

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

JUNE 11, 2021

AGENDA
JUNE 11, 2021 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

II. Committee Meetings

A. Audit and Compliance Committee | Chairperson Dumas

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021
2. Receipt of Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only*

B. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus

1. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls, Final Project Approval
2. Auburn University Regional Airport Maintenance Hangar Expansion, Project Initiation and Engineer Selection
3. Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction, Project Initiation and Engineer Selection
4. College of Human Sciences Clinic Renovation and Relocation, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
5. Summary of Real Estate Holdings Annual Report – *For Information Only*
6. Annual Report of Timber Harvest Revenue – *For Information Only*
7. Status Updates – *For Information Only*
 - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater
 - b. Project Status Reports

C. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Newton

1. Proposed Master of Science in Forest Business and Investment
2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

D. Institutional Advancement Committee | Chairperson Roberts

1. Auburn University Endowment Portfolio Update – *For Information Only*

E. Executive Committee | Chairperson McCrary

1. Proposed Awards and Namings
2. Election of the *President Pro Tempore*
3. Appointment of Board Members to the Trustee Selection Committee

F. Trustee Reports

1. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Newton
2. Alumni | Trustee Vines
3. Research and Technology (Economic Development) Committee | Trustee Sahlie
4. Governmental Affairs | Chairperson Rane

III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

IV. Proposed Executive Session

V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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3. AUM Chancellor's Report
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5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports
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VI. Recess Meeting

As President Pro Tempore of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Mr. Wayne Smith convened the annual meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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:

Mr. Michael A. DeMaioribus; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Mr. Raymond J. Harbert; Ms. Elizabeth H. Huntley (via telephone call); Mr. D. Gaines Lanier; Mr. Charles D. McCrary; Mr. James R. Pratt, III; Mr. James W. Rane; Mr. Quentin P. Riggins; Mr. B.T. Roberts; Mr. M. Clark Sahlie; Mr. James H. Samford; and Mr. Wayne T. Smith.

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

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as members of the Auburn University Board of Trustees at the time of the meeting.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Jay Gogue, Auburn University President; Dr. Nedret Billor, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Glen Ray, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Rett Waggoner, Auburn University Student Government Association President; Mr. Keenan Carter, Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association President; and Jon Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following persons were also in attendance, either in person in the Legacy Ballroom or, as a precaution against the COVID-19 pandemic, watching a simulcast of the meeting across the hallway in the Oak Room: Gen. Ronald Burgess, Executive Vice President; Dr. Bill Hardgrave, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Vice President for Business & Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Jaime Hammer, General Counsel; Mr. Daniel King, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Dr. Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Mr. Mark Stirling; Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Ms. Gretchen VanValkenburg, Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Auburn Alumni Association; Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Mr. Simon Yendle, University Architect; Mr. Jared White, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Mr. Allen Greene, Director of Athletics; Dr. Chris Roberts; Interim Vice President for Development and Interim President of the Auburn University Foundation; and Mr. Jim O'Connor, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer.

President Pro Tempore Smith welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: 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.

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 A MEETING OF THE
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 9:05 A.M.**

Chairperson Dumas convened the meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

Ms. Shomaker began her report by explaining that, in compliance with Board of Trustees' policy, *Selection of External Auditors*, Auburn University management annually reviews the completed audit process, both internally and with the external auditors. Ms. Shomaker further explained that, at the end of each five-year period, Auburn University management specifically reviews the continuation of the audit firm based on industry expertise, cost, and overall satisfaction with the services rendered.

Ms. Shomaker shared that based on the annual and five-year evaluations, Auburn University management recommends maintaining its current external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Ms. Shomaker then introduced Mr. Kevin Kelly from PricewaterhouseCoopers. Mr. Kelly began by sharing his thanks to the Board and the University for their support during the past year. Mr. Kelly announced that, in accordance with PwC policies, he will be transitioning off the Auburn University team and that Mr. Douglas Grant will be serving as Auburn University's engagement partner moving forward. Mr. Kelly then introduced Mr. Grant for discussion of the Auburn University Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Plan.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaioribus. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Dumas thanked Ms. Shomaker, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Grant for their reports, and then discussed the remaining Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item.

2. Receipt of Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only*

Chairperson Dumas reported that, in accordance with the Principles of Accreditation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees should be free of any contractual, employment, personal, familial, or finically related interests with Auburn University.

Chairperson Dumas further explained that, additionally, a majority of the voting members of the Board of Trustees must also be free of such interests.

Chairperson Dumas reported that the Audit and Compliance Committee, the General Counsel, and the Board Secretary have reviewed the Annual Ethics Disclosures of all board members and subsequently determined that all members are in compliance with the SACS' policy requirements.

Chairperson Dumas reminded the Committee that this report is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Chairperson Dumas concluded his report by sharing that copies of the 2020-2021 documents are available upon request in the Board of Trustees Office.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Dumas recessed the committee meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 9:15 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls, Final Project Approval

Mr. King first discussed the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project. Mr. King explained that the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs proposed a project to renovate the Quad Residence Halls. Mr. King reported that the proposed project will renovate the residence halls in five phases, each phase consisting of renovating two buildings each year until all ten residence halls are updated.

Mr. King reminded the Committee that the Board approved the initiation of the project on July 9, 2020, and approved the architectural firm, DAVIS of Birmingham, Alabama, as the project architect on September 4, 2020.

Mr. King explained that Phase I of the project consists of the renovation of Harper and Broun Halls. Mr. King shared that the project would renovate approximately 51,510 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in and around the halls.

Mr. King reported that the estimated total cost for Phase I of the project is \$13.5 million, to be financed by Campus Housing funds and University Repair and Renovation funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of Phase I of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project to complete the renovations of Harper and Broun Halls.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Newton. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

2. Auburn University Regional Airport Maintenance Hangar Expansion, Project Initiation and Engineer Selection

Mr. King next discussed the Auburn University Regional Airport Maintenance Hangar Expansion project. Mr. King explained that the Executive Vice President has proposed a project to expand the maintenance hangar at the Auburn University Regional Airport

to provide additional maintenance space and administrative offices to support operations.

Mr. King reported that, if adopted, it is anticipated that this project will be financed by Aviation Center funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution to approve (1) the initiation of the project and (2) the selection of Garver, LLC of Huntsville, Alabama as the project engineer.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. McCrary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pratt, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

3. Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction, Project Initiation and Engineer Selection

Mr. King then discussed the Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction project. Mr. King explained that the Executive Vice President has proposed a project to construct an additional T-Hangar at the Auburn University Regional Airport. Mr. King explained that the new T-Hangar would consist of ten aircraft bays that would be leased by the airport to commercial or private aircraft owners and serve as a source of future revenue.

Mr. King reported that, if adopted, it is anticipated that this project will be financed by an Alabama Department of Transportation grant and University General Funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution to approve (1) the initiation of the project and (2) the selection of Garver, LLC of Huntsville, Alabama as the project engineer.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

4. College of Human Sciences Clinic Renovation and Relocation, Project Initiation and Architect Selection

Mr. King next discussed the College of Human Sciences Clinic Renovation and Relocation project. Mr. King reminded that Committee that, at its meeting on September 13, 2019, the Board approved the initiation of the University Student Housing project. Mr. King explained that the proposed location for the new housing project is located on the Haley Concourse and is currently occupied by three College of Human Sciences clinic buildings.

Mr. King reported that, to facilitate site preparations for the University Student Housing project, the Provost has proposed relocating the academic and outreach programs of the three clinics to other facilities on campus.

Mr. King then shared that, due to the need to expedite this renovation and relocation project, the University Architect has determined that the architectural firm, Birchfield Penuel & Associates of Birmingham, Alabama is best qualified to provide design services on this project.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that this project will be financed by University General Funds.

Mr. King reported that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution to approve (1) the initiation of the project and (2) the selection of Birchfield Penuel & Associates as the project architect.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riggins, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

Mr. King then discussed the following information only reports:

5. Summary of Real Estate Holdings Annual Report – *For Information Only*

Mr. King reported that Board policies require that a listing of property owned by Auburn University be submitted to the Board for its information and review each year at its annual meeting. Accordingly, the summary based on last year's report and changes that have occurred since June 2020 were submitted for the Board's review.

6. Annual Report of Timber Harvest Revenue – *For Information Only*

Mr. King reported that a summary of annual timber harvest revenue is provided to the Board for its information and review each year at its annual meeting. Accordingly, a report delineating timber harvest revenue received since June 1, 2020 was submitted for the Board's review.

7. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

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

Consistent with standing practice, Mr. King provided a report on the current status of new construction, renovation, and infrastructure projects with budgets greater than \$1,000,000.

b. Project Status Report

A brief *for information only* report regarding the status of Board of Trustees approved capital projects was submitted to the Board for its review.

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 9:35 A.M.**

Chairperson Newton convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:35 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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 Master of Science in Forest Business and Investment

Dr. Hardgrave reported that the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences has proposed a new Master of Science in Forest Business and Investment, Non-Thesis option. Dr. Hardgrave explained that the proposed program combines advanced forestry and business knowledge, specifically strategic investing and financial decision making. Dr. Hardgrave stated that, in addition to online courses in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, students will also complete courses in the Harbert College of Business.

