

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

NOVEMBER 11, 2022

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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    - 2. College of Architecture, Design and Construction – Research Commons, Final Project Approval
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    - 2. Proposed Closure of the Master of Education and Education Specialist Degrees in Library Media and Technology
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C. Executive Committee | Chairperson W. Smith

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2. Proposed Awards and Namings

D. Trustee Reports

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A. Property and Facilities Committee

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VI. Recess Meeting

As *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University, Mr. Bob Dumas convened a board meeting on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then called upon Board Secretary Jon Waggoner to call the roll. The following voting board members were deemed to be in attendance:

Ms. Caroline M. Aderholt; Mr. Michael A. DeMaioribus; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Mr. Raymond J. Harbert; Ms. Elizabeth H. Huntley; Mr. James R. Pratt, III; Mr. Quentin P. Riggins; Mr. B.T. Roberts; Mr. M. Clark Sahlie; Mr. James H. Sanford; Mr. Wayne T. Smith; Mr. Zeke W. Smith; and Mr. Timothy Vines.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board; and Mr. James W. Rane were absent from the meeting.

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as voting board members at the time of the meeting.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas welcomed those serving on the Board ex officio as follows: Dr. Daniel Svyantek, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Ms. Samantha McNeilly, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Jake Haston, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; and Ms. Aaliyah Muhammad, President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, Auburn University President; and Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Gen. Ronald Burgess, Executive Vice President; Dr. Vini Nathan, Interim Provost and 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 of Engagement and Executive Director of the Auburn Alumni Association; Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Dr. Jared White, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Mr. Jim O'Connor, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Jennifer Adams, Executive Director of Public Relations.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Mark Carpenter, Academic Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Robert Norton, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kim Brackett, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Scott Lane, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Henry Schenck, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty

Representative; Dr. Christian Dagg, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Oladiran Fasina, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Clint Lovelace, Chair of the Auburn University Administrative & Professional Assembly; Ms. Ashley Reid, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Dr. Vanessa Funches, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Sue Terrino, President of the AUM Staff Council; Ms. Cheryl Casey, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Ms. LuAnne Hart, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Ms. Makeda Nurradin, 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  
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 9:35 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 11, 2022 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 DeMaioribus called upon Mr. King for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee agenda items:

**1. Alabama Cooperative Extension System – Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion, Final Project Approval**

Mr. King reported that the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) has proposed the construction of a new 4,000 square foot pavilion at the Graham Farm and Nature Center located in Jackson County, Alabama. The Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion project is planned to provide a covered patio, kitchen, meeting and outreach spaces, and restrooms to expand the programs provided at the educational farm.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$2.95 million, to be financed by ACES funds with the potential for a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the ACES Graham Farm and Nature Center Pavilion 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 Ms. Huntley, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**2. College of Architecture, Design and Construction – Research Commons, Final Project Approval**

Mr. King reported that the College of Architecture, Design and Construction (CADC) Research Commons project will renovate and complete a tenant fit-out of the Research and Innovation Center in the Auburn Research Park. He stated that the project will fit-out over 12,000 square feet of space. He indicated that the program requirements include research and instructional laboratories, meeting and collaboration spaces, and offices.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$2.7 million, to be financed by CADC funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the CADC Research Commons project.

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

### **3. College of Education Building, Final Project Approval**

Mr. King reported that the College of Education building will be a three-story, 167,000 square foot building. He stated that program requirements include modern and collaborative classrooms, instructional laboratories, research space, up-to-date technology, and administrative spaces for faculty and staff.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$77 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds, University bond funds, and Public School and College Authority funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the College of Education Building 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 Mr. W. Smith, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

### **4. Facilities Management Training Center, Final Project Approval**

Mr. King reported that the Facilities Management Center project will construct a 4,000 square foot building to provide space to train the professional and skill trades staff. He indicated that program requirements include flexible classrooms, demonstration space for training on industrial equipment, and restrooms.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$2.5 million, to be financed by Facilities Management funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Facilities Management Training Center project.

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

### **5. Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III, Final Project Approval**

Mr. King reported that the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project will extend the existing campus greenway and trail network by constructing a 0.4 miles of new shared-use path made of concrete and asphalt, path lighting, and a new pedestrian bridge that crosses Parkerson Mill Creek.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.5 million, to be financed by a combination of a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation, Facilities Management Funds, and University Repair and Renovation funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III 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 Mr. Pratt, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**6. Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station – New Building, Approval of Project Architect Selection**

Mr. King reported that the Samuel Ginn College of Education has proposed the construction of a new building, within the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, that will provide laboratory, office, and collaborative spaces for the research of coastal environments and communities of the Gulf Coast and will provide Auburn University with opportunities for collaborations with other Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium institutions.

Mr. King indicated that the project will be financed by grant funds from the RESTORE Council cooperation with the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of ArchitectureWorks of Birmingham, Alabama as the project architect.

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

**7. Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation, Approval of Project Architect Selection**

Mr. King reported that the Harbert College of Business has proposed the interior renovation of the Lowder Hall Advising Suite that would create an enhanced reception area, additional advising offices, and collaborative spaces to accommodate the growth of student enrollment and improve departmental efficiency. He stated that the project will enable the Office of Student Advising within the college to improve the student-advisor ratio and provide students with an accommodating and inviting space.

Mr. King indicated that the project will be financed by the Harbert College of Business funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of Chambless King Architects 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. Pratt. The motion was seconded by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Riggins, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**8. Auburn University Regional Airport – Corporate Hangar at South Ramp, Approval of Project Initiation and Project Engineer Selection**

Mr. King reported that the Auburn University Regional Airport has proposed the construction of a five-bay corporate hangar along the airport's south ramp. He explained that each bay will be large enough to hold either a large twin engine or small jet aircraft. He discussed that the project will accommodate the present and growing demand for this size and type of hangar and is anticipated to generate revenue for the airport.

Mr. King stated that, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm, Barge Design Solutions, Inc., of Dothan, Alabama as the engineer for the project.

Mr. King indicated that the project will be financed by a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau and Auburn University Regional Airport funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving (1) the initiation of the project and (2) the selection of Barge Design Solutions, Inc. of Dothan, 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 Ms. Huntley, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

**9. Real Estate Acquisition, Airport Runway Safety Area – Walker Property**

Mr. King then reported that there is a request for the university to approve the acquisition of approximately 1.53 acres of real property located at 3511 Country Club Road, