

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 BOARD MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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2. Proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy
3. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

C. Finance Committee | Chairperson Harbert

1. Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget

D. Institutional Advancement Committee | Chairperson Roberts

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

E. Executive Committee | Chairperson Smith | 10:00 a.m.

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3. Recommendation from the Trustee Task Force
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III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Approval of the June 11, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes and the August 6, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes
2. Awarding of Degrees for Fall 2021
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VI. Recess Meeting

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Mr. Bob Dumas convened the annual meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 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* Dumas 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; Mr. D. Gaines Lanier; Mr. Charles D. McCrary; Ms. Sarah B. Newton; 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; Mr. Wayne T. Smith; and Mr. Timothy Vines.

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. Donald Mulvaney, 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 Mr. Jon Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following persons were also in attendance in the Legacy Ballroom: 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 Dumas welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Todd Steury, 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 committee meetings, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas called upon Ms. Huntley for comments regarding the passing of Dr. Harold A. Franklin.

Ms. Huntley began her remarks by sharing the somber news that Dr. Harold A. Franklin, Auburn's first Black student, passed away on September 9, 2021. Ms. Huntley then shared the personal impact that Dr. Franklin had on her life, especially during the past year. Ms. Huntley reminded everyone that in December 2020, Dr. Franklin earned his master's degree from Auburn after successfully defending his thesis. Ms. Huntley then shared that she would not be on the Board, nor would she have had the experience she had as an Auburn student if it were not for the sacrifices that Dr. Franklin made to integrate the university. Ms. Huntley commented that, although Dr. Franklin will not be able to attend the unveiling of The Harold Franklin Desegregation Marker Dedication Ceremony, the Auburn Family will still celebrate Dr. Franklin's life, legacy, and achievements in November 2021. Ms. Huntley concluded her comments by asking everyone to reflect on the contributions Dr. Franklin made and how the university was made better by his presence.

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
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 9:05 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, September 12, 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 DeMaioribus called upon Mr. King for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee agenda items:

1. Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation: Final Project Approval

Mr. King first discussed the Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation project. Mr. King explained that the project will renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of the existing space in Lowder Hall to construct two financial laboratories dedicated to developing the practical skills essential in the financial services industry. Mr. King stated that the renovation will include new LED lighting, glass walls along the corridors, modern floor and wall finishes, and a new electronic scrolling stock ticker display.

Mr. King reported that the estimated total project cost for the Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation project is \$3.5 million, to be financed by the Harbert College of Business.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation project.

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 Ms. Huntley, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

2. Ham Wilson Arena Renovation: Cancellation of Project and Authorization of Demolition and Facilities Management New Training Center: Approval of Project Initiation and Approval of Architect Selection

Mr. King then discussed the Ham Wilson Arena Renovation project and the Facilities Management New Training Center project. Mr. King explained that the university decided that the highest and best use for the Ham Wilson Arena site is for future academic and/or research facilities. Mr. King stated that, accordingly, demolition of the current facility is recommended to allow for construction of future facilities, and, as a result, Facilities Management has been directed to construct its training facility within the Facilities Management complex on West Samford Avenue.

Mr. King reported that the demolition of Ham Wilson Arena will be funded by University general funds, and the Facilities Management New Training Center project will be financed by Facilities Management reserve funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is as follows: (1) cancel the Ham Wilson Arena Renovation project; (2) authorize the demolition of the Ham Wilson Arena Facility; (3) adopt a resolution to approve the initiation of the Facilities Management New Training Center; and (4) approve the selection of JMR+H Architecture, of Montgomery, Alabama, as the project architect.

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

3. Duncan Drive Extension and Infrastructure: Approval of Project Initiation and Approval of Architect Selection

Mr. King then discussed the Duncan Drive Extension and Infrastructure project. Mr. King stated that the project will support the campus road system and the College of Architecture's Transformation Gardens project. Mr. King explained that the project will construct a two-lane campus road that extends Duncan Drive from Lem Morrison Drive to Woodfield Drive including bicycle lanes, sidewalks, street lighting, overhead power, and domestic water lines. Mr. King further stated that the project will complete site grading, stormwater management, and instillation of utilities infrastructure for the adjacent College of Agriculture's Transformation Gardens.

Mr. King indicated that, in order to facilitate an accelerated design process, LBYD Engineers of Birmingham, Alabama, is rec

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. Transformation Gardens: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King next discussed the Transformation Gardens project. Mr. King explained that the College of Agriculture proposed the construction and development of the Transformation Gardens, a 16-acre garden that will enhance the college's teaching and

outreach efforts. Mr. King stated that the project will be developed in numerous phases over the next several years.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that this project will be financed by gift funds to the College of Agriculture.

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 authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

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

5. North Auburn Equine Research Facility – Addition: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King next discussed the North Auburn Equine Research Facility – Addition project. Mr. King stated that the College of Veterinary Medicine proposed the construction of a new addition to the North Auburn Equine Research Facility to support the federally funded research program. Mr. King shared that the current program operates out of temporary facilities which are inadequate to support future growth of this important research program. Mr. King indicated that the proposed project would allow this program to bring their facilities up to modern standards and grow the research capabilities.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that this project will be financed by College of Veterinary Medicine 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 authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

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

6. Plainsman Park Player Development Center – Phase II: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King next discussed the Plainsman Park Player Development Center project. Mr. King indicated that Phase I of the project was completed in January 2021 and that the Athletics Department proposed to commence the next phase of the development for this facility with improvements including additional seating, new restrooms, concessions, a covered pavilion, and a connection to the existing seating concourse.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that this project will be financed by the Athletics Department through a combination of bonds and gifts.

Mr. King reported that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution to approve (1) the initiation of Phase II of the project and (2) the authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

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

7. Auburn Arena Women's Basketball Locker Room Renovation: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King next discussed the Auburn Arena Women's Basketball Locker Room Renovation project. Mr. King reported that the Athletics Department proposed the renovation of the women's basketball locker room area within the Auburn Arena. Mr. King stated that the project will allow the program to bring their facilities up to competitive standards with planned improvements to the team's meeting areas, video review lab, team lounge, nutrition area, coaches' locker room, and restrooms.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that this project will be financed by the Athletics Department through the use of bond 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 authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

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 Mr. Pratt, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

8. McWhorter Center Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovation: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King next discussed the McWhorter Center Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovation project. Mr. King indicated that the Athletics Department proposed the renovation of the Gymnastics and Softball team area within the McWhorter Center. Mr. King stated that the McWhorter Center, originally constructed in 1999, is in need of an upgrade to effectively support the development of student-athletes. Mr. King explained that the renovations to the center will allow these programs to compete nationally at the highest level.

Mr. King stated that it is anticipated that this project will be financed by the Athletics Department through a combination of bonds and gifts.

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 authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

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 Mr. Pratt, and the committee unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote.

9. Authority to Sell University Land in Montgomery, Alabama

Mr. King then discussed the Authority to Sell University Land in Montgomery, Alabama item. Mr. King indicated that Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) requested authority to sell a 5.9-acre parcel of land located on US Highway 331 that had previously been gifted to the university. Mr. King explained that AUM determined that this parcel will not be used for any strategic need and subsequently recommended the sale of the parcel. Mr. King reported that, following Board approval at the February 2021 meeting, a broker was hired to market the sit and solicit acceptable offers to purchase at fair market value. Mr. King indicated that, since that time, the university has received an offer that exceeds the MAI appraisal of the property.

Mr. King reported that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution to approve and accept the offer to purchase the property at US Highway 331, Montgomery, Alabama, and authorize the sale of the parcel consistent with Alabama law, provided that any sale transactions must be approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

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

10. Authority to Purchase Property in Auburn, Alabama

Mr. King next reported on the Authority to Purchase Property in Auburn, Alabama item. Mr. King indicated that the Associate Vice President for Facilities, the Executive Vice President, and President requested to purchase a 0.74-acre parcel of land owned by the estate of John Mullins in Auburn, Alabama located at 842 South College Street, on the northwest corner of the intersection of South College Street and Woodfield Drive. Mr. King stated that the acquisition will allow the university to control one side of the intersection, which will become an increasingly important entrance to campus, particularly when the Duncan Drive Extension project is completed. Mr. King further explained that the purchasing this property will allow for road widening, turn lanes, and improved aesthetics. Mr. King indicated that acquisition of the property will be by general warranty deed, that the purchase price does not exceed the MAI appraisal of the property, and that all documents for proposed purchase transaction will be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

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

Mr. King then discussed the following information only reports:

11. 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. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2021

c. 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 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.**

Chairperson Newton convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9:30 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 Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Food Science

Dr. Hardgrave reported that the Department of Poultry Science in the College of Agriculture proposed the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Food Science. Dr. Hardgrave explained that student enrollment has not met the program's projections, and the program did not satisfy its ACHE or college-level post-implementation criteria. Dr. Hardgrave stated that no new students will be admitted to the program next year, and those students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete their degrees in accordance with the program's teach-out 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. McCrary, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

2. Proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy

Dr. Hardgrave reported that the School of Kinesiology proposed a new Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). Dr. Hardgrave explained that the new program will provide the academic and clinical education required for licensed physical therapists. Dr. Hardgrave indicated that the degree addresses the growing workforce demand for physical therapists capable of treating individuals of all ages and health conditions, including patients with mobility issues and chronic illnesses.

Dr. Hardgrave reported that, if approved by the Board of Trustees and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy, the school plans to add a DPT bridge program that will extend the DPT to licensed and working physical therapy assistants who desire to become fully licensed physical therapists.

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

3. 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:

Graduate Certificate Renaming:

- Renaming of the *Vocational Forensic Rehabilitation Certificate* as the *Vocational Evaluation Forensic Certificate*; Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling; College of Education

New Graduate Certificates:

- *Undergraduate Certificate in Financial Planning*, Department of Consumer and Design Sciences, College of Human Sciences
- *Undergraduate Certificate in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences*; Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences; College of Liberal Arts
- *Graduate Certificate in Global Public Service*; Department of Political Science; College of Liberal Arts

Chairperson Newton thanked Dr. Hardgrave 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
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 9:35 A.M.**

Chairperson Harbert convened the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 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 Harbert called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the Finance Committee's single agenda item.

1. Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget

Ms. Shomaker discussed the proposed Auburn University budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.

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

Chairperson Harbert thanked Ms. Shomaker 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
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 9:45 A.M.**

Chairperson Roberts convened the meeting of the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 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 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 reported that, as of July 31, 2021, the Auburn University Endowment stands at \$325 million and the Auburn University Foundation stands at \$707 million, for a combined holding of \$1.032 billion.

Ms. Casey then announced that the long-term goals for the Auburn University Endowment are as follows:

- (1) To earn a total investment return, with prudent levels of risk, which maintains the purchasing power of the endowment and supports the endowment's mission; and
- (2) To provide consistent annual payouts in support of the University's programs.

Ms. Casey then introduced Mr. Greg DeSisto of Prime Bucholz, the Foundation's investment consultant, for a presentation regarding an economic update and a report on the Foundation's recent endowment performance. Mr. DeSisto presented his reports and answered questions from the Board.

Chairperson Roberts thanked Ms. Casey and Mr. DeSisto for their reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:55 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 9:55 A.M.**

Chairperson Smith convened the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9:55 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management to Kylie Nicole Murray

Chairperson Smith indicated that the first item before the Executive Committee was a request to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management to Kylie Nicole Murray.

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 Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Smith then called upon *President Pro Tempore* Dumas to discuss the second item before the Executive Committee.

2. Selection of Board Members to the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Awards Committee – *For Information Only*

President Pro Tempore Dumas stated that the next item before the Executive Committee was the appointment of board members to the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Awards Committee. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas explained that two board members are appointed to serve three-year terms on the Awards Committee. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas further explained, although Ms. Newton has one more year of service on the Awards Committee, her term on the Board will end in February 2022, and, as a result, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas announced the appointment of Mr. Smith to serve the final year of Ms. Newton's term on the Awards Committee.

3. Recommendation from the Trustee Task Force

Chairperson Smith indicated that the next item before the Executive Committee was a recommendation from the Trustee Task Force regarding the contextualization of Wallace Hall, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-6, Name Removal and Contextualization". Chairperson Smith called upon Mr. Pratt and Ms. Huntley, co-chairpersons of the Trustee Task Force, for discussion of the item.

Mr. Pratt and Ms. Huntley explained that the Task Force carefully reviewed the naming of Wallace Hall, named for Alabama Governor George Wallace. Mr. Pratt and Ms. Huntley explained that, given all of the history and available information regarding Governor Wallace, the Task Force recommends contextualizing the name of the building, pursuant to the Board policy.

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

4. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson Smith then shared that the final item before the Executive Committee was a list of seven awards and namings.

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. DeMaioribus, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Smith recessed the committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton stated that her report today includes the history and overview of the EAGLES Program at Auburn University. Chairperson Newton explained that the EAGLES Program is a comprehensive transition program for students with intellectual disabilities. Chairperson Newton stated that special needs students have access to wonderful opportunities in K-12, but that those opportunities fall off substantially after high school. Chairperson Newton explained that, accordingly, she began to investigate other programs for the intellectually disabled and found that several of Auburn's peer institutions already had programs in place. Chairperson Newton reported that upon reflection of Auburn's mission to educate *all* citizens of the state of Alabama, she approached Dr. Gogue with an idea to bring a similar program to Auburn. Chairperson Newton stated that Dr. Gogue fully supported the program and was instrumental in its implementation. Chairperson Newton thanked the program's initiation team for their hard work in bringing this program to life. Chairperson Newton explained that, since its creation, the EAGLES Program has touched countless lives and helped students that may not otherwise have access to a college experience become innovative and invaluable leaders on campus and in the Auburn community. Ms. Newton then welcomed Dr. Betty Patten, Director of the EAGLES Program, to deliver remarks.

Dr. Patten delivered a report to the Board detailing the program's ongoing success, including an announcement that the program's endowment has reached a level sufficient for continuing the program without placing the cost on the program's students. Dr. Patten thanked the Board and the Auburn Family for their continued support of the program and its students. Dr. Patten then welcomed Ms. Katie Basden, a parent of an EAGLES Program student.

Ms. Basden shared that when her son was born with a rare genetic defect, she feared that her son would not be able to carry on the family tradition of attending Auburn. Ms. Basden shared that as her son grew up, his goal was to be able to attend Auburn, and with the creation of the EAGLES Program, that dream became a reality. Ms. Basden indicated that the EAGLES Program was life-changing for her son, and that now, students like him will be able to enjoy the same opportunity. Ms. Basden said, "the words 'thank you' seem miniscule in expressing her appreciation of the EAGLES Program." Ms. Basden then introduced Ms. Sadie Weldon, a current EAGLES Program student.

Ms. Sadie Weldon addressed the Board stating, that because of the EAGLES Program, she has been able to enjoy "every minute" of her time at Auburn, including pledging a sorority and participating in the Diamond Dolls program. Ms. Weldon shared that she currently has the opportunity to serve as a student staff member for the EAGLES Program. Ms. Basden said, "The opportunity to be a part of these programs has helped prepare me for the rest of my life." Ms. Basden recounted the many friends and memories she has made through these programs and that she will cherish them forever. Ms. Weldon concluded her report by stating, "I want to thank the Board of Trustees, from the bottom of my heart, for supporting the EAGLES Program and allowing my dreams to come true."

President Pro Tempore Dumas thanked Ms. Newton, Ms. Patten, Ms. Basden, and Ms. Weldon for their inspirational reports.

Alumni

Lead Trustee Huntley began her report by sharing that the Alumni Association Board of Directors will meet on September 24, 2021. Lead Trustee Huntley then reported that the Alumni Association has yielded 415 scholarships valued at nearly \$750,000 for the 2021-2022 academic year. Lead Trustee Huntley then shared that the Alumni Association hosted 55 events for the incoming freshman class to welcome them to the Auburn Family throughout the summer with over 3,000 attendees. Lead Trustee Huntley concluded her report by sharing the Alumni Association will host a tailgating event for alumni in State College, Pennsylvania prior to the Penn State football game.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairperson Rane provided a brief report regarding governmental affairs as it relates to Auburn University. Chairperson Rane stated that Governor Ivey recently announced that Representative Bill Poole will assume the position of Director of Finance and that the university will work closely with Representative Poole in its future endeavors. Chairperson Rane concluded his report by sharing that the Governmental Affairs Committee will continue to monitor ongoing political affairs at the local, state, and federal levels.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Dumas convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After convening the regular meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas 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 Dumas then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riggins, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:32 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 11:30 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Dumas reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After reconvening the meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 11, 2021 Annual Board Meeting and the minutes of the August 6, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Lanier. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCrary, 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 June 11, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and the August 6, 2021 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via telephone conference call) 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 meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the June 11, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and the August 6, 2021 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees (via telephone conference call) are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2021 Annual Board Meeting and the minutes of the August 6, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Fall 2021 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Sanford. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, 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 Fall 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 Fall 2021 semester, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

AUM Chancellor's Report

Dr. Stockton began his report by sharing that, for the fourth year in a row, AUM was selected as the 2021 "Best of the Best" colleges and universities by the Montgomery Advertiser.

Dr. Stockton then shared that, for the third consecutive year, AUM was recognized as one of the "Best Colleges in the Southeast" by *The Princeton Review*. Dr. Stockton explained that colleges are selected based on academic quality, institutional data for admissions selectivity, quality of life, safety, students' satisfaction with faculty, and financial aid. Dr. Stockton commented that, according to Robert Franek, *The Princeton Review's* Editor-in-Chief, "Auburn University at Montgomery was selected primarily for its academics."

Dr. Stockton then reported that the U.S. Civil Rights Trail presented an award to AUM for being one of the most racially and ethnically diverse universities in the South. Dr. Stockton shared that the award noted that minorities comprise forty-eight percent of the AUM student body. Additionally, *U.S. News & World Report* also recognized AUM for its significant diversity. Dr. Stockton announced that AUM was recognized for its commitment and fulfillment of "graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students" into the workforce. Mr. Lee Sentell, Director of the U.S. Civil Rights Trail and Auburn alumnus, presented the award to AUM. Dr. Stockton presented signed copies of Mr. Sentell's book to the members of the Board.

Dr. Stockton then reported that Dr. Greg Ciesielski from the Department of Chemistry received AUM's second National Institute of Health grant totaling nearly \$500,000. Dr. Stockton stated the research project aims to assist with many human degenerative disorders including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, as well as various types of cancer and autism spectrum disorders.

Dr. Stockton then stated that AUM students will soon be able to register to vote on campus. Dr. Stockton explained that a voter registration kiosk will be coming to the AUM campus as part of a new voter registration initiative recently introduced by Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill and Montgomery County Probate Judge JC Love. Dr. Stockton shared that the AUM faculty and staff are very supportive of the initiative and look forward to students having access to this opportunity. Dr. Stockton then thanked Secretary Merrill and Judge Love for their efforts.

Dr. Stockton concluded his comments by reporting on AUM's COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive Program. Dr. Stockton shared that students who are fully vaccinated or plan to soon be vaccinated will be entered into a drawing to receive academic and housing scholarships. Dr. Stockton reported that eighty-five to ninety percent of AUM faculty and staff are vaccinated; however, only twenty percent of AUM students are vaccinated. Dr. Stockton announced that, since the initiative was launched, 2,500 students (fifty percent of the student body) have registered to be vaccinated. Dr. Stockton thanked AUM Student Government Association President Keenan Carter and the AUM nursing staff for their leadership on this project.

President Pro Tempore Dumas 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 sharing that Auburn University was recently ranked, once again, in *The Princeton Review's* 2022 edition of *The Best 387 Colleges*. Dr. Gogue commented that Auburn University received accolades in the following areas: most loved colleges, quality of life, student happiness, and athletic facilities.

Similarly, Dr. Gogue then announced that Auburn University was recently named as the top university in the state of Alabama by *Forbes*. Dr. Gogue explained that the rankings are based on best return on investment, accessibility to low-income students, average early career salary, and average student loan debt. Dr. Gogue added that *Forbes* also named Auburn as one of the best places to work in the state of Alabama. Dr. Gogue indicated that, of the thousands of companies eligible for this recognition, only a few receive the award. Dr. Gogue stated that Auburn received this award—for the third year in a row—based on the following criteria: working conditions, salary, potential for growth, and diversity.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by sharing that, in recognition of the twenty-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, ROTC and Athletics will hold special events during the Auburn vs. Alabama State football game in Jordan-Hare Stadium.

President Pro Tempore Dumas 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 ten action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's ten action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

LOWDER HALL FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP COLLABORATIVE LABORATORY RENOVATION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation project, and at its meeting on February 5, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved INOX Design Inc., of Marietta, Georgia, as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation project will renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of existing interior space located in Lowder Hall; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovation will create two state-of-the-art laboratories of up to fifty (50) seats each, dedicated to developing the practical skills essential in the financial services industry such as investment banking, asset management, and sales and trading; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for the Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation is \$3.5 million, to be financed by the Harbert College of Business; 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 Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation 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 Lowder Hall Financial Leadership Collaborative Laboratory Renovation project in the amount of \$3.5 million, to be financed by the Harbert College of Business; 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

HAM WILSON ARENA RENOVATION

CANCELLATION OF PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION OF DEMOLITION

AND

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT NEW TRAINING CENTER

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, in 2019, in consultation with the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management developed the concept of renovating the Ham Wilson Arena to serve as a training center for Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on April 16, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that provided final project approval for the Ham Wilson Arena Renovation project; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the university has decided the highest and best use for the Ham Wilson Arena site is for future academic or research facilities, with Facilities Management being directed to construct the training facility within its complex on West Samford Avenue; and

WHEREAS, to execute this plan, the previously approved Ham Wilson Renovation project needs to be canceled, and the initiation of a project for Facilities Management to construct a training center within its complex needs to be approved; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect recommends the use of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, to design the Facilities Management New Training Center, since they had been previously approved as the project architect on the Ham Wilson Renovation project; and

WHEREAS, the Ham Wilson Arena will be demolished; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the demolition of the Ham Wilson Arena will be funded by University general funds, and the Facilities Management New Training Center project will be financed by Facilities Management reserve funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy "D-3, Capital Projects Approval", the initiation of a project and the selection of the architect 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 Ham Wilson Arena Renovation Project is canceled, the initiation of the Facilities Management New Training 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. Demolish the Ham Wilson Arena; and
1. Engage JMR+H of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the Facilities Management New Training Center 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

DUNCAN DRIVE EXTENSION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Duncan Drive Extension & Infrastructure project is proposed in support of the campus road system and the College of Agriculture's Transformation Gardens project; and

WHEREAS, the project would construct a two-lane campus road that extends Duncan Drive from Lem Morrison Drive to Woodfield Drive and include bicycle lanes, sidewalks and street lighting, as well as overhead power, storm sewer, and domestic water lines; and

WHEREAS, the project would execute site grading, stormwater management and the installation of utilities infrastructure (sanitary sewer, gas, water, electrical) for the adjacent Transformation Gardens, a teaching and outreach space planned by the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the project would also install a community greenway path that will connect the Davis Arboretum and Gogue Performing Arts Center to the Transformation Gardens and allow for future connections to the Jule Collins Smith Museum and the City of Auburn Town Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, this project would result in numerous benefits to the Auburn University campus including improved traffic flow, increased redundancy of utility systems, establishing an eastern edge to the Hayfields area of campus to aid in future research or academic building development, and facilitating the creation of the Transformation Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect recommends the use of LBYD Engineers of Birmingham, Alabama, to design the Duncan Drive Extension & Infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this project will be financed by University General Funds and constructed during the first half of 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval", the initiation of this project 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 Duncan Drive Extension & Infrastructure 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 LBYD Engineers of Birmingham, Alabama as 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

TRANSFORMATION GARDENS

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

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture has proposed the construction of the Transformation Gardens, a new space on campus that will provide new teaching, research and outreach opportunities benefiting both students and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Gardens will be a 16-acre garden that will encompass every aspect of plant-based agriculture, and is intended to be a high-tech facility where students gain hands-on experience with the latest industry practices, as well as a place where research faculty tackle the key challenges of the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, elements of the Transformation Gardens will serve as both a teaching space as well as production facilities for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will include two vertical container farms to be managed and maintained by students training to work in the growing high-tech industries of hydroponic and urban farming; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Gardens will also be the site of trial tests for a variety of commercially sold plants, and other research will focus on irrigation methods and technologies, fruit and vegetable gardening, and medicinal plants; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Gardens will be developed in numerous phases over the next several years by the College of Agriculture, and it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by gift funds to the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval", the initiation of this project 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 Transformation Gardens 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

NORTH AUBURN EQUINE RESEARCH FACILITY – ADDITION

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

WHEREAS, the College of Veterinary Medicine has proposed the construction of a new addition to the North Auburn Equine Research Facility in support of the federally-funded research program at North Auburn; and

WHEREAS, the current program operates out of temporary facilities which are inadequate to support future growth of this important research program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will allow this program to bring their facilities up to modern standards and to grow the research capabilities to match increased new grant funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by College of Veterinary Medicine 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 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 North Auburn Equine Research Facility-Addition 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

PLAINSMAN PARK PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER – PHASE II

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

WHEREAS, the Plainsman Park Player Development Center-Phase I facility was completed in January 2021 and included new indoor batting cage tunnels, player evaluation spaces and player restrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department is ready to commence the next phase of development for this facility and has proposed improvements to enhance the Plainsman Park fan experience; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes premium seating improvements above the new Player Development Center, as well as additional seating, new restrooms, concessions, a covered pavilion, and a connection to the existing seating concourse; and

WHEREAS, his project will be financed by the Athletics Department through a combination of bonds and gifts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, “D-3, Capital Projects Approval”, the initiation of this project 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 Plainsman Park Player Development Center Phase II 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

AUBURN ARENA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department has proposed the renovation of the women's basketball locker room area within the Auburn Arena; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will enhance the current team support spaces for the women's basketball program with renovations to include improvements to the team's meeting areas, video review lab, team lounge, nutrition area, coaches' locker room, and restrooms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will allow this program to bring their facilities up to competitive standards; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this project would be financed by the Athletics Department through the use of bond 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 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 Arena Women's Basketball Locker Room 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

MCWHORTER CENTER GYMNASTICS AND SOFTBALL TEAM AREA RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department has proposed the renovation of the gymnastics and softball team area within the McWhorter Center; and

WHEREAS, the McWhorter Center was originally constructed in 1999, and is in need of an upgrade to effectively support the development of student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will renovate gymnastics and softball team spaces within the McWhorter Center to allow these programs to compete nationally at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by the Athletics Department through a combination of bonds and gifts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval", the initiation of this project 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 McWhorter Center - Gymnastics & Softball Team Area 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

AUTHORITY TO SELL 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 a parcel of property on Hwy 331 (depicted in Exhibit 1); and

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

WHEREAS, selling this parcel would generate revenue and other benefits that could support the capital needs of Auburn University at Montgomery, including development of an academic and research center on its campus; 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 hired a real estate broker to market these sites, as approved by the Auburn University Board of Trustees at its February 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University has received an offer to purchase the property that is higher than the MAI appraisal of the value of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that:

1. Auburn University accept the offer to purchase the property at Hwy 331, Montgomery, Alabama; and
2. Jay Gogue, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the parcel described above, consistent with Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

EXHIBIT 1

HYUNDAI BOULEVARD SITES

[Attached]

EXHIBIT 1

HYUNDAI

HYUNDAI BLVD

HIGHWAY 331

PARCEL
5.59 AC +/-



SCALE: 1:400

RESOLUTION

AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, Auburn University has an opportunity to purchase property consisting of 0.74 acres at 842 South College Street, Auburn, Alabama, which is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of South College Street and Woodfield Drive (See Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, this acquisition will allow the University to control one side of the intersection, which will allow for road widening, turn lanes, and improved aesthetics at a major entrance point to campus; and

WHEREAS, the University thus wishes to acquire this property for the benefit of the institution; and

WHEREAS, the property will be transferred by general warranty deed; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price does not exceed the MAI appraisal of the property; and

WHEREAS, the University has acquired an option to purchase the property, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

