

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

**AGENDA
FEBRUARY 5, 2021 MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL**

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V. Recess Meeting

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Mr. Wayne Smith convened the meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the meeting to order, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Board Secretary Jon Waggoner to call the roll. The following named members of the Board of Trustees were deemed to be in attendance via Zoom video conference call: Mike DeMaiores, Bob Dumas, Raymond Harbert, Elizabeth Huntley, Gaines Lanier, Charles McCrary, Sarah Newton, Jimmy Rane, James Pratt, Quentin Riggins, B.T. Roberts, Clark Sahlie, Jimmy Sanford, and Wayne Smith.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board, was absent from the meeting.

Also on the video conference call with the Board were Nedret Billor, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Tara L. R. Beziat, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the AUM Campus. Jon Waggoner attended as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

President Pro Tempore Smith then welcomed Auburn University SGA President Ada Ruth Huntley. *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley to introduce the newly elected SGA President. Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley asked if she could reserve her final comments for the April 2021 Board Meeting in hopes that the Board will be able to hold an in-person meeting. *President Pro Tempore* Smith agreed and reserved Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley's remarks until the February 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. Huntley then welcomed Mr. Rett Waggoner as the SGA President-elect. Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley congratulated Mr. Rett Waggoner on the election and stated that she looked forward to seeing all that he and his team will accomplish during the next year. *President Pro Tempore* Smith welcomed Mr. Rett Waggoner and thanked Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley.

President Pro Tempore Smith then welcomed Niya Kimbell, AUM Student Government Association President.

Other persons in attendance via Zoom video conference call included the following: Jay Gogue, President; Ronald Burgess, Executive Vice President; Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Bill Hardgrave, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Jaime Hammer, General Counsel; Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Kelli Shomaker, Vice President for Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Gretchen VanValkenburg, Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Auburn Alumni Association; Joffery Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Gary Lemme, Director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System; Taffye Benson Clayton, Associate Provost and Vice President for Inclusion and Diversity; Scott Parsons, Vice Chancellor and CFO of AUM; Simon Yendle, University Architect; Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Jared White, Executive Director of Government Affairs; Allen Greene, Director of Athletics; Chris Roberts, Interim Vice President for Development and Interim President of the Auburn University Foundation; and Jim O'Connor, Chief Information Officer.

President Pro Tempore Smith welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM: Dr. Donald Mulvaney, Auburn University Senate Chair and Academic Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Glen Ray, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Shelia Mehta, AUM Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Andrew McLelland, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Ana Franco-Watkins, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Mr. David Hinton, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Karley Riffe, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Ms. Paige Patterson, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Mr. Rudy Tobias, AUM Staff Council President; Ms. Cheryl Casey, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; and Ms. Regenia Sanders, President of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Before beginning the committee meetings, *President Pro Tempore* discussed Trustee Lloyd Austin's absence at the Board Meeting. *President Pro Tempore* Smith remarked that General Austin was recently confirmed by the United States Senate as the United States Secretary of Defense. *President Pro Tempore* Smith stated that prior to the Board Meeting, General Austin resigned from the Board of Trustees to focus his attention on his duties as the Defense Secretary. *President Pro Tempore* Smith thanked General Austin for his outstanding service over the years. *President Pro Tempore* Smith stated the Auburn Family is looking forward to seeing what General Austin will accomplish in his new role. *President Pro Tempore* Smith remarked that he is especially proud that General Austin's confirmation marks the first African American to serve as Defense Secretary.

The Board then met in various committees, each discussing the items which would later appear on the Reconvened Board Meeting Agenda, as follows:

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson DeMaioribus called upon Mr. Yendle for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee items:

1. Goodwin Hall Recording Studio, Final Approval

Mr. Yendle reported that this project will renovate existing rooms in Goodwin Hall to create a multipurpose recording studio. Mr. Yendle explained that the program requirements include the installation of acoustical walls and windows, the construction of a new vocal booth, and a “clean power” system for the sound equipment. Mr. Yendle reported that renovations also include the replacement of existing flooring, doors, ceilings, ductwork, light fixtures, and lighting controls. Mr. Yendle stated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.3 million, to be financed by College of Liberal Arts and University Repair and Renovation funds. Mr. Yendle then requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Goodwin Hall Recording Studio project. Mr. Yendle reminded everyone that at its previous meeting on February 7, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Goodwin Hall Recording Studio project and the selection of C. Paul Butler, III Architects LLC, of Montgomery, Alabama, as the project architect. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Riggins. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

2. Hood McPherson Building Renovation, Approval of Architect Selection

Mr. Yendle then discussed the Hood McPherson Building Renovation project. He reminded everyone that the Hood McPherson Building is located at 2013 4th Avenue N., Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Yendle explained that the building, originally constructed in 1911, consists of six stories and approximately 44,000 square feet situated on 0.20 acres. Mr. Yendle stated that the Office of the Provost has proposed to renovate the Hood McPherson Building to provide academic and administrative space in Birmingham for Auburn University functions, such as the Urban Studio of the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction. Mr. Yendle then requested that the Board to adopt a resolution to approve the selection of Williams Blackstone Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, as the project architect for the Hood McPherson Building Renovation. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Sahlie. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

3. Lowder Hall New Finance Laboratory Renovations, Approval of Architect Selection

Next, Mr. Yendle discussed that the Harbert College of Business has proposed a project to renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of existing space in Lowder Hall to construct two, fifty (50) seat financial laboratories. Mr. Yendle explained that the project will support the College's Department of Finance by providing state-of-the-art laboratories dedicated to developing the practical skills essential in the financial services industry such as investment banking, asset management, and sales and trading. Mr. Yendle then requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution to approve the selection of INOX Design Inc., of Marietta, Georgia, as project architect for the Lowder Hall New Finance Laboratory Renovations. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Sanford. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

4. Auburn University at Montgomery Science Laboratory Facility Renovation, Project Initiation

Mr. Yendle then informed everyone that in 1976, Auburn University entered a long-term lease of a five-acre parcel on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Mr. Yendle reported that ADPH constructed a two-story, 45,000 square foot building on the site. Mr. Yendle then stated that ADPH wishes to terminate the lease and return the facility to AUM in March 2021. Mr. Yendle explained that AUM Facilities conducted a facilities condition assessment and completed a preliminary programming exercise of the building, and based on that analysis, AUM has proposed a project to renovate the ADPH Building to serve as a new science laboratory facility. Mr. Yendle stated that it is anticipated that the project would be financed by a combination of Public School and College Authority funds and interim funding from Auburn University, ultimately paid with AUM General Funds. Mr. Yendle then requested the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Auburn University at Montgomery Science Laboratory Facility Renovation project and to authorize commencement of the architect selection process. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Ms. Newton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

5. Football Performance Center, Final Approval

Mr. Yendle then informed everyone that the next item, the Football Performance Center final approval, would provide the Auburn University Football team with the essential capabilities and resources needed to successfully compete with the Southeastern Conference and with national peer programs. Mr. Yendle explained that the project will construct a 233,400 square foot (sq. ft.) overall facility housing a Football Operations Building, New Indoor Practice Facility, and two natural turf practice fields. Mr. Yendle reported that the key program elements within the building include the weight room, players locker room, sports medicine and nutrition, team meeting rooms, football

administration, equipment, and laundry. Mr. Yendle stated that the estimated total project cost is \$91.9 million, to be financed by University bonds with the debt service to be paid by Athletics Department Funds. Mr. Yendle then requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Football Performance Center project. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Riggins. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

6. Auburn University at Montgomery, Property Disposition

Next, Mr. Yendle reported that there are three parcels of land in Montgomery, Alabama that were gifted to the University for the benefit of Auburn University at Montgomery. Mr. Yendle reported that two of the proposed parcels are located adjacent to the Hyundai manufacturing plant with a 1.15-acre site on Hyundai Blvd and a 5.59-acre site on US Hwy 331. Mr. Yendle then reported that the third site is a 22-acre commercial development site located on US Hwy 80. Mr. Yendle explained that these sites are in areas that are being commercially developed, and their proximity to I-65 and I-85 may yield offers from a variety of businesses. Mr. Yendle reported that Auburn University proposes to engage a real estate broker to assist in marketing these sites and solicit acceptable offers to purchase at fair market value. Mr. Yendle further explained that marketing them through an appropriate broker will likely result in better purchase opportunities than if advertised through an ordinary auction or bid process. Mr. Yendle then requested that the Board of Trustees adopt a resolution authorizing engagement to a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit offers for each of the three parcels of land described above. Mr. Yendle commented that the Board of Trustees must review and approve any proposed sale transactions before closing. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCrary, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