Dr. Hardgrave shared that, if approved, the program will be forwarded to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) for review and approval.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

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

Dr. Hardgrave then presented an information only report to the Board on the following topics:

Marriage and Family Therapy – Non-Thesis Option, MS in Human Development and Family Science, Department of Human Development and Family Science, College of Human Sciences

Dr. Hardgrave shared that the College of Human Sciences currently offers an MS in Human Development and Family Science – Marriage and Family Therapy, Thesis Option, focused on research skills and pursuits. Dr. Hardgrave explained that the College proposed adding a non-thesis option for students entering clinical positions.

Graduate Certificate in Economic Development, Department of Political Science,
College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Hardgrave reported that the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts has developed a Graduate Certificate in Economic Development which provides specialization in theories and practice of economic development, primarily with the United States and Alabama.

Chairperson Newton thanked Dr. Hardgrave for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:40 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 9:40 A.M.**

Chairperson Roberts convened the meeting of the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:40 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Roberts called upon Ms. Casey, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors, for discussion of the Institutional Advancement Committee's single agenda item.

1. Auburn University Endowment Portfolio Update – *For Information Only*

Ms. Casey began her report by sharing that, as of June 11, 2021, the Auburn University Endowment stands at \$318 million, and the Auburn University Foundation stands at \$687 million, for a combined holding of \$1.005 billion.

Ms. Casey then stated that the portfolio calendar year-to-date return is 10.3%, building on strong performance in 2020, despite market uncertainty amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Casey reported that, given the current market environment, the Investment Committee continues to carefully monitor the financial landscape.

Ms. Casey shared that the mission of the combined endowment is to provide consistent annual payouts in support of Auburn University students, faculty, and programs. Ms. Casey then reported that during the 2021-2022 academic year, the combined Endowment recently provided \$28.6 million to the university, an increase of \$1 million over the prior year.

Ms. Casey then reported on allocation changes that were unanimously approved by the Auburn University Foundation Investment Committee:

- Increase Global Private Equity from 12.5% to 15%;
- Reduce Global Fixed Income from 11% to 9%; and
- Reduce Cash from 2% to 1.5%.

Ms. Casey concluded her report by thanking Chairperson Roberts and the Board.

Chairperson Roberts thanked Ms. Casey for her report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 9:45 A.M.**

Chairperson McCrary convened the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the first item before the Executive Committee was a list of nine proposed awards and namings.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaioribus. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

2. Election of the *President Pro Tempore*

Chairperson McCrary stated that the next item before the Executive Committee was the election of the *President Pro Tempore* for 2021-2022. Mr. McCrary reserved comments for the reconvened meeting and opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Rane nominated *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas for *President Pro Tempore*. The nomination was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus.

With no other nominations, Chairperson McCrary closed the floor.

The committee approved the nomination of *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas to be later voted upon by the full Board during the reconvened meeting.

3. Appointment of Board Members to the Trustee Selection Committee

Chairperson McCrary then shared that the final item before the Executive Committee was the appointment of board members to the Trustee Selection Committee.

Chairperson McCrary explained that, in the coming year, three seats on the Board will become vacant. Chairperson McCrary stated that, as a result, the Board must assemble a Trustee Selection Committee to fill the vacant seats.

Chairperson McCrary further explained that, pursuant to the Alabama Constitution, the five-member committee is comprised of the Governor, two members of the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors, the *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees or his/her designee, and one member of the Board of Trustees.

Chairperson McCrary stated that it is the role of the Executive Committee to nominate one board member to serve on the Trustee Selection Committee.

Chairperson McCrary opened the floor for nominations.

President Pro Tempore Smith nominated Mr. James Pratt for the position. The nomination was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas.

With no other nominations, Chairperson McCrary closed the floor.

The committee approved the nomination of Mr. Pratt to be later voted upon by the full Board during the reconvened meeting.

With there being no further items, Chairperson McCrary recessed the committee meeting at 9:50 a.m.

President Pro Tempore Smith then moved to reports from various committee chairpersons and lead trustees as follows:

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton began her report by providing an update regarding Financial Wellness programming.

Chairperson Newton commented, “Providing financial wellness programming has been a goal that many of our students and faculty have strongly advocated for several years. This is especially important as our students have increased areas of needs resulting from the pandemic.”

Chairperson Newton further stated that, despite the challenges presented during the past year, the University was able to successfully launch an academic partnership with Regions Bank to provide comprehensive financial wellness programming to Auburn University students. Chairperson Newton indicated that research has shown that financial wellness programs can lower student loan defaults, decrease financial stress, improve students’ academic performance, and teach them how to manage their finances for a lifetime.

Chairperson Newton concluded her report by thanking university staff and faculty for their efforts as the university prepares for more in-person programming in the coming semesters.

Alumni

Trustee Vines delivered the Alumni report on behalf of Lead Trustee Huntley.