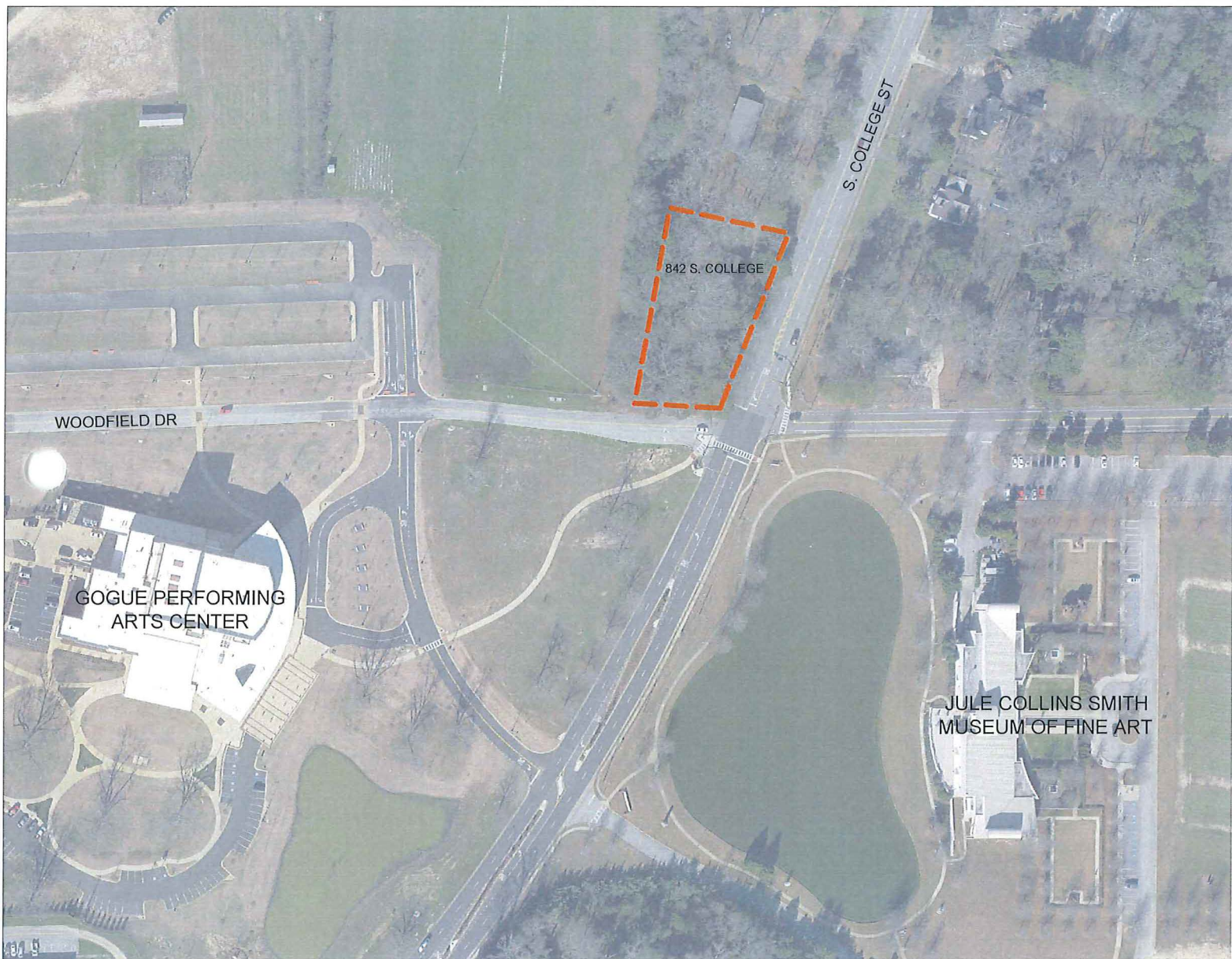
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the proposed acquisition of property located at 842 South College Street in Auburn, Alabama, is hereby approved.

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 purchase the property described above, consistent with Alabama law, provided that the transaction documents be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

EXHIBIT 1

842 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

[Attached]



Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed two action items and one item of information. Chairperson Newton moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Academic Affairs Committee's two action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE

WHEREAS, in 2015, the College of Agriculture established an undergraduate degree program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Food Science that provides a formal plan of study in the development of food processing, analysis, engineering, and safety; and

WHEREAS, in spring 2021, faculty in the College 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, the College has developed an appropriate teach-out plan for students currently enrolled in the program that enables them to complete their degrees; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to close the Bachelor of Science in Food Science, effective January 1, 2022, has been approved by the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the University Curriculum Committee, 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 Bachelor of Science in Food Science be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval and that the closure be submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a proposed substantive change requiring the approval of that body.

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

WHEREAS, the School of Kinesiology in the College of Education currently offers academic programs that prepare students for advanced study in the field of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, the School of Kinesiology does not currently offer a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, leading many Auburn graduates to seek professional programs of study at other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the School of Kinesiology has demonstrated the capacity to deliver high quality professional education programs designed to provide the didactic and clinical education required for entry into the professional practice of physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, the School of Kinesiology proposes a new degree program, the Doctor of Physical Therapy, that will provide students with advanced knowledge and practice in delivering direct patient care to individuals experiencing disorders of movement, including mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments and functional limitations; and

WHEREAS, upon approval by the Board of Trustees and accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy, the School of Kinesiology plans to add a DPT Bridge program that will extend the DPT to licensed and working physical therapy assistants seeking a pathway to becoming licensed physical therapists; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree will address the growing workforce demand for licensed physical therapists capable of treating individuals of all ages, including those with adverse health conditions, mobility issues, and chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program will require additional resources for start-up and implementation, to be funded by the College of Education and the university's Mission Enhancement Fund; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this degree has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

Finance Committee

Chairperson Harbert indicated that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item. Chairperson Harbert moved for approval of the Finance Committee's one action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University as follows:

Section 1. The operating budget for Auburn University covering restricted, unrestricted and auxiliary funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, as presented by the President and approved by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, be, and the same is hereby approved.

Section 2. Nothing in said budget shall be accepted or construed to be legal obligations or liabilities against Auburn University. The amounts fixed in the components of the budget for the year 2021-2022 shall be understood to be the relative amounts to be paid or expended for those components in relationship to the funds and/or income of the University available for the support and maintenance of the University

Section 3. The proposed expenditure amounts as set out in the budget are hereby approved and adopted and the President is authorized and empowered to enact such budget on October 1, 2021. The President is further authorized and empowered to effect routine adjustments to this budget as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Section 4. The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees is requested and authorized to approve material adjustments in this budget as may be determined necessary and presented by the President.

Section 5. In order to manage the University's opportunities to refinance its outstanding General Fee Revenue Bonds and thereby reduce the University's overall debt service obligations as and when possible, the Authorization attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted as if set forth in full in this resolution.

EXHIBIT A

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS
OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

[Attached]

EXHIBIT A

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, it is desirable and appropriate for Auburn University (the “University”) to issue its General Fee Revenue Bonds from time to time for the purpose of refunding and paying certain of its prior outstanding bonds and thereby achieving an overall interest rate expense savings to the University; and

WHEREAS, in order to manage the University’s refunding opportunities in the most efficient manner possible and to permit the University to take advantage of changing market conditions, it is desirable and appropriate to authorize the officers of the University to arrange for the issuance of refunding bonds without further approval of the Board of Trustees, subject to the limitations expressed in this authorization.

THEREFORE, by virtue of the Resolution to which this Authorization is attached, the Board of Trustees hereby and thereby authorizes the following:

Section 1. Findings. The following bonds or leases of the University are currently outstanding:

- (i) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2012-A and Series 2012-B (Taxable), dated March 27, 2012, issued under the Sixteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2012;
- (ii) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2014-A, dated July 1, 2014, issued under the Seventeenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of July 1, 2014;
- (iii) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2015-A, dated March 18, 2015, issued under the Eighteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2015;
- (iv) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2015-B, dated September 10, 2015, issued under the Nineteenth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of September 1, 2015;
- (v) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2016-A, dated August 17, 2016, issued under the Twentieth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of August 1, 2016;

- (vi) General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2018-A dated June 21, 2018, issued under the Twenty-First Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of June 1, 2018;
- (vii) General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-A, dated March 18, 2020, issued under the Twenty-Second Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2020;
- (viii) Taxable General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-B, dated March 18, 2020, issued under the Twenty-Second Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of March 1, 2020;
- (ix) Taxable General Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2020-C, dated July 29, 2020, issued under the Twenty-Third Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of July 1, 2020;
- (x) General Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2021-A, dated May 5, 2021, issued under the Twenty-Fourth Supplemental General Fee Indenture dated as of May 1, 2021;
- (xi) Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (Auburn University Educational Complex Gulf Shores Project).

The bonds described in (i) – (xii) above are herein referred to as the “Outstanding Bonds.”

