

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
October 12, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, in the Board Room, Room 8003, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Stelling, were Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Laura Marsh; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regents E. Scott Smith and Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III, were excused.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Fort Valley State University Student Government Association President Lawrence G. Malloy gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Chief of Police Bruce Holmes gave the safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's Sept. 14, 2016, and Aug. 10, 2016, meetings.

The Board recessed from 10:07-10:13 a.m. when an interruption occurred.

GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY

At approximately 10:13 a.m., Chair Stelling welcomed Georgia Film Academy Executive Director Jeff Stepakoff for a presentation on the academy's development and achievements. Mr. Stepakoff touted that the Georgia Film Academy is positioned to help students transition directly from their schools into a competitive industry and retain them in the State of Georgia. To emphasize film's robust presence in Georgia, Mr. Stepakoff shared that it has grown from a \$242 million state industry in 2007 to \$7 billion in 2016. He further stated that the Film Academy's Pinewood Studios are among the top three production centers in the United States, and climbing. Among the Georgia film industry's few threats is that it has too few qualified, skilled people in state, Mr. Stepakoff said, which he attested the Film Academy is moving to remedy. To illustrate the GFA's success in training and placing this workforce, Mr. Stepakoff shared with the Board of Regents a video of students' testimonials to their experiences. An audio recording of Mr. Stepakoff's remarks and a copy of his presentation are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMENTS BY KSU FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

At approximately 1:05 p.m., the Board granted Kennesaw State University Faculty Senate President Humayun Zafar a request to speak, concerning the KSU presidential selection. Dr. Zafar, thank you for your time, and I would ask you to keep your comments to five minutes. An audio recording of Dr. Zafar's remarks 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 1:05 p.m. Chancellor Huckaby stated there has been a 31-percent increase over fall 2015 in dual enrollment students, owing to the Move on When Ready initiative. A total of 27,500 high school students participated in Move on When Ready at USG, TCSG, and private institutions, the Chancellor said. He also stated that eCore has more than tripled its enrollment since Fall 2013. The Chancellor touted recent accomplishments and milestones of several System institutions. Last, Chancellor

Huckaby recognized and bid farewell to Executive Director of Health Workforce Planning and Analysis Ben Robinson, departing the USG for a new position. It was through Mr. Robinson's expertise, according to Chancellor Huckaby, the University System has developed an effective response plan to address the pressing issues impacting Georgia in the fields of nursing and medicine. 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.

REGENTS' NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At approximately 1:25 p.m., the Regents' Nominating Committee, comprised of Regents Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., Sachin Shailendra and Richard L. Tucker, proposed a slate of officers for 2017. The committee proposed that Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., and James M. Hull be named Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The Board will vote on these officers at its November meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary to the Board Samuel Burch stated the Board received two communications – one from Kennesaw State University faculty; the other from Kennesaw State University faculty and students – urging the Board of Regents to open a national presidential search and delay its decision. Chair Stelling stated he was delivered by hand two such letters that morning. All items were made available to the Board of Regents for review prior to its meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

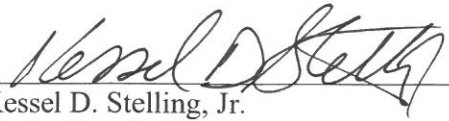
At approximately 2:32 p.m., Chair Stelling called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and compensation matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were 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 Stelling reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 3:07 p.m., and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present approved appointing Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration Steve Wrigley as Chancellor, effective Jan. 1, 2017.

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present approved appointing Attorney General Sam Olens as Kennesaw State University president, effective Nov. 1, 2016. Regent Larry Walker abstained from this vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:09 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016.



Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia



Samuel C. Burch
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia