in areas such as shared serves, dual enrollment, athletics, and budgeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

### **ELECTION OF 2023 OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Regent T. Dallas Smith presented the committee report of the Executive and Compensation Committee including the Board's discussion of its annual self-assessment. He particularly called attention to the committee's recommendation that both Chair Harold Reynolds and Vice Chair Erin Hames be elected to another term in those respective offices for 2023. The report was presented in the form of a motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chair Harold Reynolds gave remarks upon the final regular Board meeting of 2022. He noted a number of successes that have been achieved this year and thanked his fellow Board members and Chancellor Perdue for all of their work. He also recognized Chief Operating Officer Teresa MacCartney for the work she did when she served as Acting Chancellor prior to Chancellor Perdue's appointment. He also thanked Governor Kemp and the General Assembly for the support they continue to provide for higher education in Georgia. He additionally thanked the institution presidents and their staffs as well as the University System staff for all of their hard work. He also recognized the USG Foundation for the work it does to provide more opportunities for Georgians to attend college.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw announced that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held on January 18, 2023, at the Board's offices in Atlanta.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair Reynolds called for an executive session at approximately 4:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, real estate-related issues, and/or a potentially commercially valuable plan. With motion properly made and variously 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.


**RECONVENE**


Following executive session, Chair Harold Reynolds reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 5:06 p.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Nancy Young to the Georgia Board of Dentistry. This appointment is to replace a previous nominee who has since submitted her intent to retire.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m..

  
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Harold Reynolds  
Chairman, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

  
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Christopher A. McGraw  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

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

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 2:11 p.m. In addition to Committee Chair Jose Perez, Board Chair Harold Reynolds, Board Vice Chair Erin Hames, and Regents Doug Aldridge, Tom Bradbury, W. Allen Gudenrath, Samuel D. Holmes, Barbara Rivera Holmes, Cade Joiner, and Patrick C. Jones were present.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Health Science in Speech Language Pathology at Augusta University upon a motion by Regent Doug Aldridge seconded by Regent Allen Gudenrath.
2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology upon a motion by Regent Patrick Jones seconded by Regent Doug Aldridge.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Solid Earth and Planetary Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology upon a motion by Regent Patrick Jones seconded by Regent Cade Joiner.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science at the Georgia Institute of Technology upon a motion by Regent Doug Aldridge seconded by Regent Allen Gudenrath.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of a Nexus Degree in Supply Chain Management at the University of West Georgia upon a motion by Regent Cade Joiner seconded by Regent Doug Aldridge.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

6. The Committee approved the Establishment of the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Professorship at the University of Georgia.
7. The Committee approved the Establishment of the Bulldog Veterinary Medicine Professorship at the University of Georgia.
8. The Committee approved the Establishment of the 1946 Veterinary Medicine Professorship at the University of Georgia.
9. The Committee approved the Establishment of the Dr. Betty L. Siegel Distinguished Chair in Health and Wellness at Kennesaw State University.
10. The Committee approved the Establishment of the Margaret P. and John H. Weitnauer Jr. Chair at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
11. The Committee approved the appointment of several named faculty positions at the

University of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Augusta University.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Committee heard presentations from Dr. Kathy Schwaig, President and Dr. Ivan Pulinkala, Interim Provost and Interim Vice President for the Division of Enrollment Services, Kennesaw State University (“KSU”). The first presentation covered KSU’s new Workplace Interpersonal Relationships Certificate (WIRC). This new 16-hour certificate developed at KSU helps students gain the necessary skills to resolve conflict in the workplace and be successful working in a diverse society. This model is available for use to other USG campuses. For the second presentation, KSU shared some of the initiatives being developed to ensure the strategic realignment of resources with their academic mission.