Section 2. Authorization of Bonds. The University is hereby authorized to issue its revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding any or all of the Outstanding Bonds. The said bonds shall be issued under the terms, conditions and provisions set out in the General Fee Revenue Trust Indenture dated as of June 1, 1985 between the University and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee (herein called the “Trustee”), as heretofore supplemented, and as further supplemented by the Supplemental General Fee Revenue Indentures (the “Supplemental General Fee Indentures”) provided for in Section 6 of this authorization (the original General Fee Revenue Trust Indenture, as so supplemented being herein referred to as the “General Fee Revenue Indenture”). The bonds herein authorized (the “Bonds”) may be issued at such time or times and in such series as may be most advantageous to the University, subject to the provisions of Section 12 of this authorization. The Outstanding Bonds to be refunded by the Bonds are hereinafter referred to as the “Refunded Bonds.”

All the provisions of the General Fee Revenue Indenture, as applicable to the Bonds, are hereby adopted as a part of this authorization as if set out at length herein.

Section 3. Bonds to be Issued as Additional Parity Bonds; Special Findings. The Bonds shall be issued as additional parity bonds under Article VIII of the General Fee Revenue Indenture.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 8.2(b) of the General Fee Revenue Indenture, the Board hereby finds and declares as follows:

(a) The University is not now in default under the General Fee Revenue Indenture and no such default is imminent.

(b) Bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation shall be designated "General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series ____". If it is necessary and appropriate to issue a portion of the Bonds as bonds the interest on which is taxable for purposes of federal income taxation, such bonds shall be designated "Taxable General Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series ____". The series designation shall be completed to reflect the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued and to provide any further identification of the Bonds as is appropriate.

(c) The persons to whom the Bonds are to be delivered are set forth in Sections 7 and 9 hereof.

(d) All of the Bonds are to be issued by sale in accordance with Section 7 hereof.

(e) The sale price of the Bonds shall be as set forth in Sections 7 and 12 hereof.

(f) The only parity bonds that have previously been issued by the University under the General Fee Revenue Indenture and that are currently outstanding are those bonds listed in (i) – (x) of Section 1 above along with the supplemental indentures under which they were issued.

(g) The Refunded Bonds are to be refunded from proceeds of the Bonds, subject to the determinations and conditions set forth in Sections 11 and 12 hereof.

The Trustee is hereby requested to authenticate and deliver the Bonds to the purchaser specified in Section 7 hereof upon payment of the purchase price designated therein.

Section 4. Source of Payment of the Bonds. The principal of and the interest on the Bonds shall be payable from (i) the gross revenues from those general tuition fees levied against students at the Auburn, Alabama campus and the Montgomery, Alabama campus of the University that are more particularly described and referred to as "General Fees" in the General Fee Indenture; (ii) the gross revenues derived by the University from the operation of its housing and dining facilities located on the Auburn campus and on the Montgomery campus that are more particularly described and referred to as "Housing and Dining Revenues" in the General Fee Indenture; (iii) the gross revenues derived by the University from the operation of its athletics programs that are more particularly described and referred to as "Athletic Fee Revenues" in the General Fee Indenture; and (iv) the several student fees levied against students

at the Auburn campus and the Montgomery campus that are more particularly described and referred to as the "Pledged Student Fees" in the General Fee Indenture. The said General Fees, Housing and Dining Revenues, Athletic Fee Revenues, and Pledged Student Fees are referred to herein as the "Pledged Revenues."

Nothing contained in this authorization, in the Bonds, in the General Fee Revenue Indenture, or in the supplemental indentures hereinafter authorized shall be deemed to impose any obligations on the University to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds except from the Pledged Revenues. Neither the Bonds, nor the pledge or any agreement contained in the General Fee Revenue Indenture, in any supplemental indenture or in this authorization shall be or constitute an obligation of any nature whatsoever of the State of Alabama, and neither the Bonds nor any obligation arising from the aforesaid pledge or agreements shall be payable out of any moneys appropriated to the University by the State of Alabama. The agreements, covenants or representations contained in this authorization, in the Bonds, in the General Fee Revenue Indenture, and in any supplemental indenture do not and shall never constitute or give rise to any personal or pecuniary liability or charge against the general credit of the University, and in the event of a breach of any such agreement, covenant or representation, no personal or pecuniary liability or charge payable directly or indirectly from the general revenues of the University shall arise therefrom. Nothing contained in this section shall, however, relieve the University from the observance and performance of the several covenants and agreements on its part herein contained.

Section 5. Bonds Payable at Par. All remittances of principal of and interest on the Bonds to the holders thereof shall be made at par without any deduction for exchange or other costs, fees or expenses. The bank or banks at which the Bonds shall at any time be payable shall be considered by acceptance of their duties hereunder to have agreed that they will make or cause to be made remittances of principal of and interest on the Bonds, out of the moneys provided for that purpose, in bankable funds at par without any deduction for exchange or other cost, fees or expenses. The University will pay to such bank or banks all reasonable charges made and expenses incurred by them in making such remittances in bankable funds at par.

Section 6. Authorization of Supplemental Indentures. The Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University to approve, execute and deliver, for and in the name and behalf of the University, to the Trustee, a Supplemental General Fee Revenue Indenture with respect to each series of the Bonds, and does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of the Board to affix the official seal of the University to said Supplemental General Fee Revenue Indenture and to attest the same.

Section 7. Sale of the Bonds. The Bonds may be sold as an underwritten public sale, or by a private placement with one or more banks or other qualified institutional purchasers, as determined under Section 12 hereof. If the Bonds are sold through an underwritten public sale, the Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University or the Vice-President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University to approve, execute and deliver, for and in the name and behalf of the University, one or more Bond Purchase Agreements with respect to each series of Bonds between the University and an underwriter or underwriters (the "Underwriter") approved under Section 12 of this authorization. If the Bonds are sold by private placement, the

Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University or the Vice-President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University to approve, execute and deliver, for and in the name and behalf of the University, a Placement Agreement or similar document with the purchaser(s) of the Bonds approved under Section 12 of this resolution.

Section 8. Authorization of Official Statements. The Board does hereby authorize and direct the Underwriter and/or Professionals designated under Section 14 of this authorization to prepare and distribute, for and in the name and on behalf of the University, a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement with respect to each series of Bonds issued under this authorization. The Board does hereby further authorize and direct the President or the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the University, such final Official Statement(s) and does hereby declare that the Official Statement(s) so executed by the President or the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University shall be the Official Statement(s) of the University with respect to the Bonds covered by such Official Statement(s).

Section 9. Execution and Delivery of Bonds. The Board does hereby authorize and direct the President of the University to execute the Bonds, in the name and on behalf of the University, by causing his signature or a facsimile thereof to be placed or imprinted on the Bonds, and does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of the Board to cause the official seal (or a facsimile thereof) of the University to be applied or imprinted on the Bonds and to attest the same by causing his signature or a facsimile thereof to be placed or imprinted on the Bonds, all in the manner provided in the General Fee Revenue Indenture. The President of the University is hereby further authorized and directed to deliver the Bonds, subsequent to their execution as provided herein to the Trustee, and to direct the Trustee to authenticate all the Bonds and to deliver them to the Underwriter, upon payment to the University of the purchase price therefor in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7 and 12 hereof.

Section 10. Application of Proceeds. The entire proceeds derived by the University from the sale of the Bonds shall be paid to the Trustee under the General Fee Revenue Indenture. The Trustee is thereupon authorized and directed to apply and disburse such moneys for the purposes and in the order specified in the Supplemental General Fee Indentures.

Section 11. Redemption of Refunded Bonds; Authorization of Escrow Trust Agreement. Any series of Outstanding Bonds to be refunded by the Bonds or any series of the Bonds shall be called for redemption on the first date permitted for the call and redemption of such Outstanding Bonds subsequent to the date of issuance of the Bonds, at and for a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of each bond so redeemed, plus accrued interest. The President and the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University are separately authorized to direct the Trustee to mail and/or publish notice of such redemption as required under the terms of the General Fee Revenue Indenture. Any such redemption notice mailed or published prior to the date of issuance of the Bonds shall provide that the call of the affected Refunded Bonds for redemption is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

Pursuant to Section 6.1(a) of the General Fee Revenue Indenture, the Board hereby confirms that the University is not in default under said indenture.

The President of the University is hereby authorized to approve, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the University an Escrow Trust Agreement or Agreements, between the University and the Trustee, if necessary or desirable, with respect to each series of Refunded Bonds to provide for the escrow and investment of proceeds of the Bonds until the redemption date of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 12. Authorization to Approve Certain Matters. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the University to authorize the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes described in this authorization and subject to the limitations of this authorization without a further meeting or approval of the Board. The Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board are hereby authorized:

(a) to determine when and if any Bonds shall be issued and to approve the schedule of issuance for each series of Bonds; provided that no Bonds shall be issued under the authority of this authorization after December 31, 2023;

(b) to approve the principal amount of the Bonds to be issued in each series and the designation of the Bonds as tax-exempt or taxable Bonds; provided that the aggregate principal amount of each series of Bonds shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the principal and interest on the Refunded Bonds (taking into account any original issue premium or discount) and the costs of issuing the Bonds;

(c) to determine which of the Refunded Bonds are to be refunded and redeemed by the Bonds; provided that any such refunding shall result in a minimum net present value savings of at least 3%;

(d) to determine whether the Bonds are to be sold to the public or are to be privately placed with one or more banks or other institutions, and the terms of either form of sale;

(e) to approve the forms of Supplemental General Fee Indenture(s), Bond Purchase Contract(s) (if the Bonds are sold to the public), Placement Agreement (if the Bonds are privately placed with a bank or financial institution), Preliminary Official Statement(s), Official Statement(s) and Escrow Agreement(s) to be delivered in connection with each series of Bonds;

(f) to approve the final form and pricing details of each series of Bonds, including the interest rates to be borne by such Bonds, the principal maturities thereof and any original issue discount or premium with respect to the Bonds; provided that the net interest cost of any series of Bonds shall not exceed 6%;

(g) to approve the expenses of issuing the Bonds; and

(h) to take such other steps and to execute and approve such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to cause the Bonds to be issued, sold and delivered consistent with the provisions of this authorization and the General Fee Revenue Indenture.

The final approval by the Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of the items listed above may be conclusively evidenced by a certificate signed by each of them and delivered at the time of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 13. Severability. The various provisions of this authorization are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision hereof shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this authorization.

Section 14. Designation of Professionals. The retention of PFM Financial Advisors LLC as financial advisor to the University, and the law firm of Balch & Bingham LLP as bond counsel to the University for the issuance of the Bonds are hereby authorized.

Section 15. General Authorization. The President of the University, Vice President for Business & Finance and CFO of the University and the Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized to execute such further certifications or other documents and to take such other action as any of them may deem appropriate or necessary for the consummation of the matters covered by this authorization, to the end that the Bonds may be executed and delivered at the times and on the terms most advantageous to the University.

Executive Committee

Chairperson Smith indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed three action items and one item of information.

Chairperson Smith reported that the first item presented to the Executive Committee was a request to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management to Kylie Nicole Murray. Chairperson Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson Smith then stated that the second item presented to the Executive Committee was a recommendation from the Trustee Task Force regarding the Contextualization of Wallace Hall on Auburn's campus. Chairperson Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson Smith then reported that the third and final action item presented to the Executive Committee was a list of seven proposed awards and namings. Chairperson Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harbert, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

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

The following resolutions were approved:

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AVIATION MANAGEMENT TO KYLIE NICOLE MURRAY

WHEREAS, Kylie Nicole Murray, an undergraduate student in the Department of Aviation Management in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University, passed away on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murray passed away before she could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Aviation Management, the interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Provost, and the President recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management is hereby granted posthumously to Ms. Kylie Nicole Murray in recognition of her academic achievements as a student at Auburn University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby expresses its sympathy and condolences to the family of Ms. Murray in this period of sadness and that a copy of this resolution be presented to them so that they will know of this action and the university's deep loss.

RESOLUTION

CONTEXTUALIZATION OF WALLACE HALL

WHEREAS, the life of Governor George Corley Wallace is one of great complexity from his early actions as a self-described segregationist to his later life when he apologized for his words and deeds promoting segregation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wallace blemished his own legacy by publicly extolling segregation; and

WHEREAS, late in his life, Governor Wallace sought forgiveness and was publicly forgiven by prominent civil rights leaders, ultimately winning his final election as governor of Alabama in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wallace is widely recognized by both supporters and detractors as an influential proponent of Alabama's publicly controlled two-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, through a specially created task force, has made considerable effort to study the University's past and to educate students and other university stakeholders, candidly and pointedly, on all aspects of Auburn's and the State of Alabama's history. This in-depth examination has highlighted the important contributions of minority students and stakeholders over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Board task force also desires to accurately illuminate the holistic legacy of historical figures whose mention in the names of campus buildings and other structures may conjure painful historical images for members of the Auburn community; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ensure that the University's physical environment supports the University's values as reflected in the Auburn Creed; and with Auburn's mission to improve the lives of the people of Alabama, the nation, and the world through forward-thinking education, life-enhancing research and scholarship, and selfless service. This desire caused this Board to adopt the Policy Regarding Name Removal and Context of University Owned or Controlled Buildings and/or Structures Located on Auburn University Property (the "Name Removal and Contextualization Policy") in November of 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Name Removal and Contextualization Policy, the Board has determined that preservation of an accurate portrayal of history is best served by placing the existing name in historical context.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby instructs the University leadership to affix a memorial plaque at Wallace Hall on the main Auburn Campus which displays the text below:

Wallace Hall is named after George Corley Wallace, four-time governor of the State of Alabama and was erected on Auburn's campus in 1984. The life of Governor Wallace was one of great complexity from his early actions as a self-described segregationist to his later life when he apologized for his words and deeds promoting segregation. In his last election as governor of Alabama, in 1982, he won with more than 90 percent of the black vote. The complexity of Wallace's legacy has been an ongoing conversation for decades. Auburn's obligation as an institution of higher education is to promote challenging conversations, which is a valuable component of the academic process.

RESOLUTION

NAMING ROOM 157 IN THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER AS THE TERI W. NIX ADAPTIVE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LAB

WHEREAS, Mr. William “Bill” Nix ’82 and Mrs. Teri W. Nix ’80, who met at Auburn and fell in love; and

WHEREAS, Bill was raised in Montgomery, AL with a family of Auburn fans while Teri grew up in various places across Georgia and Alabama with a family of Alabama fans; and

WHEREAS, they both found their way to “The Loveliest Village on the Plains” where they had life-changing experiences; one of which was meeting each other during the final semester of Bill’s senior year while completing his internship; and

WHEREAS, two of their children have also attended Auburn University, strengthening their connection and commitment with the institution; and

WHEREAS, inspired by their parents’ commitment to building good character, a tragic accident of a loved one, and the incredible academic journey of their daughter, Bill and Teri’s philanthropy provides resources to those who have a passion for service and working with special populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Room 157 in the Student Activities Center be named The Teri W. Nix Adaptive Physical Activity Lab in recognition of their generous support for Auburn University and the College of Education.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE SOUTH PATIO COMMONS IN THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS THE RUIE ANDREW BARNES, JR. AND ANDREA SMITH BARNES SOUTH PATIO COMMONS

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Management Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally, and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and increasing interest in the program and the study options of Culinary Science, Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Event Management has necessitated the construction of a facility to provide state-of-the-art learning for students; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University and the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Andrew and Andrea Barnes have responded to the call for philanthropic support of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Andrew and Andrea Barnes have impacted the lives of many Hospitality Management students through their support of immersive out-of-classroom experiences; and

WHEREAS, Andrew and Andi are in the hospitality business and Andrew is getting his PhD in Hospitality Management and teaches in the College of Human Sciences Hospitality Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of the south patio commons in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Andrew and Andrea Barnes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the south patio commons in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Ruie Andrew Barnes, Jr. and Andrea Smith Barnes South Patio Commons in honor of the Barnes' generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WINE TASTING ROOM IN THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER THE EDGE FAMILY WINE TASTING ROOM

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Hospitality Management Program is held in high acclaim regionally, nationally, and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences has initiated a campaign to construct such a facility; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey and Elizabeth Edge are in the hospitality business and their Daily's brand is highly regarded and known for exceptional customer hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Aubrey and Elizabeth have responded to the call for philanthropic support of such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences is recommending the naming of the Wine Tasting Room in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Aubrey and Elizabeth Edge in recognition of their philanthropic generosity to Auburn University and its Hospitality Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wine Tasting Room in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named The Edge Family Wine Tasting Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CRANE IN THE ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY AS THE MELISSA BROWN HERKT LIFT LIKE A GIRL CRANE

WHEREAS, Melissa B. Herkt graduated from Auburn University in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, Melissa joined Exxon Research and Engineering Company upon graduation and spent the next 18 years leading major capital projects for refining, chemicals, and offshore developments around the world; and after eight years in the pharmaceutical industry, led the Process Systems and Solutions business unit of Emerson Process Management; retiring in 2012 as President and COO of the Solutions group; and

WHEREAS, Melissa received the Construction Industry Institute's Outstanding Implementer Award in 2004 and the Richard L. Tucker Leadership and Service Award in 2012; was inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2008 and into the National Academy of Construction in 2009; was named a Distinguished Auburn Engineer in 2015; was a 2015 recipient of the Auburn Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award; and in 2018, received the Construction Industry Institute's Carroll H. Dunn Award of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Melissa serves Auburn engineering as a member of the Alumni Engineering Council; is a mentor to the Auburn Engineers Without Borders organization; created the Melissa B. Herkt Endowed Scholarship in Engineering, which has benefitted a dozen student recipients; and

WHEREAS, Melissa is a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association; serves on the Auburn University Foundation Board; generously supports the Arts at Auburn; is a member of Auburn University's Top Donors club, Petrie Society, Foy Society, and 1856 Society as well as the College of Engineering's Ginn Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the crane in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named The Melissa Brown Herkt Lift Like a Girl Crane in honor of her generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

PLACING THE NAME LAURA YOUNG PALMER ON THE PATRONS SOCIETY WALL IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Laura Young Palmer graduated from Auburn University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Languages; and

WHEREAS, Laura was born in Montgomery, Alabama, to military parents, which allowed her opportunities to travel the world. Her mother instilled in her a love of Auburn, and as an undergraduate, she enjoyed practicing piano in Langdon Hall. She was very involved serving as president of her sorority and Mortar Board; and

WHEREAS, Laura and Susie Gogue attended Auburn University together and were sorority sisters. She has always held both Susie and Jay Gogue in high regard and is delighted the performing arts center is named in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Laura spent more than 30 years with SunTrust Bank and retired as a Senior Vice President in the Private Wealth Management Division. She currently enjoys retirement living in Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Laura serves on the Gogue Center Development Council, is a past president of the Dean's Advisory Council of the College of Liberal Arts and is a member of Auburn's 1856 Society, Petrie Society, and the Foy Society; and

WHEREAS, Laura is proud of Auburn University and the City of Auburn's desire to further enhance the institution and the community; and

WHEREAS, Laura has supported the arts throughout her life and this will be her second gift to support construction of the Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the name Laura Young Palmer shall be placed on the Patrons Society Wall in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University in recognition of the generous support of Laura Young Palmer.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUITE IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE CONN FAMILY ADMINISTRATIVE SUITE

WHEREAS, Walt Conn received his bachelor's degree in accountancy from Auburn University, and Alicia Conn received bachelor's and master's degrees in accountancy from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Walt is the Global Chief Operating Officer of Quality, Risk, and Regulatory for KPMG International, playing a critical role in monitoring the quality of services across all of KPMG's businesses worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Alicia is highly engaged in the Auburn community and a member of the Gogue Center Development Council, Women's Philanthropy Board, WINGS, and Auburn Campus Club; and

WHEREAS, Walt serves on the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors, is an emeritus member of the Harbert College of Business Advisory Council and the School of Accountancy Advisory Council, and is a past member of the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Walt and Alicia are members of the Gogue Center Patrons Society, Auburn's 1856 Society, Foy Society and Shug Jordan Society, and they are life members of the Auburn Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Walt and Alicia are the parents of three daughters: Katie, Emily, and Caroline; and

WHEREAS, Walt and Alicia are proud of Auburn University and the City of Auburn and would like to give back to further enhance the institution and the community; and

WHEREAS, Walt and Alicia have made a gift to support construction of the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Administrative Suite in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University be named The Conn Family Administrative Suite in recognition of Walt and Alicia's very generous support of the arts and Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EAST STAIRCASE ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE AT THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE DIFOLCO PARKER FAMILY STAIRCASE

WHEREAS, Jane DiFolco Parker served Auburn University with distinction as vice president for development and president of the Auburn University Foundation from 2012-2020; and

WHEREAS, Jane led *Because This is Auburn – A Campaign for Auburn University*, the most successful fundraising campaign in Auburn's history, raising more than \$1.2B; and

WHEREAS, during Jane's tenure, Auburn received its largest philanthropic gift to date — \$57 million from John and Rosemary Brown — of which a portion was designated for construction of the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Jane made a generous gift to support the Gogue Performing Arts Center in honor of her husband, Bill Parker, and daughter, Ashley DiFolco Parker; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Ashley's unfailing support of Jane's work on behalf of Auburn University tremendously enhanced both her life and her career; and

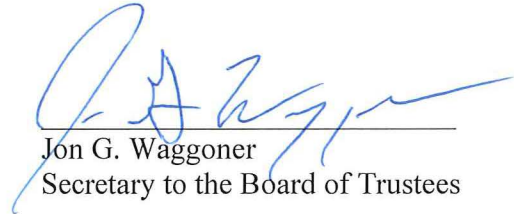
WHEREAS, Jane serves on the Gogue Center Development Council and believes the Center is an extraordinary asset that strengthens our community; improves quality of life; creates access to the arts for a wide range of people; and exposes children to the importance of art in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Jane had the honor of working with John and Rosemary Brown in achieving their vision to create a performing arts center at Auburn and has a personal desire to see that their philanthropic investment is honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Staircase on the Outdoor Stage at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University shall be named The DiFolco Parker Family Staircase in recognition of Jane's generous support of the Gogue Performing Arts Center and Auburn University.

President Pro Tempore Dumas 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