

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
FEBRUARY 4, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROOMS 221-223 OF THE TAYLOR CENTER
ON THE AUM CAMPUS

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VI. Recess Meeting

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Auburn University Board of Trustees, Mr. Bob Dumas convened the meeting of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the Auburn University at Montgomery campus.

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 at the meeting: 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; 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, Academic Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Robert Norton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Beverly Marshall, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Scott Lane, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Henry Schenck, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Mr. David Hinton, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty

Representative; Mr. Clint Lovelace, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Ms. Ashley Reid, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Ms. Susan Terino, President of the AUM Staff Council; Ms. Cheryl Casey, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. Regenia Sanders, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Ms. Oluchi Oyekwe, President of the Graduate Student Council.

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 9:35 A.M.**

Chairperson Vines convened the meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 9:35 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Vines called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the committee's single agenda item.

1. Review of Audited Financial Report – *For Information Only*

Ms. Shomaker indicated that the single item before the Audit and Compliance Committee was the review of the audited financial report. She provided a brief overview of the report and answered questions from board members.

Ms. Shomaker then introduced Mr. Douglas Grant of Pricewaterhouse Coopers as the independent auditor who provided a more in-depth review of the financial auditing process.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Vines recessed the committee meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 9:45 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus.

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. Hood McPherson Building Renovation: Final Project Approval

Mr. King first discussed Hood McPherson Renovation project. Mr. King reminded the Board that at its meeting on November 16, 2018, the Board approved the acquisition of the Hood McPherson Building located at 2013 4th Avenue N., Birmingham, Alabama. He also stated that at its meeting on November 20, 2020, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the project, and at its meeting on February 5, 2021, the Board approved the selection of the project architect.

Mr. King shared that the proposed project is to renovate the Hood McPherson Building to provide academic and administrative space in Birmingham for Auburn University functions—such as the Urban Studio of the College of Architecture, Design, and Instruction; the Harbert College of Business; and other units.

Mr. King stated that the estimated total project cost is \$21.8M, to be financed by University Funds.

Subsequently, Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Hood McPherson Renovation project.

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

2. Auburn Arena – Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations: Final Project Approval

Mr. King reminded the Board that at its meeting on September 10, 2021, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn Arena – Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations project, and at its meeting on November 12, 2021, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the selection of the project architect.

Mr. King stated that the project will include comprehensive renovations to the existing locker room to bring the facilities up to competitive standards.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$3M, to be funded by bonds with the debt service of the bonds paid for by Athletics Department funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Auburn Arena – Women’s Locker Room Renovations project.

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

3. Auburn Arena – New Practice Gym: Approval of Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. King stated that the Athletics Department proposed the construction of an addition to the Auburn Arena to create a new practice gym. Mr. King explained that due to heavy use of the main court, it is often unavailable for practice. He shared that the proposed project is to construct a second practice gym and renovate the existing team support spaces to bring the facilities to Southeastern Conference competitive standards and provide additional practice space for the teams that use the facility.

Mr. King reported that the project will be funded by gift funds, with the debt service of the bonds paid for by Athletics Department funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the Auburn Arena – New Practice Gym project and 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. McCrary, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

4. Jordan-Hare Stadium – Annual Restoration and Maintenance: Project Approval and Authority to Execute

Mr. King stated that each year, the Athletics Department plans and budgets for annual maintenance to be performed at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Mr. King reported that the proposed maintenance for the coming year will not exceed \$3.5M, to be financed by Athletics Department funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the Jordan-Hare – Annual Restoration and Maintenance project and authorizing its execution.

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

5. Quad Drive – Utilities Infrastructure: Project Approval and Authority to Execute

Mr. King reminded the Board that at its meeting on September 13, 2019, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the University Student Housing project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process and that at its meeting on February 7, 2020, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the selection of the project architect.

Mr. King shared that the proposed project is to install hot and chilled water lines along Quad Drive to support the new University Student Housing buildings as well as to provide these utilities to the Upper Quad residence halls. Mr. King stated that the installation of these lines is time-sensitive, in that the installation in the summer of 2022 will greatly facilitate the desired completion of the project by the fall of 2024.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is approximately \$1.5M, to be financed by the University Student Housing project.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approved the Quad Drive – Utilities Infrastructure project and authorizing its execution.

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

6. Auburn University Regional Airport – T-Hangar Construction: Final Project Approval

Mr. King reminded the Board that at its meeting on June 11, 2021, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport – T-Hangar Construction project and approved the selection of the project architect.

Mr. King stated that the project will construct 10 additional bays to be leased to local and regional aircraft owners to serve as a source of revenue and also to support the community's needs for air travel.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.4M, to 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 providing final approval of the Auburn University Regional Airport – T-Hangar Construction project.

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

7. AUM Real Estate Acquisition: Pearson Building in Montgomery, Alabama

Mr. King stated that AUM proposed the acquisition of the Pearson Building in Montgomery, Alabama—across the street from the AUM campus—to provide space for the AUM Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the acquisition of the Pearson Building in Montgomery, Alabama for the price of \$970,000.

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

8. Real Estate Authority to Execute: Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry, Auburn, Alabama

Mr. King stated the Auburn University wishes to lease a vacant 2.24-acre parcel of property at 1171 Wire Road to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry for the construction of a new livestock and poultry disease diagnostic laboratory.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the execution of a lease of approximately 2.24 acres at 1171 Wire Road to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry for nominal rent and a term not to exceed 50 years.

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

9. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**
- b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 2022**
- c. Project Status Report**

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Chairperson Newton convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 10:10 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus.

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 Redesignation of Academic Units

Dr. Hardgrave reported that the Office of Provost proposed changes for the following academic units: (1) the Department of Aviation as the School of Aviation in the College of Liberal Arts, (2) the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences as the College of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, (3) the Harrison School of Pharmacy as the Harrison College of Pharmacy, and (4) the School of Nursing as the College of Nursing.

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 approved the motion by a voice vote.

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

Dr. Hardgrave then presented an information only report to the Board regarding a new certificate in Data Science/Data Engineering & Interpreting and Manufacturing Systems. Dr. Hardgrave also reported a change in nomenclature for the Option in Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Physician as the Option in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences.