7. Status Updates (*For Information Only*)

Mr. Yendle then discussed the status updates as follows:

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater
- b. Project Status Report

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. Yendle for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 10:15 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson Newton convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:15 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Newton called upon Dr. Hardgrave for discussion of the following Academic Affairs Committee agenda items:

1. Proposed Closure of the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership

Dr. Hardgrave indicated that the Colleges of Education and Agriculture have proposed that the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership be closed. Dr. Hardgrave explained that the program was jointly established in 2014 to offer students advanced coursework in education and agriculture, emphasizing agricultural teaching and learning, leadership, and communication. Dr. Hardgrave reported that the program's lack of enrollment has not satisfied the post-implementation conditions, and no students are currently enrolled in the program. Dr. Hardgrave then requested that the Board of Trustees approve the closure of the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership. A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees (*For Information Only*)

Dr. Hardgrave reported that the next item was for informational purposes only and would not require any action by the Board. Dr. Hardgrave informed everyone that the university has approved a new non-thesis option leading to the Master of Science in Statistics and the closure of both the Applied Discrete Mathematics option and the thesis option in the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Sciences and Mathematics.

Chairperson Newton thanked Dr. Hardgrave for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:20 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 10:20 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson Dumas convened the meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:20 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Dumas called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item.

1. Review of Audited Financial Report

Ms. Shomaker presented a review of the audited financial report for Auburn University. Ms. Shomaker then introduced Mr. Kevin Kelly of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. Kelly presented a report to the Audit and Compliance Committee regarding the financial report for Fiscal Year '20 and addressed any questions as required in the *Auburn University Board of Trustees Audit and Compliance Committee Charter*.

Chairperson Dumas thanked Ms. Shomaker and Mr. Kelly for their reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:35 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 10:35 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

Chairperson McCrary convened the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10:35 a.m. via Zoom video conference call.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson McCrary discussed the following Executive Committee agenda items:

1. Proposed 2021-2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Chairperson McCrary indicated the proposed meeting dates for Board of Trustees for 2021-2022 had been circulated to members of the Executive Committee. Chairperson McCrary announced that the following dates were proposed:

Friday, September 10, 2021
Friday, November 12, 2021
Friday, February 4, 2022 (AUM Campus)
Friday, April 22, 2022
Friday, June 17, 2022 (Annual Board Meeting)

A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

2. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the final item before the Executive Committee was a request to approve seven awards and namings.

A motion to report this item favorably to the Board was received from *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

With there being no further items, Chairperson McCrary recessed the committee meeting at 10:40 a.m.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked each of the committee chairs for their reports and then moved to Trustee Reports as follows:

Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Newton began her report by stating that towards the end of the fall 2020 semester, the university hosted the annual faculty awards ceremony to recognize more than a dozen faculty members for their efforts to advance our institution's mission over the past year. Ms. Newton stated that while this level of acknowledgement is something that the university does every year, 2020 was especially significant because almost all the individuals recognized were selected for their efforts to support our students during the pandemic. Ms. Newton reported that although we had to social distance at the GPAC, we were still able to recognize their meritorious efforts, many of whom were selected from an overwhelming number of support letters written by Auburn students. Ms. Newton stated that while all faculty deserve an award for their efforts over the past year, the following were recognized at the faculty awards ceremony:

- Drs. James Birdsong, Kerry Inger, and Jennifer Stone received the prestigious Alumni Undergraduate Excellence Teaching Awards
- Dr. Jeffrey Suhling was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship
- The Department of Art and Art History was recognized with the Departmental Award for Excellence in Education
- Dr. Angela Calderon received the Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring
- Dr. Inger, from the Harbert College of Business, was a double awardee. She and Dr. Chris Lepczyk from the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences were the recipients of the prestigious Leischuck Awards for Excellence in Teaching

Ms. Newton indicated that Auburn is fortunate to have a dedicated group of faculty who consistently demonstrate the values of the Auburn Creed to our students, regardless of the circumstances. Ms. Newton concluded her report by congratulating the abovenamed individuals.

Alumni

Ms. Huntley reported that Auburn Alumni Board Member nominations are open until March 16, 2021. She then reported that 140 Auburn club and affiliate leaders from across our nation will be participating in a two-day virtual leadership conference during the first week of February 2021. Ms. Huntley then reported that the 2021 Tiger Giving Day is scheduled for February 24, 2021. Ms. Huntley stated that the association will be raising funds for the recently created need-based Dr. Josetta Brittain Matthews memorial scholarship, named for Auburn's first African American graduate and faculty member.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Mr. Rane began his report by announcing that the 2021 Alabama legislative session began on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Mr. Rane reported that on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, Trustees DeMaioribus, Sanford, and Smith were unanimously confirmed by the Alabama Senate to serve a second term on the Auburn University Board of Trustees. Mr. Rane then stated that the Governmental Affairs Committee is extremely pleased with the proposed ETF budget. Mr. Rane explained that, despite the challenges the pandemic has presented, Governor Ivey's budget recommends a healthy increase for Auburn University. Mr. Rane concluded his report by expressing a great thanks to Governor Ivey and her team for their efforts and continued support of Auburn University.

Research and Technology Committee

Mr. Sahlie reported on the following research achievements across the university:

- Dr. Surachat Ngorsuraches, associate professor in the Department of Health Outcomes Research and Policy, received the 2020 Research Award in Value Assessment from the PhRMA Foundation. The \$100,000 award will support a COVID-19-related behavioral study that runs throughout 2021.
- Dr. Brendan Higgins, assistant professor in the Department of Biosystems Engineering, is leading a research team that has received a four-year, approximately \$500,000 grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, or NIFA, to study the possibility of using poultry processing wastewater for irrigation in controlled-environment agriculture.
- Through a \$450,000 grant from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Dr. Mark Smith, Dr. Graeme Lockaby, and Dr. Stephen Ditchkoff of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences are spearheading the monitoring and evaluation component of the Alabama Feral Swine Control Pilot Program. The project is aimed at reducing the \$50 million in agricultural damage caused in Alabama each year by feral swine.
- Margaret Fletcher, an associate professor in the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture, recently authored the book, *Architectural Styles: A Visual Guide*, which explore key architectural elements from across the globe. The book outlines international historical and contemporary architectural styles and describes the characteristics of the buildings and traditions of different eras and regions of the world.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked each of the committee chairs and lead trustees for their reports, and then indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 10:45 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

President Pro Tempore Smith convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:45 a.m.

After convening the regular meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked General Counsel Hammer if there were any pending or potential legal matters that needed to be discussed privately in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there were pending or potential legal matters that needed to be discussed privately in an executive session.

President Pro Tempore Smith then asked for a motion to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Ms. Newton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, and the Board of Trustees recessed the regular meeting and entered an executive session.

MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 AT 11:30 A.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

After reconvening the meeting at 11:30 a.m., *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 20, 2020 Meeting. A motion was received from Mr. McCrary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newton, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the Reconvened Meeting via telephone conference on Friday, November 20, 2020 have been distributed to all members of this Board of Trustees for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the minutes of its Reconvened Meeting via telephone conference on Friday, November 20, 2020 via telephone are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the November 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes, *President Pro Tempore* Smith called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

AUM Chancellor's Report

Dr. Stockton began his report by sharing that, based on Fiscal Year 2020 financial statements, AUM added to Auburn University's net position in the amount of \$6.6 million. Dr. Stockton also stated that over the past four years, AUM has added \$19.4 million to the Auburn University's net position.

Dr. Stockton then reported that on February 22, 2021, AUM will welcome Dr. Douglas Leaman as the new dean of the College of Sciences. Dr. Stockton stated that Dr. Leaman currently serves as interim provost at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Stockton then reported that despite the obstacles created by the COVID-19 pandemic, AUM recently graduated a record number of students—the highest number of graduates in twenty years since AUM converted to a semester system from a quarter system.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by sharing that AUM graduated its first class of Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN) students from AUM's new MSN Program in December 2020. Dr. Stockton shared that, to date, 100 percent of the AUM graduates who have taken their certification exams have passed on their first attempt.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked Dr. Stockton for his report and then called upon Dr. Gogue for the Auburn University President's Report.

President's Report

Dr. Gogue began his report by indicating that the Auburn University campus will resume normal on-site operations on Monday, February 8, 2021. Dr. Gogue commented that Auburn will continue to follow state and federal health guidelines as all students, faculty, and staff return to campus. Dr. Gogue stated that Auburn will continue to provide necessary accommodations for anyone who is immune compromised or otherwise in a vulnerable category.

Dr. Gogue then reported that 70 percent of courses for the spring 2021 semester have some sort of on-campus component. Dr. Gogue shared that student responses indicate that the student body is glad to return to campus. Dr. Gogue reported that the university's academic resources and dining facilities are returning to normal operations.

Dr. Gogue then echoed the sentiments shared by *President Pro Tempore* Smith congratulating Auburn alumnus and Trustee General Lloyd Austin on his confirmation as the new United States Secretary of Defense. Dr. Gogue thanked General Austin for his contributions to Auburn and wished him and Ms. Austin well as they begin this new chapter of their lives in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Gogue then reported that Auburn will receive an additional \$23 million through the Cares Act. Dr. Gogue commented that \$7.5 million must be used on emergency aid for students and the remainder will be used for institutional purposes. Dr. Gogue reported that Auburn received \$7.8 million in May 2020 to provide emergency aid for students. Dr. Gogue stated that he is thankful for the additional funding and support.

Dr. Gogue then reported that Auburn has improved its research ranking, according to the National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) survey for Fiscal Year '19. Dr. Gogue stated that in 2018, Auburn was ranked 110 out of 916 institutions, and in 2019, Auburn moved up five spots to 105 out of 916 institutions. Dr. Gogue explained that since the survey began in 2010, Auburn University's Research and Development expenditures have increased by 60 percent. Dr. Gogue stated that it is the goal of the university to crack to top 100, which is considered the "gold standard" for research institutions. Dr. Gogue commended Mr. Jim Weyhenmeyer for this impressive achievement.

Dr. Gogue then reported that John Morris will begin his appointment as Auburn's first Senior Vice President for Advancement on March 8, 2021. Dr. Gogue stated that Mr. Morris currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Development at Kansas State University. Dr. Gogue reported that under the advancement model, Mr. Morris will have oversight of the offices of Alumni Affairs, Development, and Communications and Marketing. Dr. Gogue thanked Dr. Hardgrave and his team for conducting an excellent search.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by thanking the Board for their continued support.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked Dr. Gogue for his report and then moved to the Action Items and Committee Reports as follows:

Property and Facilities Committee

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed six action items and one informational item. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION
GOODWIN HALL RECORDING STUDIO
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on February 7, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation and architect selection for the Goodwin Hall Recording Studio project; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate existing rooms in Goodwin Hall and includes the installation of acoustical walls and windows, the construction of a new vocal booth, the installation of a “clean power” system, and the replacement of existing flooring, doors, ceilings, ductwork, light fixtures and lighting controls; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for the Goodwin Hall Recording Studio project is \$1.3 million, to be financed by College of Liberal Arts and University Repair and Renovation funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Goodwin Hall Recording Studio project is approved and that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Goodwin Hall Recording Studio project in the amount of \$1.3 million, to be financed by College of Liberal Arts and University Repair and Renovations funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans and bid documents for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget.

RESOLUTION
HOOD MCPHERSON BUILDING RENOVATION
APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of a project for the Hood McPherson Building Renovation and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, since that time, a Request for Qualifications was published for design services; and eight (8) architectural firms responded; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with four (4) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Williams Blackstock Architects, of Birmingham, Alabama, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the selection of the project architect must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Williams Blackstock Architects, of Birmingham, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until such time as the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

RESOLUTION

LOWDER HALL NEW FINANCE LABORATORY RENOVATIONS

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Lowder Hall New Finance Laboratory Renovations project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, since that time, a Request for Qualifications was published for design services; and twelve (12) architectural firms responded; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with three (3) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm INOX Design Inc., of Marietta, Georgia, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the selection of the project architect must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage INOX Design Inc., of Marietta, Georgia, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until such time as the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY SCIENCE LABORATORY FACILITY RENOVATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, in 1976, Auburn University leased approximately five acres on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), which since that time has operated a clinical laboratory on the site, located at 8140 AUM Drive in Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, although the current lease term expires in 2025, ADPH has expressed a desire to end the lease, vacate the facility and return it to AUM in March 2021; and

WHEREAS, AUM conducted a facilities assessment and completed preliminary programming exercises in 2019 to determine the best use for the building in support of the university mission; and

WHEREAS, AUM proposes a project to renovate the ADPH building to serve as a new science laboratory facility; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the project would be financed by a combination of Public School and College Authority funds and interim funding from Auburn University, ultimately paid with AUM General Funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Auburn University at Montgomery Science Laboratory Facility Renovation project is approved; and Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.

RESOLUTION
FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 13, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Football Performance Center project, and at its called meeting on October 28, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the project architect selection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Football Performance Center project will provide the Auburn University football team with the key and essential capabilities and resources needed to successfully compete within the Southeastern Conference and with national peer programs; and

WHEREAS, the Football Performance Center project will construct a 233,400 square foot overall facility consisting of a 138,100 square foot Football Operations Building, a 95,300 square foot Indoor Practice Facility, and two full-sized, natural turf football practice fields; and

WHEREAS, the Football Performance Center will be located on the site of the old Hutsell Track, which is bounded by the corners of West Samford Avenue and Biggio Drive to the east and West Samford Avenue and Wire Road to the west; and

WHEREAS, the assessment of the University Architect's is that the design of the Football Performance Center conforms to the university's Image and Character standards; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Football Performance Center project is \$91.9 million, to be financed by university bonds with the debt service paid for by Athletics Department funds; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the Football Performance Center project would be bid in early 2021 with a planned completion of July 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Football Performance Center project is approved and that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Football Performance Center project in the amount of \$91.9 million, to be financed by university bonds with the debt service paid for by Athletics Department Fund; and
2. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE A REAL ESTATE BROKER TO MARKET AUBURN UNIVERSITY LAND IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns property in Montgomery, Alabama, for the benefit of Auburn University at Montgomery, to support its academic, research and related educational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery real estate holdings include three parcels of property:

1. Hyundai Blvd Site (depicted as parcel 1 in Exhibit 1)
2. Hwy 331 Site (depicted as parcel 2 in Exhibit 1)
3. US Hwy 80, Atlanta Highway Site (depicted as parcel 3 in Exhibit 2); and

WHEREAS, neither Auburn University nor Auburn University at Montgomery currently utilizes these parcels or intends to do so in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, selling all three parcels would generate revenue and other benefits that could support Auburn University at Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, Alabama law permits the University to offer real property for sale by listing it with a duly licensed real estate broker, provided that the institution determines that this procedure is economically justified and in the best interest of the University; and

WHEREAS, the University proposes to hire a real estate broker to market these sites, since it is likely that marketing this property through an appropriate broker will result in better sale opportunities than if advertised through an ordinary auction or bid process; and

WHEREAS, any proposed sale transactions resulting from the broker engagement shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for its review and approval prior to closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that, given the unique location of the three parcels and possible commercial and retail opportunities there, it is economically justified and in the best interest of the University to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and identify opportunities to sell the three parcels described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jay Gogue, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to engage a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit sale offers for each of the three parcels described above, consistent with customary broker practices and Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees prior to closing.

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one informational item. Chairperson Newton moved for approval of the action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, the College of Education and the College of Agriculture jointly offer a graduate program leading to a Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership; and

WHEREAS, the colleges jointly established the program in 2014 to offer students advanced skills and knowledge in the areas of education and agriculture, with an emphasis on agricultural teaching and learning, leadership, and communication; and

WHEREAS, in fall 2020, the colleges elected to discontinue the program due to low levels of student enrollment and the inability to meet post-implementation requirements established by both Auburn University and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, no students are currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to close the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership has been approved by the Dean of the College of Education, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Graduate Council, the Academic Program Review Committee, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed closure of the Master of Science in Agricultural Leadership be approved and that the closure be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) as a proposed substantive change requiring the approval of that body followed by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) for review and approval.

Executive Committee

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed two action items. Chairperson McCrary moved for approval of a consent agenda. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

Following the approval of the consent agenda, *President Pro Tempore* Smith recognized Ms. Huntley and Mr. Pratt, co-chairpersons of the Trustee Task Force, for comments regarding the Bessie Mae Holloway naming and the Josetta Brittain Matthews naming.