Trustee Vines reported that the Auburn Alumni Association welcomed 4,000 new graduates during the Spring 2021 commencement ceremonies and provided each graduate with alumni pins after they processed across the stage. Trustee Vines also shared that 438 commemorative medallion gifts were received from graduates.

Trustee Vines then shared that AMBUSH, the Auburn Alumni Association’s annual coaches’ tour, held its seventh season earlier this summer featuring Head Football Coach Bryan Harsin and Men’s Head Basketball Coach Bruce Pearl as guest speakers. Trustee Vines stated that more the events in Birmingham, Nashville, Pensacola, and Auburn, had more than five hundred attendees to interact with the coaches.

Trustee Vines then reported that the newly formed Black Alumni and Young Alumni Councils have already made an impact in the lives of Auburn University students as both have established annual scholarships and are implementing their strategic goals.

Trustee Vines concluded the Alumni report by sharing that the Auburn Alumni Association launched a new website featuring a more clean and modern design. Trustee Vines encouraged everyone to visit the new website and see all that it has to offer.

Research and Technology (Economic Development) Committee

Trustee Sahlie began his report by sharing that Auburn University has been awarded a prestigious \$1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to broaden participation in the sciences for traditionally underrepresented students and diversify the pool of scientists earning doctoral degrees in the biomedical sciences.

Trustee Sahlie then shared that the Graduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement (G-RISE) grant will be titled “G-RISE at Auburn University” and will begin with the selection of four scholars for the Fall 2021 semester. Trustee Sahlie shared that the award will run for five years. Trustee Sahlie stated that the G-RISE programmatic activities will focus on recruiting, admitting, and supporting highly qualified students yearly from underrepresented groups. Trustee Sahlie indicated that the lead principal investigator for the project is Dr. Bruce Smith (College of Veterinary Medicine) with co-principal investigators Dr. Taffye Benson Clayton (Vice President and Associate Provost for Inclusion and Diversity) and Dr. Melody Russell (College of Education).

Trustee Sahlie then reported that Auburn University students Che Ka and Grant Wilkinson have been awarded 2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships as part of a fellowship program designed to help ensure the vitality and diversity of the U.S. scientific and engineering workforce. Trustee Sahlie explained that each fellowship consists of three years of support accessible over a five-year period and for year each, NSF provides a stipend of \$34,000 to the fellow and a cost-of-education allowance of \$12,000 to the degree-granting institution.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairperson Rane delivered a brief report regarding the 2021 legislative session and upcoming campaigns for state-wide offices.

Chairperson Rane reported that the 2021 legislative session was an extreme success in terms of higher education funding. Chairperson Rane thanked the Legislature for their continued support.

Chairperson Rane concluded his report by stating that there are several key elections in 2022, especially Governor Ivey’s re-election campaign and Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth’s re-election campaign.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked the committee chairpersons 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, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Smith convened the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After convening the regular meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked General Counsel Hammer if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there was pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session.

President Pro Tempore Smith then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCrary, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote. *President Pro Tempore* Smith recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:05 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Smith reconvened the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After reconvening the meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 16, 2021 Board Meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, 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 April 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board 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 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2021 Board Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Smith asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Summer 2021 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCrary, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION
AWARDING OF DEGREES

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers appropriate degrees upon those individuals who have completed requirements previously approved by this Board of Trustees and stated in University Catalogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of Summer Semester 2021, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

Following the approval of the awarding of degrees for the Summer 2021 semester, *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 AUM's College of Education recently completed a transition in accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Dr. Stockton announced that AUM was granted accreditation at the undergraduate and graduate levels for seven years. Dr. Stockton thanked Dr. Shelia Austin, Dean of the College of Education, for her hard work in completing the accreditation process.

Dr. Stockton then reported that on May 18, 2021, AUM received its first grant from the National Institute of Health for research development infrastructure. Dr. Stockton shared that the grant's principal investigator is Dr. Mrinal Varma, AUM Provost. Dr. Stockton stated that the grant would pay a total of \$625,535 over a three-year period. Dr. Stockton reported that the grant will help AUM achieve its strategic goal of increasing sponsored research productivity by offering grant writing workshops and mentorship programs for AUM faculty, staff, and administrators.

Dr. Stockton then reported on AUM's recent athletic success. Dr. Stockton reminded everyone that AUM is in its second year of NCAA Division II competition. Dr. Stockton shared that AUM was recently ranked third in the country and won the Gulf South Conference Championship with a 40-7 record.

Dr. Stockton then reported that AUM's Summer 2021 semester began on June 2, 2021. Dr. Stockton shared that, as of June 10, 2021, AUM's revenues are up 5% on a day-to-day basis.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by discussing the new "AUM Bound" yard sign initiative for incoming students. Dr. Stockton explained that the initiative includes a social media contest allowing students to submit photos with their yard signs. Dr. Stockton shared that the initiative has been incredibly successful thus far and that AUM is looking forward to welcoming new students in August.

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 providing an update regarding the East Alabama Medical Center (EAMC). Dr. Gogue shared that earlier in June, EAMC celebrated the debut of its \$33.7 million healthcare facility. Dr. Gogue explained that the Auburn Medical Pavilion in the Auburn Research Park is a collaboration between the City of Auburn, the hospital, and the university. Dr. Gogue shared that the three-story facility includes a freestanding 12-bed emergency department, an outpatient surgery center, an in-house pharmacy, and a breast health center. Dr. Gogue reported that the Auburn Research Park benefits Auburn University nursing and pharmacy students as it provides hands-on training under the advisement of EAMC staff.

Dr. Gogue then reported on the NBC's soon-to-air College Bowl trivia show. Dr. Gogue explained that a team of three Auburn University students competed against college students for a total of \$1 million in scholarships. Dr. Gogue shared that Ms. Ada Ruth Huntley, outgoing Auburn University SGA President, was among the three students competing for Auburn. Dr. Gogue stated that the teams competed head-to-head in a bracketed tournament over four rounds. Dr. Gogue reported that all competitors will receive tuition assistance for participating, but the winning team will take home the largest scholarships. Dr. Gogue indicated that other schools competing include the University of Alabama; Columbia University; the University of Michigan; the University of Minnesota; the University of Mississippi; Morehouse College, the University of Southern California; the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of Virginia; and Xavier University of Louisiana.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by stating that, "I believe that it is time for the Board of Trustees to begin a search for a new university president." Dr. Gogue's remarks regarding his planned retirement were brief; however, Dr. Gogue thanked the Board for the continued support during both of his terms as president.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked Dr. Gogue for his report and then moved to the action items and committee reports as follows:

Audit and Compliance Committee

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the Audit and Compliance Committee's one action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

WHEREAS, the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees is charged with recommending the appointment of the University's external auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Audit and Compliance Committee recommends the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers to audit the University's financial statements and to conduct the federally-required A-133 audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that PricewaterhouseCoopers is appointed as the University's external auditor for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2021.

Property and Facilities Committee

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed four action items and three items of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's four action items. 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
QUAD RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATION
PHASE I: HARPER AND BROUN HALLS
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on July 9, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project, and at its meeting on September 4, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved DAVIS of Birmingham, Alabama, as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project will be executed in five phases, each consisting of two buildings a year, until all ten residence halls are updated; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls project (‘Phase I’) will renovate approximately 51,510 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Harper and Broun Halls; and

WHEREAS, Phase I program requirements include replacing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems, upgrades to furnishings and fixtures, renovations to meet current ADA code requirements, replacing all doors and windows, and utility improvements to provide hot water; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for Phase I is \$13.5 million, to be financed by Campus Housing funds 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 Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls 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 Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls project in the amount of \$13.5 million, to be financed by Campus Housing funds and University Repair and Renovation funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans 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 approved above.

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT MAINTENANCE HANGAR EXPANSION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND PROJECT ENGINEER SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Executive Vice President proposes a project to expand the maintenance hangar at the Auburn University Regional Airport which was constructed in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will construct an addition to the existing maintenance hangar located at the south ramp to provide additional hangar space and administrative offices; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the engagement of Garver, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, as the Airport Engineer; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of Garver, LLC, as the project engineer; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by Aviation Center funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the initiation of a project and the engineer selection 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 the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport Maintenance Hangar Expansion 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. Engage Garver, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, as project engineer 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 REGIONAL AIRPORT T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND PROJECT ENGINEER SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Executive Vice President proposes a project to construct a new ten (10) bay T-Hangar at the Auburn University Regional Airport at the north ramp; and

WHEREAS, the proposed hangar would be leased by the Airport to commercial or private aircraft owners and would serve as a source of future revenue; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the engagement of Garver, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, as the Airport Engineer; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of Garver, LLC, as the project engineer; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by an Alabama Department of Transportation grant and University General Funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the initiation of a project and the engineer selection 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 the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction 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. Engage Garver, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, as project engineer 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

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES CLINIC RENOVATION AND RELOCATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 13, 2019, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the University Student Housing project with the proposed site location for the new student housing on the Haley Concourse; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site is currently occupied by three College of Human Sciences clinic buildings: Early Learning Center, Marriage & Family Therapy Center, and the Center for Health Ecology & Equity Research; and

WHEREAS, the Provost proposes to relocate the academic and outreach programs of the three College of Human Sciences clinics to other facilities on campus; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would renovate the Dawson Building for the eventual relocation of the Early Learning Center program; and

WHEREAS, due to the need to complete this renovation and relocation to enable the student housing project to begin construction by the summer of 2022, the University Architect requests that the architectural firm, Birchfield Penuel & Associates, of Birmingham, Alabama, be approved to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by University 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 College of Human Sciences Clinic Renovation and Relocation 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 perform the following tasks:

1. Engage Birchfield Penuel & Associates, 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.

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. Chairperson Newton moved for approval of the Academic Affairs Committee's one 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 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FOREST BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences currently offers graduate programs that promote the sustainable management and economic advancement of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Alabama maintains the second-largest timberland base in the United States that serves as a significant component of our state's economy, accounting for more than \$27 billion in economic impact and employing more than 123,500 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences proposes a new graduate degree, the Master of Science in Forest Business and Investment (Non-Thesis), for professionals seeking advanced knowledge and skills necessary for strategic investment and financial decision making in the forestry industry; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree will prepare professionals for leadership positions in lending agencies, timberland investment organizations, real estate investment trusts, forest industries, and land management companies, all of which contribute substantially to Alabama's economy; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this degree has been endorsed by the Dean of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, the Graduate Council, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Master of Science in Forest Business and Investment (Non-Thesis) be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

Executive Committee

Chairperson McCrary indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed three action items.

Chairperson McCrary reported that the first item presented to the Executive Committee was a list of nine awards and namings and moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the Board approved the resolutions.

Chairperson McCrary the stated that the second item before the Executive Committee was the election of the *President Pro Tempore* for 2021-2022. Mr. McCrary stated that, before the Board discusses nominations for the new *President Pro Tempore*, that first, he wished to recognize *President Pro Tempore* Smith for his outstanding service. Chairperson McCrary shared, “[*President Pro Tempore* Smith] did a remarkable job during both terms, especially given the challenges created by many changes in university and athletics leadership, as well as enormous challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.” Chairperson McCrary concluded his comments by stating, “During these trying and unprecedented times, the Board as well as the Auburn Family, needed strong and decisive leadership that provided stability, and that’s exactly what [*President Pro Tempore* Smith] provided.

Following Chairperson McCrary’s remarks, numerous board members shared similar sentiments, thanking *President Pro Tempore* for his outstanding service and leadership. Many board members shared that *President Pro Tempore* Smith would be missed and that he has left big shoes to fill.

President Pro Tempore Smith then shared his own remarks. *President Pro Tempore* Smith thanked the Board for its confidence in him over the past two years. He thanked Dr. Gogue, Gen. Burgess, Mr. Waggoner, Ms. Williams, Ms. Hammer, and the entire administration for their steadfast support and assistance. *President Pro Tempore* Smith concluded his remarks by stating that it was an honor and privilege to serve Auburn University in this capacity.

Chairperson McCrary then shared that the Executive Committee recommended *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas to serve as *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees for 2021-2022. Chairperson McCrary then moved that *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas be elected as the new *President Pro Tempore*, effective at the conclusion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lanier, and the Board approved the motion.

Chairperson McCrary congratulated *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas and asked if he had any remarks to share with the Board.

Vice President Pro Tempore Dumas shared that he was honored to be elected to this position and that he looks forward working with the Board and the Administration during the coming year.

Chairperson McCrary then stated that the Executive Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. James Pratt to the Trustee Selection Committee. Chairperson McCrary then asked *President Pro Tempore* Smith to preside over the remainder of the item.

President Pro Tempore Smith thanked Chairperson McCrary and asked *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas to preside over the item in his stead.

Vice President Pro Tempore Dumas thanked *President Pro Tempore* Smith and then moved to appoint Mr. Pratt to the Trustee Selection Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the Board unanimously approved the motion. *Vice President Pro Tempore* Dumas stated that Mr. Pratt's appointment will last until the 2022 Annual Board Meeting or until the appointment/reappointment of committee members, whichever comes first.

Vice President Pro Tempore Dumas then asked *President Pro Tempore* Smith to serve as his proxy on the Selection Committee. *President Pro Tempore* Smith then accepted the request.

Vice President Pro Tempore Dumas concluded his remarks by sharing that he would be in contact with the Board in the coming weeks regarding the appointment of committee chairpersons, lead trustees, and colleges/schools assignments.

Chairperson McCrary indicated that, with no further items to report, the Executive Committee meeting report was concluded.

The following resolutions were approved in the first motion:

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE STUDENT LOUNGE IN LEACH SCIENCE CENTER AS THE STUDENT LOUNGE IN HONOR OF THE SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the College of Sciences and Mathematics is committed to remaining at the forefront of academic instruction, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Nicholas Giordano, who served as its dean from 2013 until 2021, the college has successfully integrated state-of-the art technology with contemporary learning environments; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Giordano, as a physicist, believes that students pursuing the study of physics embark on a journey, limited only by their imaginations, and these pivotal journeys begin in classrooms, laboratories and in dedicated meeting spaces such as this; and

WHEREAS, this space located on the third level of the Leach Science Center will foster camaraderie, support, and the generation of new ideas and insights among physics majors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Lounge in Leach Science Center be named the Student Lounge in Honor of the Society of Physics Students in recognition of the generous support and dedication to students provided by Dean Nicholas and Pat Giordano.