Before concluding the committee meeting, Chairperson Newton delivered the following comments in recognition of Dr. Hardgrave:

“Bill, I know we all celebrated your Auburn accomplishments and your appointment as president of the University of Memphis at yesterday’s reception. However, I want to take a moment in this formal board meeting to thank you once again for all that you have done for Auburn. On behalf of the Board, I wish you and Rhonda the best in the years to come. We appreciate you and will miss you tremendously.”

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 10:15 A.M.**

Chairperson Smith convened the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Smith called upon Dr. Hardgrave for discussion of the first two Executive Committee agenda items.

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight to Joshua James Marshall

Dr. Hardgrave stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight to Mr. Joshua James Marshall.

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.

2. Posthumous Awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture to Colonel (Retired) Dr. Mark P. McGuire

Dr. Hardgrave stated that a request is before the Board of Trustees to award posthumously the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture to Colonel (Ret.) Dr. Mark P. McGuire.

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

Chairperson Smith then discussed the remaining Executive Committee items as follows:

3. Proposed 2022-2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

Chairperson Smith indicated that the proposed 2022-2023 are as follows:

September 16, 2022

November 11, 2022

February 3, 2023 (AUM Campus)

April 14, 2023

June 9, 2023 (Annual Board Meeting)

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 shared that the final item was a list of 12 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. Rane, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Smith recessed the committee meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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

Academic Affairs Committee

For her final report as chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee, Trustee Newton began her report by sharing that she is immensely proud of the committee's work—specifically a commitment to improving the quality of instruction and the student experience—during the past few years. Chairperson Newton commented that Auburn is “fortunate to have a cohort of faculty and staff who care deeply about its students and work each day to ensure they have every opportunity to succeed both on campus and in their future endeavors.”

Chairperson Newton reminded the Board that Auburn is preparing for reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Chairperson Newton stated that a critical component of Auburn's reaccreditation is the Quality Enhancement Plan. She explained that the plan, with a focus on student achievement, presents a strategic opportunity to ensure that Auburn's students are highly sought by industry, government, non-profits, and academia. Chairperson Newton explained that with the formation of a new Academic Insight Lab, Auburn's faculty, staff, and students will conduct applied research to help the campus community better understand student achievement and career success. She indicated that the Quality Enhancement Plan will strengthen Auburn's academic programs and value of an Auburn degree.

Chairperson Newton concluded her report by challenging the Board to continue the important work of the Academic Affairs Committee to propel Auburn to new even greater standards.

Alumni

Lead Trustee Huntley began her report by sharing that the Alumni Association kicked off its 36th annual Club Leadership Conference in early February with 141 volunteers in attendance. She stated that the event boasts 52 clubs and affiliates from 15 states. Lead Trustee Huntley reported that Dr. and Mrs. Gogue will host the attendees to thank them for their critical role in fostering the Auburn spirit within their respective communities.

Lead Trustee Huntley then reminded the Board that the 2022 Lifetime Achievement and Young Alumni Awards Gala is scheduled for February 26, 2022 at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

Lead Trustee Huntley then announced that the Auburn Alumni Association is now accepting application for four new directors and two officers for its board. She stated that the application period closes on March 16, 2022.

Lead Trustee Huntley concluded her report by sharing that the Auburn Alumni Association will host its 2022 Women's Summit on March 18, 2022 at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center. She stated that the one-day summit will include a keynote from Michelle McKenna and four sessions featuring a variety of topics and outstanding alumnae from different professions.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairperson Rane began by his report by sharing an update in regard to state governmental affairs. Chairperson Rane stated that the 2022 legislative session convened on January 11, 2022. He stated that the education budget introduced by Governor Ivey was extremely favorable for all four divisions of Auburn University. Chairperson Rane thanked the governor, State Finance Director Bill Poole, and the Executive Budget Office. Chairperson Rane explained that, since 2022 is an election year, the legislative session may be a bit shorter than usual. He stated that, as always, Auburn's governmental affairs team will work to maintain a strong budget and monitor other pieces of legislation as they move through the process.

Chairperson Rane then shared a federal governmental affairs report. He commented that, in regard to congressional outlook for Fiscal Year 2022, there is great uncertainty in Washington, D.C. amid the collapse of several key pieces of legislation. He explained that customary legislation—such as the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations, and Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations—are anticipated. Chairperson Rane stated that there is a bit of a delay in finalizing Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations, but an agreement is near.

Chairperson Rane then stated that, as of now, Auburn's governmental affairs team is preparing to recommend over 30 proposed projects to the Alabama congressional delegation for Fiscal Year 2023. He indicated that the projects emanate from various areas across the university and represent numerous stakeholder groups.

Chairperson Rane concluded his report by stating that the United States Senate will spend time over the next few months on President Biden's Supreme Court nominee following the announcement of Justice Breyer's retirement.

Research and Technology Committee

Chairperson Sahlie began his report by sharing that in the recently release National Science Foundation (NSF) Higher Education Research and Development Survey (HERD), Auburn entered the Top 100 among U.S. research universities, based on research expenditures reported for Fiscal Year 2020. Chairperson Sahlie indicated that Auburn's research portfolio has remained strong and continues to grow, even with the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairperson Sahlie then stated that in the latest round of funding from the State of Alabama's Alabama Research Development and Enhancement Fund, Auburn was awarded \$1.6M in research grants for four sustainability projects housed in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.

Chairperson Sahlie concluded his report by sharing that Auburn's New Venture Accelerator, a company founded by two Auburn students, is now the leading cryptocurrency exchange on the African continent. He stated that, in late 2021, the company received \$15M in Series A financing led by Valar Ventures, Third Prime, and Castle Island Ventures. He indicated that the new funding is accelerating the company's expansion of cryptocurrency exchanges in 12 African countries—with additional nations expected to follow.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 10:25 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Dumas convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 10:25 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of Taylor Center on the AUM campus.

After convening the regular meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas asked if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. Mr. Pratt, on behalf of 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. Sanford. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:27 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 AT 11:25 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Dumas reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11:25 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus.

After reconvening the meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 12, 2021 meeting and the December 10, 2021 special called meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, 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 November 12, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the December 10, 2021 special called meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the November 12, 2021 meeting and the December 10, 2021 special called meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2021 Board Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas called upon Dr. Stockton for the AUM Chancellor's Report.

AUM Chancellor's Report

Dr. Stockton began his report by formally welcoming the Board to the AUM campus. He stated that AUM looks forward to hosting the meeting every year.

Dr. Stockton then announced that for Fiscal Year 201, AUM posted a \$14.41M increase to its net position. Dr. Stockton shared that this is the fifth consecutive year, beginning with Fiscal Year 2017, that AUM has reported an increase in net position. Dr. Stockton thanked AUM's financial team for their work ensuring this success.

Dr. Stockton then announced that AUM hosted U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Terrance A. Adams in January 2021 as the keynote speaker for AUM's Martin Luther King, Jr. Reflections event. Dr. Stockton indicated that General Adams is a 1994 AUM graduate in Computer Information Systems and is a former SGA president.

Dr. Stockton then reported that AUM's graduate enrollment has grown significantly in the past year. He shared that one of AUM's goals in its strategic plan is to reach an enrollment level of 1,000 graduate students—with the current number of graduate students being 1,051. He reminded the Board that five years ago, AUM had 400 graduate students enrolled—a 200+ percent increase.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by sharing the recent success of AUM's athletics programs. He indicated that in its third year as a Division II school in the NCAA, AUM's athletics programs continue to show impressive progress and boast national recognitions. He stated that this past fall, AUM's men's soccer team finished eighth in the nation. Dr. Stockton also shared that AUM's women's softball and men and women's tennis has enjoyed recent success. Dr. Stockton thanked AUM's athletics staff and student athletes for their tireless and impressive work.

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 in December 2021, two Auburn Bass Fishing Team members—Logan Parks and Tucker Smith—won the \$1M first-place prize in the Bass Pro Shop's U.S. Open National Bass Fishing Amateur Team Championships.

Dr. Gogue then announced that Auburn and New Venture Accelerator were awarded a \$1.3M grant to increase high-quality job growth and create economic opportunity in the Auburn-Opelika area. Dr. Gogue indicated that the grant would allow the New Venture Accelerator to expand entrepreneur education and programming.

Dr. Gogue then shared that, in an effort to encourage diversity in graduate education, Auburn is waving admission application fees for students from eight of Alabama's HBCUs. Dr. Gogue shared that this initiative serves as a means to strengthen Auburn's academic partnerships with the state's HBCUs and encourage enrollment.

Dr. Gogue concluded his report by announcing that Auburn's online graduate programs are among the nation's best, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2022 Best Online Programs rankings. Dr. Gogue shared that many of the programs received individual best national designations, including a Top 5 ranking for our Educational Administration & Supervision and Engineering programs.

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 eight action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's eight 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
HOOD MCPHERSON BUILDING RENOVATION
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 16, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of the Hood McPherson Building located at 2013 4th Avenue N., Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, originally constructed in 1911, the Hood McPherson Building consists of six stories and approximately 40,000 square feet situated on 0.20 acres; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Hood McPherson Building Renovation project, and at its meeting on February 5, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved Williams Blackstock Architects, of Birmingham, Alabama, as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the Hood McPherson Building will be renovated to provide academic and administrative space in Birmingham, Alabama, for Auburn University functions, such as the Urban Studio of the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction, the Harbert College of Business, and other units; and

WHEREAS, program requirements of the renovation include construction of a communal lobby, office and instructional space, fabrication spaces, design studios, shared amenity spaces; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost is \$21.8 million, to be financed by University General Funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Hood McPherson Building 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 Hood McPherson Building Renovation project in the amount of \$21.8 million, to be financed by University General Funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

RESOLUTION

AUBURN ARENA – WOMEN’S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM RENOVATIONS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 10, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn Arena Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations project, and at its meeting on November 12, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the firm Goodwyn Mills Cawood as the architect selection; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Arena Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations project will renovate approximately 4,000 square feet of the existing team space to provide the women’s basketball program with an enhanced locker room facility; and

WHEREAS, the renovated locker room and team spaces will facilitate improved player recovery, player development, and more competitive recruiting with the Southeastern Conference and national peers; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Auburn Arena Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations project is \$3.0 million, to be funded by bonds, with the debt service of the bonds paid for by Athletics Department funds; and

WHEREAS, the project will be located in the Auburn Arena; 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 Auburn Arena Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations 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 Auburn Arena Women’s Basketball Locker Room Renovations project in the amount of \$3.0 million, to be funded by bonds, with the bond debt service paid for by Athletics Department funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

RESOLUTION

AUBURN ARENA – NEW PRACTICE GYM

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

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Athletics Department has proposed the construction of an addition at the Auburn Arena to create a new practice gym; and

WHEREAS, due to the heavy use of the Auburn Arena main court as the competition venue for men and women's basketball, women's volleyball, and women's gymnastics, and visiting team pre-game practice sessions, the main court is often not available for team practice sessions, particularly for men and women's basketball, thus causing the existing practice gym in the Auburn Arena to be overscheduled; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will construct a second practice gym and renovate the existing team support spaces to allow both the men's and women's basketball programs to conduct practices at times that are advantageous to student-athletes and thus bring their facilities to Southeastern Conference competitive standards; and

WHEREAS, this project is to be funded by gift funds and bonds, with the debt service of the bonds paid for by Athletics Department funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Auburn Arena-New Practice Gym 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 commence the architect selection process for this project.

RESOLUTION

ATHLETICS COMPLEX – COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department has proposed the renovation of the Athletics Complex building; and

WHEREAS, once the Football Performance Center is completed in the Fall of 2022, the football staff will relocate from the Athletics Complex building to the new facility; and

WHEREAS, once the football team moves, the Athletics Department plans to relocate functions currently in the in Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum and other Athletics facilities into the vacated spaces within the Athletics Complex; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will renovate the vacated space in the Athletics Complex building to accommodate the incoming staff personnel and thus enable the Athletics Department to enhance the facilities and student-athlete experience for its Olympic Sports programs; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility is to be funded by bonds, with the debt service of the bonds paid for by Athletics Department funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Athletics Complex – Comprehensive Renovations 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

JORDAN-HARE STADIUM – ANNUAL RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department plans and budgets for annual maintenance to be performed at Jordan-Hare Stadium; and

WHEREAS, in preparation, a building envelope and structural review of the stadium is conducted each year to identify and prioritize required maintenance and repair work; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fiscal year 2022 maintenance project will complete numerous items identified in the annual review; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated schedule for this maintenance is to begin after A-Day and to complete the work prior to the 2022 football season; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the maintenance project will not exceed \$3.5 million, to be financed by the Athletics Department funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Jordan-Hare Stadium Annual Restoration and Maintenance 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 execute the project.

RESOLUTION

QUAD DRIVE – UTILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, Facilities Management proposes to execute a Quad Drive Utilities Infrastructure project as part of the University Student Housing project; and

WHEREAS, the design of the University Student Housing project is currently underway and is anticipated to be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval in June 2022; and

WHEREAS, hot and chilled water lines need to be installed along Quad Drive to support the University Student Housing buildings as well as to provide these utilities to Upper Quad Residence Halls; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of the utility infrastructure work is estimated to cost approximately \$1.5 million and would be funded by the University Student Housing project; and

WHEREAS, the installation of these lines are time sensitive, in that installation of these lines in the summer of 2022, will greatly facilitate the desired completion of the University Student Housing project, which is scheduled to start in the fall of 2022 and be completed by the fall of 2024; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this schedule, it is requested that the Board of Trustees approve the Quad Drive Utilities Infrastructure portion of the University Student Housing project prior to granting Final Project Approval of the overall project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Quad Drive Utilities Infrastructure 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 execute the project.

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT – T-HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 11, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction project, and approved the firm Garver, LLC, of Huntsville, Alabama, as the project engineer selection; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a second T-Hangar facility at the airport, similar to the ones constructed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a new ten (10) bay T-Hangar, and the Auburn University Regional Airport will lease these hangars to local and regional aircraft owners to serve as a source of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for the Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction project is \$1.4 million, to be financed by an Alabama Department of Transportation grant and University General Funds; and

WHEREAS, the project will be located at the Auburn University Regional Airport at the north ramp; 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 Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction project is approved and that Jay Gogue, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Auburn University Regional Airport T-Hangar Construction project in the amount of \$1.4 million, to be financed by an Alabama Department of Transportation grant and University General Funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

RESOLUTION

AUM REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION: PEARSON BUILDING IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the Board of Trustees to consider the purchase of the Pearson Building located in Montgomery, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Pearson building consists of a two-story building located in the Halcyon Summit Park at 7145 Halcyon Summit Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, with a total of 9,100 square feet and 0.92 acres of commercial property (see attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase will allow Auburn University Montgomery to own a permanent location for the Speech and Hearing Clinic, a program that AUM has operated since 1975; and

WHEREAS, if approved, Auburn University would purchase the facility for \$970,000 from General Funds, which is a price commensurate with the recent construction or sale of other similar buildings in the Halcyon Summit Park; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees policy, "D-10 Real Estate Exchange Policy," requires Board approval for the acquisition of the property, and consistent with the policy, one MAI appraisal was obtained; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price will not exceed the appraised value of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to purchase approximately 0.92 acres of real property located at 7145 Halcyon Summit Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$970,000. All documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

ATTACHMENT 1

WARHAWK
HALL

TAYLOR ROAD

AUBURN
UNIVERSITY AT
MONTGOMERY

AUM
WELLNESS
CENTER

PEARSON
BUILDING

HALCYON SUMMIT DRIVE



SCALE: 1:160

RESOLUTION

REAL ESTATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE LEASE: ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY, AUBURN, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, in 1973 the Alabama Legislature appropriated funds to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries for construction of a livestock and poultry disease diagnostic laboratory and required the new facility to be sited on land owned by Auburn University, through Act No. 1058, Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Code section 2-27-31 requires that the Department's pesticide research and testing laboratory also be located on land owned by Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, in 1975, the Board of Trustees approved a 30-year lease of approximately three acres of property located at 1001 Wire Road in Auburn, for nominal rent, on which the Department constructed its Gilmer Turnham facility, which lease was later extended through August 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department wishes to construct a new state-of-the-art facility in Auburn, which will both advance the Department's mission and facilitate its research and student collaborations with the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Industries has identified a vacant parcel of property at 1171 Wire Road (see attachment #1), across the street from the College of Veterinary Medicine and adjacent to the Alabama State Forensic Science Laboratory, as a suitable site for its new facility, and Auburn University has no alternative use for the property; and

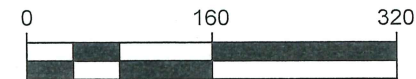
WHEREAS, Auburn University wishes to lease the new Wire Road site to the Department of Agriculture and Industries, for nominal rent and a term not to exceed fifty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Jay Gogue, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to execute a lease of approximately 2.24 acres at 1171 Wire Road to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry for nominal rent and a term not to exceed fifty years. All documents consummating the lease of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

ATTACHMENT 1



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SCALE: 1:160

Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Newton indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. Chairperson Newton moved for approval of the Academic Affairs Committee's one action item. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF ACADEMIC UNITS

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost maintains General Administrative Guidelines for the Redesignation of Departments, Schools, or Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Aviation in the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, the Harrison School of Pharmacy, and the School of Nursing have requested to be granted school/college status and renamed accordingly in support of these guidelines; and

WHEREAS, each academic unit has experienced considerable enrollment growth in recent years, resulting in increased faculty and expanded academic, research, and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, redesignation of these units will enable them to competitively recruit faculty and prospective students at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and

WHEREAS, redesignation of these units will also align their nomenclature with similar programs found at peer institutions; and

WHEREAS, the requests have been endorsed by the Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Dean of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, the Dean of the Harrison School of Pharmacy, the Dean of the School of Nursing, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the following changes in designation be approved and reported to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as items of information:

1. Redesignation of the *Department of Aviation* as the *School of Aviation* in the College of Liberal Arts;
2. Redesignation of the *School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences* as the *College of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences*;
3. Redesignation of the *Harrison School of Pharmacy* as the *Harrison College of Pharmacy*; and
4. Redesignation of the *School of Nursing* as the *College of Nursing*.

Executive Committee

Chairperson Smith indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed four action items. Chairperson Smith moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's four action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

Following the approval of the consent agenda, Chairperson Smith delivered the following remarks:

"I would like to take a moment to discuss three very special items just approved in the consent agenda.

Today is the final board meeting for Trustees Lanier, McCrary, and Newton. Auburn has been extremely fortunate to have trustees like Gaines, Charles, and Sarah. To say that they are leaving giant shoes to fill would be an understatement. We will all miss them terribly and are so sad to see them leave this Board.

I ask Board Secretary Waggoner to read the resolutions just approving thanking them and commemorating their service to Auburn."

Board Secretary Waggoner then read the resolutions aloud as framed copies were presented to Trustees Lanier, McCrary, and Newton.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL FLIGHT TO JOSHUA JAMES MARSHALL

WHEREAS, Joshua James Marshall, an undergraduate student in the Department of Aviation in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University, passed away in December 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Aviation, the Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Provost, and the President recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight is hereby granted posthumously to Mr. Joshua James Marshall in recognition of his 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 Mr. Marshall 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

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HORTICULTURE TO COLONEL (RETIRED) DR. MARK P. MCGUIRE

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark McGuire, a 1976 Auburn graduate in Political Science and a retired Colonel and Doctor of Optometry in the US ARMY Reserves for more than 30 years, was pursuing a second bachelor's degree in Horticulture before passing away in fall 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark McGuire passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Horticulture, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Provost, and the President recommend that the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Bachelor of Science in Horticulture is hereby granted posthumously to Dr. Mark P. McGuire in recognition of his 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 Dr. Mark McGuire 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.

PROPOSED 2022-2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

September 16, 2022

November 11, 2022

February 3, 2023 (AUM Campus)

April 14, 2023

June 9, 2023 (Annual Board Meeting)

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE OUTDOOR PATIO AREA AT THE JACK KEY GOLF FACILITY AS THE MICHAEL AND LAURA FLANNAGAN PATIO

WHEREAS, Michael Flannagan graduated from Auburn in 2006 with an Executive Master of Business Administration from the Harbert College of Business; and

WHEREAS, Michael's wife Laura also shares a love for the Auburn community and Auburn Athletics; and

WHEREAS, the Flannagans both have a passion for golf; and

WHEREAS, the Flannagans share a commitment to Auburn Athletics and improving the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, the Flannagans are members of the Tigers Unlimited All American Society and have made a generous gift to Auburn University in support of golf facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, meeting in session on this fourth day of February, 2022, hereby declares and makes known that, henceforth, the outdoor patio at the Jack Key Golf Facility is named The Michael and Laura Flannagan Patio.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE GOLF HITTING BAY AND THE GOLF FITTING ROOM IN THE JACK KEY GOLF FACILITY AS THE MOON FAMILY HITTING BAY AND THE GARAGE POWERED BY MOON GOLF

WHEREAS, Anne Moon represented the university as a golf student-athlete from 1999 to 2003 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Anne's husband Dan Moon graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in management information systems in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Anne had a successful college golf career and won the 2002 Southern Amateur Golf Championship; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Moons opened Moon Golf, a golf retail store with three locations in southeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Moons both have a passion for golf because it is a dominant part of their lives, and they make it their job to share their passion and love with every customer who comes into Moon Golf; and

WHEREAS, each spring, the Moons sponsor the Moon Golf Invitational, a D-I women's golf tournament in Melbourne, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Moons are members of the Tigers Unlimited Talon Society and have made a generous gift to Auburn University in support of golf facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, meeting in session on this fourth day of February, 2022, hereby declares and makes known that, henceforth, the golf hitting bay at the Jack Key Golf Facility is named The Moon Family Hitting Bay and the golf fitting room at the Jack Key Golf Facility is named The Garage Powered by Moon Golf.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE AUBURN ARENA AS THE NEVILLE ARENA

WHEREAS, Mr. William (Bill) V. Neville III, a native of Eufaula, Alabama, did not attend Auburn University; however, his father, grandfather, and grandmother all earned degrees from Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neville, with degrees in mathematics, computer science, and mathematical sciences from Rice University and an MBA from Columbia University, is the founder of US Viking LLC, a software development firm on St. Croix focusing on news automation for world-wide television, radio, and network newsrooms; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Connie J. Neville holds a Bachelor's of Science in Education from New York University and a Master's Degree in Education from Columbia University and is involved in a number of charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, the Neville's have provided significant support to Auburn University Athletics qualifying them as inaugural members of the Tigers Unlimited new Pat Dye Society; and

WHEREAS, the Neville's have made a generous gift to Auburn University Athletics in support of Auburn Basketball.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, meeting in session on this fourth day of February, 2022, hereby declares and makes known that, henceforth, the Auburn Arena is named the Neville Arena.

RESOLUTION

NAMING A BOX OFFICE STATION AT THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE DAVID N. AND MARGARET C. BOTTOMS BOX OFFICE STATION

WHEREAS, David N. Bottoms, Sr. was born in Hamilton, Alabama in 1905. He came to Auburn in 1928 with meager means but had a great deal of determination and resolve; and

WHEREAS, David graduated in 1932 from Auburn University then known as API. After graduation, he became a high school Ag Ed teacher and subsequently was hired as an associate professor in Agriculture Education at Auburn. David retired in 1972 after almost 40 years of service to the university; and

WHEREAS, Margaret C. Bottoms was born in Hagerman, New Mexico in 1907 and grew up in Brundidge, Alabama with her maternal grandparents. After raising two sons, David, Jr. and Glen, and operating a kindergarten school in Auburn, Margaret earned her degree from Auburn University in 1965; and

WHEREAS, David and Margaret provided a loving, nurturing home where the virtues of hard work were always on display. They instilled a love for music and the arts in their sons affording them both opportunities to pursue lessons. At a young age, David, Jr. began to study piano and continued throughout high school under the direction of Hubert Liverman, head of Auburn's music department; and

WHEREAS, David and Margaret would be in awe of the Gogue Center and thrilled to have such a wonderful, cultural addition at Auburn. Through this gift, their son, David, is honoring his parents' legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, that the name David N. and Margaret C. Bottoms shall be placed on a Box Office Station in the Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University in recognition of the support of David N. Bottoms, Jr.

RESOLUTION

NAMING AN OPERA BOX IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE DAVID AND SUSAN HOUSEL OPERA BOX

WHEREAS, David Housel '69 received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Auburn University, and Susan Housel '73 received her bachelor's degree in education from Auburn University, a master's degree at Troy State University, and a specialist degree from Samford University; and

WHEREAS, David began his career at Auburn in 1970, and eventually became Auburn's 13th Director of Athletics and retired after 36 years of service to Auburn and Susan's teaching career spanned 27 years in the state of Alabama before retiring in 2001; and

WHEREAS, David led Auburn to eight national and 38 SEC titles, held numerous leadership roles in the SEC and NCAA, won myriad awards and recognitions, including his recognition as an honorary member of the Auburn University Singers; and

WHEREAS, Susan was the 2012 recipient of the Pamela Wells Sheffield Award, and has served as president for numerous organizations such as Campus Club, Phi Delta Kappa, Alpha Delta Kappa, and Kappa Delta Pi and was named Teacher of the Year in 1991; and

WHEREAS, David and Susan believe in the transformative power of the performing arts and are avid fans of Broadway plays and musicals; and

WHEREAS, an anonymous gift was given to honor David and Susan in celebration of 50 years of the Auburn University Singers and to support the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that an opera box in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University be named the David and Susan Housel Opera Box in recognition of their support of the arts and Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING AN OPERA BOX IN THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE DR. THOMAS R. AND GAYLE SMITH OPERA BOX

WHEREAS, Thomas “TR” Smith, Professor Emeritus of Music at Auburn University, retired as Chair of the Department of Music and Director of Choral Activities in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Gayle Smith received her Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Auburn University in 1976 and has taught choral music in the Auburn and Opelika area schools for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, TR founded and conducted the Auburn University Singers and also conducted the Concert Choir including performances at Carnegie Hall, nine European concert tours, and multiple choral conventions, and Gayle is the founding director of the East Alabama Children's Choir; and

WHEREAS, TR and Gayle have been actively involved with music ministry for years and their dedication to the choral arts has touched and positively influenced thousands of students through the years; and

WHEREAS, an anonymous gift was given to honor TR and Gayle in celebration of 50 years of the Auburn University Singers and to support the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that an opera box in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University be named the Dr. Thomas R. and Gayle Smith Opera Box in recognition of their support of the choral arts and Auburn University.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE AMPITHEATRE STAGE AT THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS THE MARY LOU AND DANIEL EVANS PONDER, JR. AMPITHEATRE STAGE

WHEREAS, Daniel E. Ponder, Jr. grew up in Alabama and earned a degree in Agricultural Business and Economics from Auburn in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou Ponder grew up in Alabama and earned a degree in History from Auburn in 1976; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Dan moved to Donalsonville, Georgia to manage his family's company, Beall Peanut Company. In 1983, he started Ponder Enterprises, Inc. which became one of the largest restaurant companies in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou was an educator for 26 years in the Georgia public school system where she inspired many young people before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Dan served as Chairman of the Seminole County Commission, State Representative in the Georgia General Assembly, and as Mayor of the City of Donalsonville; and

WHEREAS, Dan and Mary Lou own the *Donalsonville News*, a widely acclaimed weekly newspaper where Dan has twice received the Otis Brumby Trophy presented by the Georgia Press Association each year for the best serious column; and

WHEREAS, as a state legislator, Dan received the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for his courageous plea for hate-crime legislation in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dan and Mary Lou have two married daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dan and Mary Lou believe the performing arts center will expand horizons for both children and adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, that the Amphitheatre Stage at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center shall be named The Mary Lou and Daniel E. Ponder, Jr. Amphitheatre Stage in recognition of their generous support of Auburn University and the arts.

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE MRI RESEARCH BUILDING AS THE THOMAS WALTER MRI RESEARCH BUILDING

WHEREAS, Thomas Walter attended Auburn University on a Naval ROTC scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering physics in 1955; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation he served in the Navy aboard an Atlantic Fleet destroyer and later with the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project; and

WHEREAS, after his four years of active duty, Tom worked as a circuit design engineer at Texas Instruments and later served as a systems engineer at IBM; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 he was licensed as a Professional Engineer and in 1963 joined EDS, an information service company founded by Ross Perot, and served the company in many managerial capacities including senior vice president, chief financial officer and as a member of the company's board of directors; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the Thomas Walter Center for Technology Management was established in honor of Tom by Ross Perot, with the goal of the center to unite people in business and engineering; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Jean Walter have demonstrated a strong commitment to Auburn University, serving as life members of the Auburn Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, the Walters have provided support to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering through professorships, chairs, endowed funds and generosity to the Thomas Walter Center; and

WHEREAS, the Walters have supported scholarships across campus, including to the Colleges of Engineering, Science and Mathematics and Agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, that the MRI Research Building be named the Thomas Walter MRI Research Building in honor of the Walters' generous support and ongoing dedication.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT BILL HARDGRAVE

WHEREAS, Bill Hardgrave has served Auburn University with distinction as dean of the Harbert College of Business from 2010 – 2017 and as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs from 2018 – 2022; and

