

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
January 6, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Ball Room, 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 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; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Doreen Stiles Poitevint was excused.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Mr. Lanier Henson, Georgia State University Student Government Association president.

SAFETY BRIEFING

The safety briefing was given by Chief of Police Connie Sampson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's November 12, 2014, meeting.

PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

Georgia State University President Mark Becker welcomed the Board of Regents at approximately 9:42 a.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., gave his remarks at approximately 9:43 a.m. Chair Pruitt first recognized and welcomed Georgia State Legislature Representatives Bentley and Williams. He noted which Regents would chair the Track I and II committees, respectively: Lori Durden, Academic Affairs; Larry Walker, Organization & Law; T. Rogers Wade, Personnel & Benefits; C. Dean Alford, Economic Development; Jim M. Hull, Committee on Finance and Business Operations; Richard L. Tucker, Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance; and C. Thomas Hopkins, Committee on Real Estate and Facilities. Non-track committees will be chaired as follows, he said: Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III, Intercollegiate Athletics; Don L. Waters, Graduate Medical Education; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., State Wide Academic Health Planning.

Chair Pruitt stated three priorities for the Board of Regents in 2015. Those priorities are to ensure more students graduate, bolster the University System of Georgia's role in economic development, and be the best stewards of state resources possible. There are 1.9 million households in Georgia with children under 18, according to Chair Pruitt, who said the University System must earn their approval by focusing on these priorities. He stated Georgia must remain a top place to do business. The University System must insure entrepreneurship, and facilitate, not impede, transfer of intellectual capital to startup businesses. An audio recording of Chair Pruitt's comments is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS: INTERIM PRESIDENTS

At approximately 9:55 a.m., Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby introduced interim presidents for several

institutions: Dr. Tom Hackett of Columbus State University; Dr. Margaret Venable of Dalton State College; and Dr. Charles Patterson of Georgia Southwestern State University.

SPECIAL CONSOLIDATION RECOMMENDATIONS

At approximately 10:02 a.m., Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby introduced Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning Shelley Nickel. Ms. Nickel put before the Board a resolution consolidating Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University, creating Kennesaw State University. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the resolution. The Board of Regents also approved Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby's recommendation that Dr. Daniel Papp be appointed the president of Kennesaw State University, with all rights and authorities, and all terms of employment contained in the Policy Manual.

Ms. Nickel further addressed the Board of Regents regarding the proposed consolidation of Georgia State University and Georgia Perimeter College. Ms. Nickel shared brief highlights of the two institutions' histories and profiles, and stated that the foremost reason for this consolidation is ensuring student success, and be more efficient and supportive of that end. The total student population of Georgia State and Georgia Perimeter tops 53,000, according to Ms. Nickel. Georgia Perimeter has for years functioned as a feeder school to Georgia State, and the two already share a campus in Alpharetta. While Georgia State University's first-year student retention rate remains high, Georgia Perimeter's hovers around 61 percent, she said.

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis noted benefits to the consolidation and difficulties in realizing it. The consolidated institution would be able to serve students with very intentional advisement. There is a firm foundation and flow between the two institutions for those pursuing degrees, Dr. Davis said, and very intentional pathways could be established moving forward. This provides opportunity to target degrees where they are most needed, he said. So far as challenges, Dr. Davis stated among them was a reduction in state budgetary contributions. He stressed that budget concerns are not the driver for consolidation, though that will certainly need addressing in the coming years.

The Board of Regents approved designating Georgia State University President Mark Becker as the implementation leader and president of the consolidated institution. An audio recording of Ms. Nickel's and Dr. Davis' comments is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

At approximately 1:40 p.m., Regent Don L. Waters introduced Director of Health Workforce Planning & Analysis Ben Robinson. Mr. Robinson called on Drs. Bruce Middendorf and Shelley Nuss of the St. Mary's Health System, who provided the committee with a detailed update on activities underway to establish an internal medicine residency program at St. Mary's by July 1, 2015, in conjunction with the Partnership Campus in Athens.

Committee Chair Waters introduced a resolution urging Congress to increase the number of Medicare graduate medical education slots for existing teaching hospitals, which will further the University System's ability to expand graduate medical education in Georgia. With motion made and variously seconded, the Board of Regents members present unanimously approved the resolution, attached hereto as Appendix I. An audio recording of the committee's proceedings is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

At approximately 2:02 p.m., Chief Audit Officer John Fuchko and Vice Chancellor for Planning and Implementation Shelley Nickel presented the Board with a high-level summary of recommendations made

by the Financial Aid Task Force established in Fall 2014, as well as current results of the USG-wide internal audit of financial aid. An audio recording of Mr. Fuchko's and Ms. Nickels' comments is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ETHICS TRAINING

At approximately 2:12 p.m., Chief Audit Officer John Fuchko provided the Board an overview of the Bylaws provisions and USG Ethics Policy requirements that pertain to members of the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, and Executive Vice Chancellors, concerning their ethical duties and responsibilities. This orientation also included signing the USG Ethics Policy certification and constituted the ethics training required by Board Policy 8.2.20. An audio recording of Mr. Fuchko's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At approximately 2:18 p.m., Senior Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs Tom Daniel spoke to the Board of Regents about the University System's priorities and target goals for the 2015 Legislative session. An audio recording of Mr. Daniel's comments 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 2:22 p.m. The Chancellor began with a video of fall commencement moments from various institutions. He reiterated the University System's resolve to move forward with improving operations of its Shared Services Center, to be renamed OneUSG, and take advantage of the material opportunity to examine economies of scale through that center. The Chancellor shared accolades received for the University System's public-private partnerships (P3) initiative. Chancellor Huckaby also spoke of the recently-activated Campus Safety Committee's endeavors, stating there will be a particular focus on alcohol use and abuse. Chancellor Huckaby concluded his report by touting research and academic milestones at several USG institutions. Before Chancellor Huckaby concluded, Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., interjected to announce that the Chancellor had been named *Georgia Trend* magazine's 2015 Georgian of the 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

At approximately 2:47 p.m., Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby cited a unique opportunity for the University System to collaborate with the Fulton County School System, which has issued a request for proposals regarding establishment of a charter high school in Hapeville. Atlanta Metropolitan State College President Gary McGaha has spoken to the Chancellor with interest in the RFP and will proceed with developing a proposal. Chancellor Huckaby stressed that this collaboration will have absolutely no impact on the University System's budget; the charter school's funds will be provided by Fulton County.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

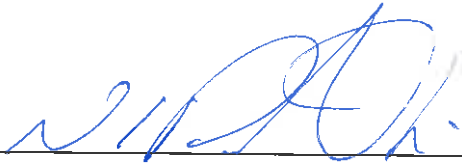
Interim Secretary to the Board Daryl Griswold announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 11, 2015, at the Board's offices in Atlanta.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

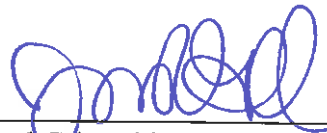
At approximately 2:52 p.m., Chair Pruitt called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for 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 4:12 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 4:13 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.



Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia



Daryl Griswold
Interim Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, in Room 5158 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Tarbuton, were Regents Lori Durden; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, Regents Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., and Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also were present. Regents Larry R. Ellis and Don L. Waters were excused.

1. Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis and Chief Audit Officer John Fuchko, III, presented the committee an update on the progress of the system's athletic review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:26 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

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, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Golden Key Board Room, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Wilheit, were Vice-Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Regents W. Paul Bowers; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III; and Larry Walker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:01 a.m., Chair Pruitt called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion made and unanimously 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 9:26 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 10:35 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Court Salon, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Lori S. Durden called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Durden, were Regents Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Doreen Stiles Poitevint was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The Board approved establishment of a Doctor of Education with a major in Educational Innovation at Georgia Regents University.
2. The Board approved establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Middle Grades Education at Gordon State College.
3. The Board approved a substantive change to the existing Bachelor of Science with a major in Communication at Kennesaw State University, to change the existing concentration in Public Relations to a stand-alone Bachelor of Science with a major in Public Relations.
4. The Board approved termination of the Associate of Applied Science in Accounting; Associate of Applied Science in Management; and the Associate of Applied Science in Business Computer Systems at Darton State College.
5. The Board approved termination of the Master of Science with a major in Polymer; Master of Science with a major in Textile and Fiber Chemistry; Master of Science in Polymer, Textile, and Fiber Engineering; and Master of Science in Textile and Fiber Chemistry at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
6. The Board approved termination of the Bachelor Arts with a major in Sociology and Bachelor of Science with a major in Hotel Restaurant Management at Georgia Southern University.
7. The Board approved establishment of several named faculty positions: the Roy Adams Dorsey Distinguished Chair in Real Estate at the University of Georgia; the Aziz and Farahnaz Hashim Distinguished Scholar for Franchise Entrepreneurship at Georgia State University; redesignation of the Mello Professorship to the Mello Chair at the Georgia Institute of Technology; and redesignation of the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Chair in Endocrinology to the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Endocrinology at Georgia Regents University.
8. The Board approved a number of named faculty position appointments, copies of which are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:59 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL & BENEFITS**

The Committee on Personnel & Benefits met at approximately 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Court Salon, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair T. Rogers Wade called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Wade, were Regents Lori S. Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; Larry Walker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Doreen Stiles Poitevint was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The committee was presented with 2015 Total Rewards Steering Committee members, attached hereto as Appendix II.
2. Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Marion Fedrick presented the committee with 2015 Open Enrollment and tobacco usage statistics.
3. Associate Vice Chancellor for Total Rewards Karin Elliott updated the committee on Graduate Research Assistants' healthcare coverage implementation to comply with the employer mandate under the Affordable Care Act, as discussed during the September 2014 Board of Regents meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW

The Committee on Organization & Law met at approximately 11:42 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Court Salon, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Larry Walker called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Walker, were Regents Lori S. Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; T. Rogers Wade; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Doreen Stiles Poitevint was excused. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The committee reviewed a proposed amendment to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents. This amendment will be considered for approval during the Board's February 11, 2015, meeting.
2. The Board approved an amendment to Article I.6 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, revising the University System of Georgia's institutions to reflect the consolidation of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University.
3. The Board approved deletion of Policy 3.2.2 Election of Faculties, to remove policy that is outmoded and no longer practiced. The Board imparted to presidents in 2007 authority and responsibility for the initial appointment of faculty members, as well as all reappointments of faculty members, under Policy 2.5.3 Personnel Policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 11:59 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 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 Tucker reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 12:20 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to continue four applications for review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:22 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 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 10:40 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Senate Salon, 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. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Mr. W. Dennis Epps, Carl Vinson Institute of Government deputy director, presented the committee an initial report summary of Governor Nathan Deal's High Demand Careers Initiative. This was prepared collaboratively by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:02 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 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, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Senate Salon, 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; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The committee discussed proposed revisions to the following sections of the Board of Regents Policy Manual: 7.3.2.1 Mandatory Student Fees; 7.3.2.2 Elective Fees and Special Charges; 7.3.4.2 Waiver of Mandatory Fees; and 7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans. The committee will be asked to approve revisions to these policies during the Board of Regents' February 11, 2015, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:14 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

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

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk & Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Senate Salon, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Richard L. Tucker called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Tucker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III; and Don L. Waters. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Chief Audit Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor Mr. John Fuchko, III, reviewed with the committee its planned one-year forward agenda, which details items scheduled for committee review and approval.
2. The Board approved the Internal Audit Charter, which defines the purpose, authority and responsibility of the internal audit function of the University System of Georgia.
3. The Board approved the Compliance and Ethics Charter, which defines the purpose, authority and responsibility of the University System of Georgia compliance and ethics function.
4. The Board approved the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance Charter, recommended by an external peer review of the USG internal audit function so the committee's role could be formally defined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:18 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 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, January 6, 2015, in the Georgia State University Student Center Senate Salon, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Hopkins, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The committee heard a University of Georgia proposal to construct, operate and maintain a one-megawatt Solar Tracking Demonstration Project (“solar farm”) as part of a mutually-beneficial research partnership with Georgia Power Company to assess commercially available solar technologies.
2. Georgia Institute of Technology President G. P. “Bud” Peterson presented a proposed project proposal for the institute to partner with a developer on the design and construction of a High Performance Computing Center in Technology Square.
3. The Board authorized execution of a sub-rental agreement between the Georgia State University Foundation, Inc., and the Board of Regents for approximately classroom and administrative support space located at 3348 Peachtree Road, Atlanta.
4. The Board authorized project number BR-30-1407, West Campus Dining Commons, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
5. The Board approved the naming of the University of Georgia’s newly-constructed Andrews Visitor and Education Center at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah in recognition of Dr. James W. Andrews and Barbara Smith Andrews.
6. The Board approved the naming of the Katherine Stembler Brockstedt, DVM Terrace at the University of Georgia in honor of Dr. Katherine Stembler Brockstedt.
7. The Board accepted a gift of approximately 11.74 acres of unimproved real property located along Technology Parkway, Swainsboro, from the Emanuel County Development Authority for the use and benefit of the East Georgia State College.
8. The Board declared its interest in approximately 32.5 acres of unimproved real property abutting the Yellow River in Newton County to be no longer advantageously useful to the University of Georgia or other units of the University System of Georgia, but only to the extent and for the purpose of allowing the conveyance of this real property to Georgia Power Company for the benefit of UGA and the USG.
9. The Board approved the naming of the 6th Street Apartments East at the Georgia Institute of Technology as the “Jack J. and Leda L. Zbar Residence Hall,” in recognition of the generosity and giving of Mr. Jack J. Zbar.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

RESOLUTION URGING U.S. CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GME FUNDED MEDICARE SLOTS FOR EXISTING TEACHING HOSPITALS

WHEREAS, physicians form the backbone of the state's health system; and

WHEREAS, all indicators are clear that demand for and utilization of the services provided by physicians will increase over time; and

WHEREAS, in-state medical school enrollment has increased by 56.9 percent over the 11 year period to 2011, and is expected to increase by an additional 35 percent by 2020; and

WHEREAS, even with the growth in in-state medical school enrollment, Georgia is still projected to suffer from a shortfall of trained medical professionals for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, medical education programs are spread among disparate public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the state's medical schools are currently training more graduates than existing available residency slots; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that the greatest predictor of where a medical professional will establish their practice is where they complete their residency; and

WHEREAS, a study committee of the Georgia House of Representatives has identified many valuable ways to bolster expansion of GME in state

WHEREAS, Georgia has undertaken an effort to expand the number of GME slots in Georgia by 400, to match the per capita average for residency positions currently existing in the southeastern States; and

WHEREAS, ongoing efforts by the state to establish 400 additional GME slots for medical residents training in Georgia are on track, increasing the numbers of slots in historically underserved areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, despite the efficacy of this effort to expand GME in Georgia, Georgia will continue to face shortfalls in the number of physicians needed to meet demand for healthcare services in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this study indicates the current cap on Medicare GME funding for existing teaching hospitals plays a major role in slowing the expansion of GME efforts across the country and in Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, Medicare is a program operated completely by the federal government and cannot be altered through state action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA, that the national Congress be and is hereby petitioned to enact bills or resolutions authorizing the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to increase the Medicare GME cap on funding for existing teaching hospitals.

This resolution is adopted this _____ day of January, 2015. Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

By: _____ Chairman, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

(SEAL)

Attest: _____
Secretary to the Board, Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

APPENDIX II

2015 Total Rewards Steering Committee Members

Dr. Mark Braunstein, Professor of the Practice, School of Interactive Computing, Associate Director, Health Systems Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology

John Brown, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs and Treasurer, University System Office

Dr. Phaedra Corso, UGA Foundation Professor of Human Health, Director, Economic Evaluation Research Group, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Georgia

Dr. William Custer, Associate Professor, Director of Center for Health Services Research, Institute of Health Administration, Georgia State University

Karin Elliott, Associate Vice Chancellor Total Rewards, University System Office Marion Fedrick, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, University System Office Monica Fenton, Director System Benefits, University System Office

Sherea Frazier, Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, University System Office

Tom Gausvik, Chief Human Resources Officer, Clayton State University

Lydia Lanier, Director System Benefits, University System Office

Susan Norton, Vice President for Human Resources, Georgia Regents University

Dr. Oreta Samples, Program Coordinator/Lecturer, Masters of Public Health Program, Department of Veterinary Science & Public Health, Fort Valley State University

Richard Spancake, Chief Human Resources Officer, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Dr. James Stephens, Associate Professor & Distinguished Fellow in Healthcare Leadership, Director of the Master of Healthcare Administration program, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University

Tony Wagner, Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration/Chief Business Officer, Georgia Regents University