The Committee also heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor Stuart Rayfield on the proposed data elements to be included in reporting to the Committee on Academic Affairs for the annual performance review for faculty.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 2:08 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in room 8003 of the Board’s offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Neil L. Pruitt called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Pruitt were Regents James M. Hull; C. Thomas Hopkins Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; Lowery Houston May; T. Dallas Smith; Richard “Tim” Evans; and Jim K. Syfan. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. The Committee received an information item on FY 2023 First Quarter Financial Update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:16 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 2:24 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Sarah-Elizabeth Langford called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Langford were Regents James M. Hull; C. Thomas Hopkins Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt; Lowery Houston May; T. Dallas Smith; Richard "Tim" Evans; and Jim K. Syfan. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit and Chief Audit Officer Jenna Wiese and Executive Director of Internal Audit Ted Beck provided the committee with an update on the conclusion of the Clery Act Engagement.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee Chair Langford called for an executive session at approximately 2:35 p.m. to discuss ongoing investigations as well as personnel issues. With the 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. The Executive Session was adjourned at approximately 3:01 p.m., no actions were taken in the Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:02 p.m.



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

The Committee on Organization and Law met at approximately 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Holmes were Committee Vice Chair Tom Bradbury; Regents Doug Aldridge; W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Patrick C. Jones; Cade Joiner; and Jose R. Perez. Board Chair Harold Reynolds and Board Vice Chair Erin Hames were also present.

**Approval Items:**

Upon a motion by Regent Jose Perez and seconded by Regent Doug Aldridge, the committee approved the awarding of honorary degrees at Georgia State University to Myra Payne Elliott, the late Barbara Pace Hunt, and the late Iris Mae Welch.

Upon a motion by Regent Patrick C. Jones and seconded by Regent Doug Aldridge, the committee approved a mutual aid agreement between South Georgia State College and the Coffee County Board of Education.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Hames and seconded by Regent Allen W. Gudenrath, the committee approved a resolution in support of a University of Georgia grant application to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

There being no further business to come before the committee, and upon motion properly made by Regent Joiner and seconded by Regent Aldridge, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.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 Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at approximately 2:16 p.m. in the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Committee Chair T. Dallas Smith called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Smith were Committee Vice Chair C. Everett Kennedy, III, Regents Richard "Tim" Evans, C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., James M. Hull, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford, Lowery Houston May, Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and James K. Syfan, III. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Committee heard the following consent items (Agenda Items 1-4), all of which were approved by the members present and voting following a motion made by Regent Hopkins and seconded by Regent Evans.

1. The Committee authorized project number PPV-30-2301, MS&E Lab Renovation, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
2. The Committee authorized project number BR-90-2302, Pedestrian/Bike Improvements, Kennesaw Campus, for Kennesaw State University.
3. The Committee authorized project number PPV-30-2302, Progressive Workspace Renovation for the Offices of Internal Audit and General Counsel, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
4. The Committee authorized a budget modification for project number J-378, Cumming Academic Building Addition, for the University of North Georgia.

### **APPROVAL ITEMS**

5. The Committee authorized a budget modification for project number BR-82-2001, Coastal Community Center for the Arts, for the College of Coastal Georgia and delegated authority to the Chancellor to approve subsequent budget modifications during project design. The motion to approve was made by Committee Vice Chair Kennedy and seconded by Regent Pruitt.
6. The Committee approved an advance rental payment for the administrative offices portion of Building D located on approximately 2.06 acres of land at 20 Collins Industrial Way in Lawrenceville for Georgia Gwinnett College. The Committee further acknowledged that the advance rental payment would allow the early termination of the corresponding rental agreement, and they approved the acquisition of the property as a gift. The motion to approve was made by Regent Pruitt and seconded by Regent Houston May.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:23 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive and Compensation Committee met at approximately 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta. Committee members present were Board Chair Harold Reynolds, Board Vice Chair Erin Hames, and Regents Samuel D. Holmes, C. Everett Kennedy III, Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and T. Dallas Smith with Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes participating remotely. In addition, Regents Doug Aldridge; Tom Bradbury; Richard T. Evans; W. Allen Gudenrath; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; Patrick C. Jones; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford; Lowery Houston May; Jose R. Perez; and James K. Syfan, III were also present. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

The committee held a discussion regarding its annual self-assessment, led by Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Christopher McGraw.

Upon a motion by Regent T. Dallas Smith and seconded by Regent Bárbara Rivera Holmes, the committee unanimously voted to recommend that Board Chair Harold Reynolds and Board Vice Chair serve another term in those respective offices in 2023.

There being no further business to conduct, the committee adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m.