Ms. Huntley began her remarks by stating that the Board approving two namings after African American women during Black History Month is especially fitting. Ms. Huntley referred to the two women for which the residence halls were named as “trailblazers”. Ms. Huntley stated that she was glad to speak on the naming of Dr. Bessie Mae Holloway, the first African American on the university’s Board of Trustees, because she was privileged to attend Auburn University as a student the at the same time Dr. Holloway served on the Board. Ms. Huntley shared that she refers to Dr. Holloway as a “students’ trustee” due to her intentional focus on the quality of the student experience. Ms. Huntley concluded her remarks citing a personal thanks to Dr. Holloway and stating that she is proud to follow in her footsteps.

Mr. Pratt then called upon Ms. Newton to discuss the Dr. Josetta Brittain Matthews, Auburn University’s first African American graduate and first African American faculty member. Mr. Pratt commented that it felt appropriate for a fellow educator to discuss Dr. Matthews’ naming.

Ms. Newton began her remarks by stating that the fact that the residence hall that currently houses the university’s honor college is being named in Dr. Matthews’ honor is especially fitting. Ms. Newton also referred to Dr. Matthews as a “trailblazer”. Ms. Newton stated that Dr. Matthews’ efforts and her distinguished career as an educator paved the way for minorities to pursue an education at Auburn. Ms. Newton commented that she was proud to be a member of the Board when it awarded Dr. Matthews an honorary doctorate in 2005. Ms. Newton said Dr. Matthews enjoyed an impressive career at Auburn as a history professor. Ms. Newton shared comments made by Dr. Matthews’ daughter, Heidi B. Wright. Ms. Newton stated that Ms. Wright said, “my mother not only made history, but she enjoyed teaching it, too.” Ms. Newton concluded her report by stating that she was proud of the Board and university for honoring such a deserving person.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPOSED 2021-2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Friday, November 12, 2021

Friday, February 4, 2022 (AUM Campus)

Friday, April 22, 2022

Friday, June 17, 2022 (Annual Board Meeting)

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WEGL STUDIO WITHIN THE HAROLD D. MELTON STUDENT CENTER AS THE BRADLEY BASDEN WEGL STUDIO

WHEREAS, Bradley Basden was part of the inaugural class of the EAGLES program graduating in spring 2020; and

WHEREAS, Bradley Basden, post-graduation, enrolled in the Advanced EAGLES program to continue his education at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Bradley Basden, despite a rare genetic defect, refused to allow his medical challenges prevent him from achieving his lifelong dream of attending Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Bradley Basden began working at the student run radio station, WEGL, the summer of 2019, and created his own show known as “EAGLE on WEGL;” and

WHEREAS, Bradley Basden has been recognized by his WEGL peers and advisors for his positivity and eagerness to learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the WEGL Studio in the Harold D. Melton Student Center (Suite 1105 E) be named The Bradley Basden WEGL Studio in honor of Bradley Basden for his passion for music, learning and love of Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A COLUMN IN ROOM 1201 OF THE ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS THE NICK AND KALA WALKER COLUMN

WHEREAS, Nick Walker, a native of Chelsea, Alabama, graduated with his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Auburn University in 2006 and a master's in the same discipline in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Nick began his career with the Alabama Department of Transportation as a bridge designer; and

WHEREAS, Kala Walker earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from the University of Alabama Birmingham in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Kala recently worked at Auburn University as an executive assistant to the Dean of the College of Business before moving with her family to Chelsea, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, from early in his career, Nick has been giving back to Auburn University through annual contributions to the Department of Civil Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Nick was a recipient of numerous scholarships during his time in school, which has helped him recognize the importance of philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, as the spouse of an Auburn graduate, and having lived as a member of the Auburn community, Kala is passionate about giving back to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, both Nick and Kala are intrigued by the expansion of the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory and seek to establish a legacy of philanthropy with this gift and future gifts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Column 4 in Room 1201 of the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named The Nick and Kala Walker Column in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING ROOM 3130 IN THE SHELBY CENTER AS THE NAPHCARE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. LABORATORY

WHEREAS, NaphCare, Inc. was founded in 1989 and headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, providing healthcare to correctional systems; and

WHEREAS, NaphCare's mission is to improve lives by delivering innovative, leading-edge healthcare and supporting technologies to the underserved populations in jails and prisons; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, NaphCare Charitable Foundation, Inc. was established to provide academic opportunities to high school students throughout the southeast who demonstrate need and aptitude for success; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has been a dedicated partner to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and the Tigers Unlimited WINGS Program, which serves as a mentoring program for female student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, NaphCare Charitable Foundation, Inc. has awarded more than 327 scholarships exceeding more than \$2.4 million; and

WHEREAS, through their continuous support, the NaphCare Charitable Foundation, Inc. has established themselves as a significant contributor to Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, NaphCare Charitable Foundation, Inc. has recently committed significant funds to the Shelby Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Room 3130 in the Shelby Center be named The NaphCare Charitable Foundation, Inc. Laboratory in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL FOR A COMMEMORATIVE MARKER FOR THE REGIONAL LABORATORY FOR ANIMAL DISEASE RESEARCH

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a commemorative marker be installed on the Auburn University campus to commemorate the Regional Laboratory for Animal Disease Research, one of nine established across the United States in 1935 by the Bankhead-Jones Act.

WHEREAS, the Auburn Heritage Association has worked with the deans of the Auburn University Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, and Education, along with the Director/Research Leader of the USDA-ARS Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit in Auburn to establish a marker near the Kinesiology Building, the site where the original Regional Laboratory for Animal Disease Research once stood.

WHEREAS, the Provost has reviewed and supports the establishment of this commemorative marker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the request to install a commemorative marker on the Auburn University campus to commemorate Auburn University's historic contributions to the nation's agricultural animal health through the USDA Regional Laboratory for Animal Disease Research, and that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to take the actions necessary to install a commemorative near the Auburn University Kinesiology Building.

RESOLUTION

ADJUST THE NAME OF THE JOSH DONALDSON BASEBALL LAB

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2020, the Auburn University Board of Trustees approved naming the interior training space within the Player Development Center at Samford Stadium-Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park as the Josh Donaldson Baseball Lab.

WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson and Coach Butch Thompson have since requested the name to be recognized as the Josh Donaldson Hitting Lab.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the interior training space within the Player Development Center at Samford Stadium-Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park is named the Josh Donaldson Hitting Lab.

RESOLUTION

NAMING TIGER HALL IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY AS BESSIE MAE HOLLOWAY HALL

WHEREAS, Bessie Mae Holloway graduated from Auburn University with a doctoral degree in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway devoted over twenty-five years of service as a teacher and instructional specialist with the Mobile County Public School System; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway became the first African American to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway became the second woman to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway faithfully served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University for over fifteen years from 1985 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway dearly loved and supported Auburn University and its community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway was awarded the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, a medal of the Holy See, by the Pope following a life-long dedication of service to the Catholic Church in various roles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway's legacy as a pioneer who paved the way for women and minorities in public service at Auburn University should be forever celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the residence hall previously identified as Tiger Hall in the Village Community be named Bessie Mae Holloway Hall (shown in Attachment 1) in recognition of her landmark service as the first African American and second woman to serve on the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION

NAMING EAGLE HALL IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY AS JOSETTA BRITTAIN MATTHEWS HALL

WHEREAS, Josetta Brittain Matthews received a master's degree in education from Auburn University in 1966 and a second master's degree in the same discipline from Auburn University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews became the first African American to graduate from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews became the first African American faculty member at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews joined the School of Arts and Sciences of Auburn University, now known as the College of Liberal Arts, as a history professor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews had a distinguished career as an educator at various institutions, including Auburn University, for the better part of her life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews pursued a doctoral degree in social science education at Auburn University; and

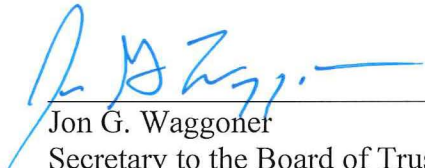
WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews was awarded an honorary doctoral degree in education from Auburn University in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthews' historic graduation from Auburn University paved the way for other African Americans and minorities to pursue an education at Auburn University and join the Auburn Family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the residence hall previously identified as Eagle Hall in the Village Community be named Josetta Brittain Matthews Hall (shown in Attachment 1) in recognition of her monumental and historic contributions as the first African American to graduate from Auburn University and the first African American faculty member to serve at Auburn University.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked everyone for their attendance at the Board Meeting, and indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees