

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
January 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, in the Board Room, Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin D. Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Rachel B. Little was excused.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Georgia State University – Decatur Campus Student Government Association Executive Vice President Hadejja Manais 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 properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings of November 12, December 16, and December 23, 2019.

WELCOME NEW REGENTS

Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra welcomed new Regents Cade Joiner, Everett Kennedy, Rachel B. Little, Lowery May, Harold Reynolds, and T. Dallas Smith to the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Shailendra thanked former Board Chairman Don L. Waters for his service to the University System of Georgia. He recognized his fellow Regents, Chancellor Wrigley, Chief of Police Bruce Holmes, all University System of Georgia (USG) institution presidents, and USG faculty and staff for the work they do in support of student success for all 330,000 USG students in Georgia. Chairman Shailendra spoke of his strong belief in the life-changing impact of higher education and of his experience as an undergraduate student at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The Chairman stated that his focus as 2020 Board Chair will be on USG students and the tools and environment that are necessary to foster success. He encouraged the members of the Board to visit USG campuses in order to be visible to and interact with the Board's core constituents. He also encouraged USG students to engage in extracurricular activities on campus to gain leadership skills and prepare for life after graduation. Finally, the Chairman spoke of the important work of the USG Mental Health Task Force and the USG Fee Working Group, two new initiatives that focus on improving the student experience for all USG students.

THREE MINUTE THESIS – AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

Vice Chancellor for Communications Jen Ryan introduced the winner of the Augusta University Three Minute Thesis competition, which requires participants to condense their theses into a format that is easier for a broader audience to understand. Helen Kaiser, a Ph.D. candidate in cellular biology and anatomy, spoke of her work on skeletal muscle loss with age.

SPOTLIGHT – GEORGIA ARCHIVES: PRESERVING THE PAST, PROMOTING LIFELONG STUDENT SUCCESS

Chairman Shailendra introduced Dr. Christopher Davidson, State Archivist and Assistant Vice Chancellor, who

gave an overview of the Georgia Archives and the services it provides. The Archives is a unit of the USG and is responsible for protecting, preserving, and providing access to historic records in Georgia. 8th grade student Andrew Bramlett, UGA master's student Laura Elizabeth Nelson, and Georgia Archives Reference Archivist Tamika Strong described the research projects they have pursued using resources from the Archives.

RECESS

The Board recessed for Committee meetings.

ETHICS TRAINING

Upon reconvening, Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness Dr. John Fuchko conducted the Board's annual ethics training. Vice Chancellor Fuchko provided an overview of the Board of Regents Bylaws provisions and USG Ethics Policy requirements that pertain to members of the Board, the Chancellor, and Executive Vice Chancellors. He then presented the USG Ethics Policy for certification.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Wrigley began his report by wishing everyone a happy new year. He wished all 330,000 USG students well as they begin a new semester. The Chancellor also thanked the members of the Board for their diligent and thoughtful guidance throughout the past year. He thanked Regent Don L. Waters for his leadership as Chairman in 2019 and welcomed Regent Sachin D. Shailendra to his new role as Chairman for 2020. He also thanked former Regents Chris Cumiskey; Laura Marsh; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbuton, III; and T. Rogers Wade, whose terms on the Board ended in 2019, for their years of service. Chancellor Wrigley welcomed new Regents Cade Joiner, Everett Kennedy, Rachel B. Little, Lowery May, Harold Reynolds, and T. Dallas Smith to the Board.

Chancellor Wrigley then mentioned several staff transitions that have occurred across the University System. He welcomed Dr. Georj Lewis, who is beginning his first full year as president of Atlanta Metropolitan State College, and Dr. Brendan Kelly, who will become president of the University of West Georgia on April 1. The Chancellor thanked Jen Talaber Ryan, Vice Chancellor for Communications, who is leaving the USG to start her own communications consulting firm, for her service and hard work. He then welcomed her successor, Aaron Diamont, who joins the USG after nine years with WSB-TV Channel 2.

Chancellor Wrigley reminded the Board that the USG has focused on promoting student success for the past several years. He emphasized the USG's three primary goals: to graduate more students, be more affordable, and be more efficient. The Chancellor spoke of several USG initiatives that support these goals, including the Momentum Year, a data-driven approach to the first year of college; Know More, Borrow Less; and the Comprehensive Administrative Review (CAR), the first systemwide examination of processes and organization. This year, the USG will continue these efforts by adopting a new strategic plan, modernizing its core curriculum, and continuing to provide free and low-cost textbooks to students.

Chancellor Wrigley concluded his remarks with a historical note. On this day in 1955, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets beat the University of Kentucky's men's basketball team in a historic upset, breaking a 129-game home-court winning streak.

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 Executive & Compensation Committee
- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Economic Development
- the Committee on Finance and Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law

- the Committee on Personnel & Benefits
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities
- the Joint Committee on Finance and Business Operations and Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., provided an update about the 2020 USG Foundation Gala. The event will be held on Friday, February 21, 2020, at the St. Regis Hotel in Atlanta. The USG Foundation Gala raises funds for needs-based scholarships for students across the USG.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions. Secretary to the Board Edward Tate announced that the next BOR meeting will be held on February 11, 2020, at the Board's offices in Atlanta.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



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



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

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Executive & Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 9:31 a.m. in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents Erin Hames; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; Cade Joiner; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Jose R. Perez; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Don L. Waters. Chancellor Steve Wrigley and several members of his staff also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEM

The Committee reviewed the Board's 2019 self-assessment and approved proposed new practices related to institutional mission reviews and track committees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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 10:30 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, 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; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Lowery May; Jose Perez; and Don L. Waters. Chancellor Steve Wrigley also was present. Regent Rachel B. Little was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Dr. Tristan Denley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided an orientation to the work conducted by the Committee on Academic Affairs.

ACTION ITEMS

2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in public service leadership at South Georgia State College.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Science at the University of Georgia.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in computer science at Augusta University.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science in Robotics at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
6. The Committee approved the establishment of a Doctor of Science with a major in information technology at Middle Georgia State University.
7. The Committee approved the establishment of a Doctor of Nursing Practice with a major in nursing practice at Valdosta State University.
8. The Committee approved the termination of four degrees at Valdosta State University.
9. The Committee approved a request for Georgia Southern University to offer instruction at the VECTR Center in Warner Robins, Georgia.
10. The Committee approved a request to name the Kennesaw State University Honors College "The *Keeping Sights Upward (KSU) Journey* Honors College," effective January 8, 2020.
11. The Committee endorsed a proposed articulation agreement between the Georgia Gwinnett Technical College General Business degree and the Georgia Gwinnett College bachelor degree in general business.

CONSENT ITEMS

12. The Committee approved the establishment and renaming of several endowed faculty positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, and the University of West Georgia.
13. The Committee approved appointments to several named faculty positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. Dr. Denley provided an update on the progress made toward revamping the USG general education core curriculum.

15. Tammy Rosner, Director of International Education, gave a presentation on the progress of USG international initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for Committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m.

**MINUTES 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 11:28 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman W. Allen Gudenrath called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Gudenrath, were Committee Vice Chairman Jose R. Perez; Regents Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Lowery May; and Don L. Waters. Regent Rachel B. Little was excused.

INFORMATION ITEM

Matt Colvin, Executive Director of Economic Development, presented a brief orientation to the Committee mission and ongoing economic development initiatives at the USO.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 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 approximately 11:35 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Committee Vice Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Lowery May; and Jose R Perez. Regent Rachel B. Little was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. University System Office staff introduced new Regents to the structure and activities of the Committee on Organization and Law.

APPROVAL ITEMS

2. The Committee approved certain named personnel at the Georgia Institute of Technology to apply for, and receive, United States Government security clearance related to classified government research.
3. The Committee approved Georgia Institute of Technology President Ángel Cabrera's request to award an honorary degree to Mrs. Diana Blank.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 11:38 a.m. to discuss 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.

RECONVENE

After the Committee exited executive session, Chairman Waters reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 11:44 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND BENEFITS**

The Committee on Personnel and Benefits of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:28 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Pruitt, were Committee Vice Chairwoman Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Regents Cade Joiner; Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Juanita Hicks provided an orientation to the Committee on Personnel and Benefits.
2. Dr. Hicks presented information regarding the dependent eligibility audit of USG benefits plans that was conducted in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:34 a.m.

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

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:35 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Stelling, were Committee Vice Chairman Harold Reynolds; Regents Cade Joiner; Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Executive Vice Chancellor for Strategy and Fiscal Affairs Tracey Cook gave an orientation to the Committee and reviewed the Committee's one-year forward agenda.

APPROVAL ITEMS

2. The Committee approved a proposed online program tuition rate of \$321 per credit hour for the Valdosta State University Doctor of Nursing degree program.
3. The Committee approved proposed tuition rates of \$8028 per semester for in-state students and \$17,700 per semester for out-of-state students for the Georgia Institute of Technology Master of Science in Robotics professional degree program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND
INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Joint Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance and Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:46 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chairman Cade Joiner; Regents Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L Pruitt, Jr., Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling Jr. Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Vice Chancellor of Internal Audit Claire Arnold reported the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 financial engagement results, including a summary of audit trends and action plans to address FY 2019 findings.
2. Vice Chancellor Arnold presented the FY 2019 Consolidated Annual Financial Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m.

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

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 11:08 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chairman Cade Joiner; Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Chief Audit Officer & Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit Claire Arnold provided a brief orientation and overview to the Board regarding the activities that occur throughout the year on the Committee. The orientation addressed the Internal Audit process for executing a risk assessment to create the audit plan, obtaining the Board's approval of the plan, completion of audits, reporting audit results and following up on audit issues. Vice Chancellor Arnold and Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness Dr. John Fuchko also reviewed the planned forward agenda.

APPROVAL ITEMS

2. The Committee approved the proposed Internal Audit Charter.
3. The Committee approved the proposed Compliance and Ethics Charter.
4. The Committee approved the proposed Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance Charter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

MINUTES 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 11:16 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Holmes, were Committee Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith; Regents Cade Joiner; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chancellor Steve Wrigley, Board Chairman Sachin D. Shailendra, and Board Vice Chairman James M. Hull also were present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Vice Chancellor for Real Estate & Facilities Jim James provided an orientation for members of the Committee, including its responsibilities and a projected forward agenda of anticipated approval and information items for 2020.
2. Vice Chancellor James presented an update on an action taken pursuant to the Chancellor's delegated authority.
3. Vice Chancellor James informed the Committee about a proposed project to renovate the historic Kell Building at Fort Valley State University.

CONSENT ITEMS

4. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-64-2001, Cold Vegetable (Cannery) Processing Facility at Fort Valley State University.
5. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-2004, Journalism MFA Film Production Studio Renovation at the University of Georgia.
6. The Committee authorized Project No. PPV-90-2001, Howell Hall Renovation on the Marietta campus of Kennesaw State University.
7. The Committee authorized a Project Budget Modification for Project No. BR-67-1901, Indoor Baseball and Softball Hitting Facility at Georgia Southwestern State University.

APPROVAL ITEMS

8. The Committee authorized the naming of The Peyton Anderson Enrollment Center on the Macon campus of Middle Georgia State University.
9. The Committee authorized the naming of Cottrell Park on the Dahlonega campus of the University of North Georgia.
10. The Committee authorized the disposition of real property located at 401 Rose Drive, Marietta, for Kennesaw State University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m.