WHEREAS, under his exceptional leadership, the Harbert College of Business experienced considerable growth, including significant increases in student enrollment, undergraduate and graduate programs, resources for students and faculty, and research advancements, thus elevating the reputation of the college to be among the most prestigious in the nation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as dean, Bill's leadership and vision inspired extraordinary levels of philanthropic support, including the transformational gift of \$40 million from alumni Raymond and Kathryn Harbert, which named the Raymond J. Harbert College of Business, as well as a \$15 million gift from the Harberts in support of the college's state-of-the-art graduate business building, which is named in honor of former dean George Horton and Provost Hardgrave; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Auburn University's seventh provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, Bill Hardgrave successfully guided the university's instruction, research, and outreach missions to unprecedented levels of success and provided critical leadership in the development and implementation of the university's 2019-2024 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Bill's tireless efforts to support student success and strengthen professional opportunities for Auburn graduates led to the creation of several academic and philanthropic initiatives designed to expand access and affordability for future generations of Auburn students; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hardgrave's ongoing commitment to excellence in scholarly work is demonstrated by his leadership of the Radio Frequency Identification Laboratory, an innovative research endeavor that has generated more than \$60 million in extramural funding and created job opportunities for hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hardgrave has served as a model of leadership to his peers by working with faculty, staff, and students at Auburn University and beyond to collaboratively address emerging issues and immediate needs facing the field of higher education, most notably the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Bill and his wife, Ronda, have remained dedicated servant leaders in the Auburn community, often giving their time and talents to support others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Auburn University extends to Bill Hardgrave its sincere gratitude for his invaluable service to Auburn University, and bestows upon him the title of Provost Emeritus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Provost Bill Hardgrave so that he, Ronda, and their family are reminded of Auburn University's deep gratitude and profound respect for his many accomplishments on behalf of our university.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEE D. GAINES LANIER

WHEREAS, Mr. D. Gaines Lanier, a loyal and dedicated alumnus of Auburn University, served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University from 2007 until 2022; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Lanier served in countless leadership capacities, including serving as chairperson of various Board of Trustees committees and as lead trustee for Athletics, including membership on the Tigers Unlimited Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lanier led an incredibly successful company, J. Smith Lanier Company, that served as a national leader in the insurance industry, ultimately becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of the company and presiding over a period of huge growth and success; and

WHEREAS, possessing great business acumen, Mr. Lanier brought invaluable insight into the Board's deliberations, participating vigorously in the decision-making process, and weighing all aspects of issues faced before rendering judgement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lanier's experience as a varsity athlete for Auburn University enabled him to provide unique and pivotal leadership on the Board and in the Athletics Department during an extremely successful era of Auburn University Athletics; and

WHEREAS, the period of Mr. Lanier's tenure as a trustee can be characterized as a period during which Auburn University realized great progress in numerous significant areas, and achieved recognition as being among the nation's finest public universities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lanier's loyalty, attention, and commitment involved great personal sacrifice of his valuable time and energy; and

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to commemorate Mr. Lanier's long and noteworthy service to the students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Auburn University and the people of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that we hereby formally extend to Mr. D. Gaines Lanier our heartfelt thanks and unending gratitude for invaluable and distinctive service to Auburn University during his 15-year tenure as a member of this Board and convey all good wishes in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section 2.10, the title of Trustee Emeritus is hereby bestowed upon Mr. Lanier with the understanding and request that his continued support, assistance, and service to Auburn University and this Board are earnestly solicited and welcomed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Lanier so that it may serve as a perpetual reminder of our deep appreciation and a symbol of our debt for his many good deeds on behalf of Auburn University and the citizens of Alabama.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEE CHARLES D. MCCRARY

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles D. McCrary, a loyal and dedicated alumnus of Auburn University, served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University from 2004 until 2022; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. McCrary served in countless leadership capacities, including *President Pro Tempore* of the Board, chairperson of various Board of Trustees committees, and as a key leader in multiple searches for president and numerous high-level institutional leaders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCrary's steadfast commitment to Auburn University and its advancement was highlighted by the visionary creation of the McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, a best-in-class institution born of his leadership and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, the McCrary Institute has enabled Auburn University to become a premier, world-renowned problem solver, combining the knowledge of recognized policy authorities and renowned faculty researchers to develop solutions to real-world security problems and to educate the security experts of the future; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCrary has greatly distinguished himself as one of Alabama's preeminent business leaders, serving with outstanding achievement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Alabama Power Company and currently leading Alabama's financial services industry as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Regions Bank; and

WHEREAS, possessing remarkable reason, affability, and business acumen, Mr. McCrary brought invaluable insight into the Board's deliberations, participating vigorously in the decision-making process, and weighing all aspects of pressing issues before rendering judgement; and

WHEREAS, the period of Mr. McCrary's tenure as a trustee can be characterized as a period during which Auburn University realized great progress in numerous areas, and achieved increased recognition as ranking among the nation's finest public universities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCrary's trademark charm, unyielding loyalty, and unwavering commitment to Auburn University was ubiquitous, involving great personal sacrifice of his valuable time and energy; and

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to commemorate Mr. McCrary's long and noteworthy service to the students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Auburn University and the people of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that we hereby formally extend to Mr. Charles D. McCrary our heartfelt thanks and unending gratitude for invaluable and distinctive service to Auburn University during his 18-year tenure as a member of this Board and convey all good wishes in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section 2.10, the title of Trustee Emeritus is hereby bestowed upon Mr. McCrary with the understanding and request that his continued support, assistance, and service to Auburn University and this Board are earnestly solicited and welcomed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. McCrary so that it may serve as a perpetual reminder of our deep appreciation and a symbol of our debt for his many good deeds on behalf of Auburn University and the citizens of Alabama.

RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEE SARAH B. NEWTON

WHEREAS, Ms. Sarah B. Newton, a loyal and dedicated alumna of Auburn University, served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University from 2004 until 2022; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Newton served in countless leadership capacities, including *President Pro Tempore* of the Board, chairperson of various Board of Trustees committees, numerous presidential searches, chairperson of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and as a helpful and frequent trustee volunteer and leader on occasions too numerous to count; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newton, a champion of education, served as an administrator and teacher of elementary education for many years, improving education for her students, her community and indeed, for the State of Alabama and the region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newton creatively and selflessly advanced her unyielding commitment to education by playing an integral role in the implementation of a comprehensive transition program for students with intellectual disabilities, known as EAGLES or Education to Accomplish Growth in Life Experience for Success; and

WHEREAS, through Ms. Newton's hard work and ingenious service, the EAGLES Program has flourished and expanded, allowing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of the Auburn Family and transforming the lives of its participants, volunteers and supporters; and

WHEREAS, possessing extraordinary acumen and patience, as well as a deep and unique understanding of Auburn and its people, Ms. Newton brought transformative insight into the Board's deliberations, participating vigorously in the decision-making process, and weighing all aspects of issues faced before rendering judgement; and

WHEREAS, the period of Ms. Newton's tenure as a trustee can be characterized as a period during which Auburn University realized great progress in numerous significant areas, and achieved recognition as being among the nation's finest public universities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newton's loyalty, attention, and commitment to Auburn University was all-encompassing, involving great personal sacrifice of her valuable time and energy; and

WHEREAS, this Board now desires to commemorate Ms. Newton's long and noteworthy service to the students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Auburn University and the people of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that we hereby formally extend Ms. Sarah B. Newton our heartfelt thanks and unending gratitude for invaluable and distinctive service to Auburn University during her 18-year tenure as a member of this Board and convey all good wishes in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section 2.10, the title of Trustee Emerita is hereby bestowed upon Ms. Newton with the understanding and request that her continued support, assistance, and service to Auburn University and this Board are earnestly solicited and welcomed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Newton so that it may serve as a perpetual reminder of our deep appreciation and a symbol of our debt for her many good deeds on behalf of Auburn University and the citizens of Alabama.

Following the Executive Committee Meeting Report, Mr. Wayne Smith stated that there was an additional item not included in the agenda. Mr. Smith moved to suspend the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 9.02 of the Bylaws, to consider the confirmation of Auburn University's 21st president. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Mr. Smith then stated the following:

As you all know, this campus has been extremely busy with the search for Auburn's next president. As we have mentioned several times during this process, selecting a president is one of the most important decisions any university board of trustees can make. I am excited today to share that we have completed our search.

First, I would like to thank each of you again for all of your incredibly hard work on this process, especially the Presidential Search Advisory Committee Chair, Trustee Sarah Newton, and the members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. We all know how much time and energy a search like this requires, and your volunteer, pro bono efforts will forever be remembered. So, on behalf of the entire Board, thank you, Sarah. I want to express my deepest gratitude for your hard work on this important endeavor.

I would also like to thank Greenwood/Asher & Associates for their invaluable work on this search. I would like everyone to know how much they have done, how well they represented Auburn, and how professionally executed this search has been in their hands. Having such capable, well-connected, and tenured professionals—and as former Presidents themselves—has made our search more open and more successful than we could have imagined.

Following the announcement of the search this summer, the selection of Greenwood/Asher as our search firm, and the appointment of our 22-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee, we conducted eight, well-attended listening sessions to collect your important thoughts and opinions about Auburn's next leader. The feedback from those sessions was most helpful in drafting the Position Description, and we all began in earnest to publish the announcement and recruit qualified applicants from universities across the country.

Over the last few months, more than 60 qualified individuals expressed great interest in the Auburn Presidency. The Advisory Committee screened applicants and interested individuals, reviewed a great amount of material about each, and ultimately selected fifteen men and women to speak with just before the holidays. The interested individuals with whom the Committee spoke were incredibly well-qualified. The Advisory Committee asked difficult questions, explored backgrounds, and each shared his/her confidential assessment with the search firm.

From that point, the names of the five, most-favored individuals were passed to the Board of Trustees. The Board's Executive Committee then met with those five persons in early January, and again asked probing questions—exploring the interest, ideas, and abilities of each.

Following those sessions, the Board invited three of those individuals to campus. Of the three invited, Dr. Christopher Roberts accepted the invitation and met with various stakeholder

groups around the state. Dr. Roberts met with students, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, and more—sharing his vision and answering questions from members of the Auburn Family. Dr. Roberts’ visit to campus was an unequivocal success. Personally, I could not have been more pleased.

With that extensive and collaborative process behind us, I am excited about Dean Roberts’ ability to lead Auburn and am confident that we have found just the right person at the right time.”

Mr. Smith then moved to appoint Dr. Christopher Roberts as the 21st president of Auburn University, effective May 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas then opened the floor for discussion. The following comments were made regarding the motion:

Ms. Newton stated, “As you all heard, I chaired the Presidential Search Advisory Committee—and what an honor and privilege it was. As a member of the Board since 2004, this is my third presidential search—and I have to say, this has been the smoothest, well-run search in which I have participated. The finalist pool had diversity in terms of race and gender. Many of them are sitting presidents, provosts, or deans at other institutions.

I express my sincerest thanks to the members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. And let me say, the committee members served their constituency groups exceptionally well. They worked tirelessly to ensure that Auburn found the best candidate—and that’s exactly what we got.

Dr. Roberts’ passionate commitment to students, faculty, staff, and alumni—his success in research and fundraising, and his love of all things Auburn, make him a natural choice for presidential consideration.

I am thrilled that Dr. Roberts has risen to the top of this search—and I feel confident that he is ready to lead Auburn University to new heights.

Mr. Vines then commented, “I, too, served on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee—and the sentiments shared by my colleagues could not be truer. During our conversations in December, I was able to learn about Dr. Roberts’ passion for Auburn. To put it simply, Dr. Roberts performed better than anyone else seeking the position. I believe that the Advisory Committee successfully selected the best person for the job, and I can’t wait to see where he leads Auburn.”

Mr. Rane then shared, “I am the longest serving member on the Board...and I have seen many presidents come and go during my time. I am confident and optimistic that Dr. Roberts will propel Auburn to even greater prominence. I am excited that Auburn will have a president who knows and understands what makes Auburn, Auburn. I hope that others will see that if they work hard enough, they, too, can rise in leadership on Auburn’s campus.”

President Pro Tempore Dumas then stated, “Well, I think our board members’ comments mirror that of what we already knew—that Dr. Roberts is world-class, phenomenal leader who is poised to lead Auburn University to greatness.”

President Pro Tempore Dumas then called for a vote on the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

President Pro Tempore Dumas then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees