

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
September 15, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, September 15, 2015, in the Board Room, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 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; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and E. Scott Smith were excused.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mr. Juawn Jackson, Georgia College & State University Student Government Association president.

**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 August 12, 2015, meetings.

**GEORGIA REGENTS UNIVERSITY UPDATE**

At approximately 9:39 a.m., Chair Pruitt called on Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby and Georgia Regents University President Brooks Keel for an update on that institution's direction and name. Chancellor Huckaby and President Keel recommended to the Board that, after careful consideration and conference with stakeholders, Georgia Regents University be named Augusta University. They explained it supports the long-term strategic direction of the institution and builds on partnership with the Augusta community. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to name the institution Augusta University, effective immediately. An audio recording of Chancellor Huckaby's and President Keel's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**GALILEO 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

At approximately 9:42 a.m., Chair Pruitt called again on Chancellor Huckaby and Executive Director of Library Services Merryll Penson for a presentation on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GALILEO, or Georgia Library Learning Online, implemented in 1995 to link campus libraries via the still-new Internet. Ms. Penson provided a history of the service, as well as several milestones achieved, as a digital resource now providing universal electronic library access for every Georgian. Dr. Penson stressed how GALILEO has empowered Georgians' educations by producing cost-effective, reliable, trustworthy and valuable information resources. A copy of Dr. Penson's presentation and an audio recording of her remarks are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations convened as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:17 a.m. Committee Chair James M. Hull recognized Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business John Brown, who proposed to the Board fiscal year 2017 budget and capital requests, attached hereto as Appendices I and II, respectively. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted

unanimously to adopt the budget and capital requests as presented. An audio recording of Mr. Brown's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **STATE SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD WOODS**

At approximately 12:40 p.m., Chair Pruitt recognized and welcomed State Superintendent Richard Woods. Superintendent Woods related current initiatives in Georgia's schools, as well as their needs and ties to the University System of Georgia. An audio recording of Superintendent Woods' remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY UPDATE**

At approximately 12:50 p.m., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs introduced Dr. Jeffrey Stepakoff, Georgia Film Academy executive director. Dr. Stepakoff recapped the Georgia Film Academy's creation through Gov. Nathan Deal's High Demand Career Initiative, which focuses on the future needs of strategic industries in Georgia. Dr. Stepakoff elaborated on the entertainment industry's \$6 billion impact in Georgia, and the corresponding jobs and new businesses it generates. An audio recording of Dr. Stepakoff's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE**

At approximately 1:21 p.m., Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby introduced Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs Susan Ridley and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Daryl Griswold for an update on the University System of Georgia's Public-Private Partnerships (P3) initiative. Ms. Ridley and Mr. Griswold detailed to the Board the initiative's progress over the last year; the split of public and private responsibilities for campus housing; and its financial results, quality and affordability, and accountability. They continued by showcasing some of the facilities that have been developed at USG institutions. An audio recording of Ms. Ridley's and Mr. Griswold's remarks, and a copy of their presentation, 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 1:34 p.m. The Chancellor opened his remarks with a commendation to Ms. Bertha Harris, Executive Assistant to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs, who has been employed with the Board of Regents for 40 years. Chancellor Huckaby continued by touting recent accomplishments and milestones of several System institutions and students. 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regent C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., voiced concern with tanning beds being used at USG institutions, and asked for information to be gathered for review.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be October 13-14, 2015, at Kennesaw State University.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 1:49 p.m., Chair Pruitt called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing

personnel matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for portions of the executive session included Chancellor Huckaby and members of his staff. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board. Chair Pruitt reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 2:13 p.m., and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2015.



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Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Regents  
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Secretary, Board of Regents  
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