RESOLUTION

NAMING OF SKILLS LAB AND PATIENT ASSESSMENT AREA ROOM 2208 & 2210 D - Q IN THE WALKER PHARMACY BUILDING AS THE DR. CHARLES ALEXANDER ISBELL '55 SKILLS LAB AND PATIENT ASSESSMENT AREA

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Alexander Isbell graduated from Auburn University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, Charles was a highly regarded pharmacist and medical doctor practicing in Fort Payne, Alabama, where he served as a licensed pediatrician and pharmacist for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles lovingly took care of the children and families of DeKalb County with skill, compassion, humor, and an impeccable work ethic that made him a leader in his community and a fine example of the leaders produced by Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Charles's devotion to his patients, co-workers, and the community impacted many lives by ensuring quality patient care; and

WHEREAS, the Isbell family established the Dr. Charles Alexander Isbell '55 Endowed Scholarship in the Harrison School of Pharmacy in honor and loving memory of their devoted father; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison School of Pharmacy is recommending the naming of the skills lab and patient assessment area room 2208 & 2210 D - Q in the Walker Pharmacy Building in recognition of the Isbell family's philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and the Harrison School of Pharmacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the skills lab and patient assessment area room 2208 & 2210 D - Q in the Walker Pharmacy Building be named The Isbell Skills Lab in honor of the family's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A STEINWAY MODEL B PIANO IN GOODWIN HALL AS THE SCOTT FAMILY STEINWAY MODEL B PIANO

WHEREAS, Steinway pianos have and continue to represent the gold standard of pianos for more than 166 years; and Auburn University has embarked on an All Steinway School campaign to become an All Steinway designated university, and

WHEREAS, Isaac and Rhonda Scott, loyal supporters of Auburn University and the Department of Music, made the first philanthropic gift to the All Steinway campaign; and believe becoming an All Steinway School is an invaluable investment in the educational experience of our students and in the teaching skills of our faculty, and

WHEREAS, their philanthropic gift funds the purchase and maintenance of a Model B piano for Goodwin Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Steinway Model B piano in Goodwin Hall be named The Scott Family Model B Piano, in recognition of Isaac and Rhonda Scott, whose support will advance the vision of both the Department of Music and the University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE BROWN-KOPEL ENGINEERING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER AS THE LEGACY OF FREEDOM PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEREAS, Susan Askew graduated with her degree from Auburn University in electrical engineering in 1987; and

WHEREAS, her father Gerald Sumners graduated from Auburn University in 1960 with a degree in electrical engineering; and

WHEREAS, Susan's mother Dorothy Sumners worked for three years in the Auburn Textiles Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, Susan followed in her father's footsteps in engineering, and later worked for the Department of Defense as a technical intelligence analyst, integration engineer for the U.S. Air Force, systems engineer for the U.S. Army and chief program systems engineer for the Missile Defense Agency; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves as a professor of Systems Engineering and Test and Evaluation for the Defense Acquisition at the University of Alabama Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, her husband Mike Askew graduated from Auburn in 1987 with a degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, Mike's father Raymond Askew was an Auburn professor of physics for 35 years, director of the Space Power Institute and previous director of the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, his mother Ann Askew graduated from Auburn in 1977 with a degree in medical technology; and

WHEREAS, Mike was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation and continued serving his country in the Air Force, retiring after 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Susan has demonstrated a strong commitment to Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering through her career and involvement with 100+ Women Strong.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Professional Organizations Conference Room in the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center be named the Legacy of Freedom Professional Organizations Conference Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE STRONG WALL IN THE ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS THE STONE STRONG WALL

WHEREAS, Jeff Stone and Linda Johnson Stone each graduated from Auburn University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and chemistry, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Jeff currently serves as executive vice president at Brasfield & Gorrie, where he oversees field operations, 32 operating divisions, projects in 22 states, and corporate support functions for approximately \$3 billion in annual construction revenues, while also serving on the company's executive board; and

WHEREAS, Jeff has served as Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board and the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council; has received the Outstanding Alumnus Award in Civil Engineering in 2005; was named a Distinguished Auburn Engineer in 2012; inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2014; and received the Auburn Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Linda earned her medical degree from UAB in 1983, and retired as a partner and pediatrician at Over the Mountain Pediatrics in 2018; and

WHEREAS, she is a long-time member of the Dean's Leadership Council for the College of Sciences and Mathematics, as well as a Benefactor Member of the Women's Philanthropy Board, and was recognized in 2017 by the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club with its Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, the Stones are members of the university's 1856, Petrie, and Heisman societies and the College of Engineering's Ginn, Keystone, and Eagles societies; and

WHEREAS, the Stones previously provided a gracious contribution to the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Strong Wall in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named the Stone Strong Wall in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE AGGREGATE LABORATORY IN THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ASPHALT TECHNOLOGY AS THE VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY AGGREGATE LABORATORY

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Company is based in Birmingham, Alabama, publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and is the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates and a major producer of aggregate-based construction materials, including asphalt and ready-mixed concrete; and

WHEREAS, as a good corporate citizen, Vulcan Materials Co. understands the importance of education in building stronger communities and establishing the next generation workforce; and

WHEREAS, the company partners with many educational institutions across the country through financial support and employee involvement, assisting schools and universities at all educational levels to provide quality education; and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Co. has remained committed to Auburn University, having previously established a significant annual scholarship in the Department of Geology and Geography and an endowed scholarship named the Vulcan Materials Company Presidential Honors Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the company has been generous partners to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, naming the Corporate Conference Room in the Brown-Kopel Engineering Student Achievement Center; and

WHEREAS, Vulcan Materials Co. previously provided a gracious contribution to the M. Miller Gorrie Construction Center in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction and the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Aggregate Laboratory in the National Center for Asphalt Technology be named the Vulcan Materials Company Aggregate Laboratory in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EAGLE EYE STUDIO WITHIN THE HAROLD D. MELTON STUDENT CENTER AS THE MELAS – MAZZA EAGLE EYE STUDIO

WHEREAS, Chloe Melas Mazza is an alumna from the College of Liberal Arts in Radio, Television, Film (Mass Communications) now known as Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, Chloe Melas Mazza was a member of the Eagle Eye news staff, which is the student-led television station on campus; and

WHEREAS, Chloe Melas Mazza began her career as a news assistant for CNN before launching a highly successful entertainment website, HollywoodLife, in 2009 with Bonnie Fuller; and

WHEREAS, Chloe Melas Mazza served as a co-host of the VH1 morning show, “The Gossip Table” beginning in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chloe Melas Mazza returned to CNN in 2016 as an entertainment reporter where she has covered stories such as the Weinstein criminal trial and the death of NBA legend Kobe Bryant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eagle Eye Studio in the Harold D. Melton Student Center (unit 1105L) be named The Melas – Mazza Eagle Eye Studio in honor of Chloe Melas Mazza '08, for her significant contributions in the entertainment industry and to Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

AWARDING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE TO RALPH JORDAN, JR.

WHEREAS, Auburn University is committed to the recognition of individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and service that have considerably benefited the university, state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Jordan, Jr. earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences in 1970 and a master's degree in zoology in 1975 from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, while working as a nongame and endangered species biologist with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Ralph Jordan, Jr. was responsible for the natural resources management of its public lands and ensured the continued compliance with federal legislation, including the Endangered Species, Clean Water, and Environmental Policy Acts; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Jordan, Jr. was regularly sought by developers and other utility providers for his knowledge and expertise in natural communities and rare plants and animal species; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Jordan, Jr. has given a lifetime of service to Auburn University through his leadership in the Auburn Alumni Association, the Office of Development, the Athletics Advisory Committee, and the College of Sciences and Mathematics Leadership Council, where he was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Ralph Jordan, Jr., alongside other members of the College of Science and Mathematics, helped establish the Biodiversity Learning Center, a resource that houses Auburn's Natural History Museum and continues to promote biodiversity, conservation, and the preservation of Alabama's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers the honorary degree in recognition of exceptional service leading to improved quality of life and service to humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science is hereby granted to Ralph Jordan, Jr. in recognition of his achievements.

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL FOR A COMMEMORATIVE MARKER FOR THE ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

WHEREAS, it is proposed that a commemorative marker be installed on the Auburn University campus to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Alabama Farmer Federation, which was established at a meeting on campus in 1921, through the encouragement of Extension Director Luther Duncan; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Farmers Federation (Alfa) and Alfa Insurance are key partners and supporters of the College of Agriculture, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the proposed marker, designed in accordance with Alabama Historical Association standards, will be placed in Agriculture Heritage Park next to the Alfa Pavilion, as approved by Campus Planning and Space Management and the Provost, Senior Vice President for Advancement, Executive Vice President, and President, with all expenses paid by Alfa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that a commemorative marker recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alabama Farmers Federation and its relationship with Auburn University be installed on campus next to the Alfa Pavilion, and that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, hereby be authorized and empowered to take the actions necessary to complete this installation.

President Pro Tempore Smith indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Waggoner", written over a horizontal line.

Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees