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Board of Trustees  
105 Samford Hall  
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Dear Board Members:

Under the authority in Section 16-48-7, Code of Alabama (1975), I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, to be held on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. CDT via telephone conference. The subject of the meeting is to review the Board of Trustees Executive Committee recommendations from its June 23, 2019 meeting.

I am asking the Board Secretary to publish telephone conference call instructions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey  
Governor

# **AGENDA**

AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JULY 8, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.  
*(Via Telephone Conference Call)*

## **Telephone Conference Call Instructions**

**Dial: 646-876-9923**

**Enter Meeting ID: 880 186 249 #**

**Participation ID: # (There is no Participant ID)**

1. Roll Call
2. Action Items and Committee Reports
  - A. Executive Committee
    1. Approval of Recommendations Regarding Presidential Transition
3. Recess Meeting

# **AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RECOMENDATIONS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION**

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Board of Trustees is charged pursuant to law, policy, and other guidelines and regulations with the appointment and supervision of the President of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Leath resigned his office as President of Auburn University, by correspondence to *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith delivered on June 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee met by telephone conference on June 23, 2019 to consider recommendations regarding the presidential transition in leadership necessitated by Dr. Leath's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation from the Executive Committee by resolution of June 23, 2019, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Steven Leath, effective as of June 21, 2019, and that Dr. Leath is thanked for his service to Auburn University and its students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, also upon recommendation from the Executive Committee by resolution of June 23, 2019, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dr. G. Jay Gogue as Interim President of Auburn University with all rights, authority and duties prescribed by the Code and Constitution of the State of Alabama, as well as Auburn University Policy and Board Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and affirms that *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith, be and is hereby empowered to prepare and execute any and all notices and documentation required to effectuate the actions contemplated by this resolution, each and as reviewed by General Counsel for Auburn University, and to take any and all other actions necessary to create a smooth transition for the Office of the President from Dr. Leath to Dr. Gogue.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M.**  
*(Via Telephone Conference Call)*

The Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees met via telephone conference call on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at 1 p.m. Chairperson McCrary called upon Secretary Waggoner to call the roll. Committee members present for the conference call included Chairperson McCrary, and all seven other members the Executive Committee: Mike DeMaioribus, Bob Dumas, Raymond Harbert, Gaines Lanier, James Pratt, Jimmy Rane and Wayne Smith. Secretary Waggoner indicated that a quorum was present. Mr. McCrary discussed the following:

1.     Consideration of Resolution Regarding Presidential Actions

Mr. McCrary remarked that the Executive Committee had before it a resolution that accomplished four actions as follows: acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Steven Leath as Auburn University's 19<sup>th</sup> President, effective June 21, 2019; proposed naming of an Interim President; naming of Lieutenant General (retired) Ron Burgess as Executive Vice President of Auburn University, as this would allow him to oversee the business and administrative affairs of the University until such time as an Interim President is appointed by the full Board of Trustees; and finally, empowerment of President Pro Tempore Wayne Smith to oversee the transition for the Office of the President from Dr. Leath to an Interim President.

Chairperson McCrary next opened discussion for who might serve as Interim President. He proposed former Auburn President Jay Gogue, explaining that Dr. Gogue's extensive leadership experience and familiarity with Auburn would provide an ideal interim leader as Auburn searches for a permanent president.

Following the summary of the actions to be taken and the discussion of who might be chosen, Chairperson McCrary moved to report the resolution favorably to the full Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the Executive Committee members unanimously voted to report the resolution favorably to the full Board of Trustees for consideration at a Special Meeting, to be held as soon as proper notice could be given under policy and law. The approved Executive Committee Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Chairperson McCrary recessed the committee meeting at 1:20 p.m.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION

RECOMENDATIONS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Board of Trustees is charged pursuant to law, policy, and other guidelines and regulations with the appointment and supervision of the President of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Leath resigned his office as President of Auburn University, by correspondence to *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith delivered on June 21, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the committee recommends that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Steven Leath, effective as of June 21, 2019, and that Dr. Leath be and is thanked for his service to Auburn University and its students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee recommends that, in accordance with law and policy, the Board of Trustees appoint G. Jay Gogue as Interim President of Auburn University with all rights, authority and duties prescribed by the Code and Constitution of the State of Alabama, as well as Auburn University Policy and Board Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lieutenant General (retired) Ron Burgess be and is hereby appointed Executive Vice-President of Auburn University and is instructed to oversee the business and administrative affairs of the University until such time as an Interim President is appointed by the full Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith, be and is hereby empowered to prepare and execute any and all notices and documentation required to effectuate the actions contemplated by this resolution, each and as reviewed by General Counsel for Auburn University, and to take any and all other actions necessary to create a smooth transition for the Office of the President from Dr. Leath to G. Jay Gogue.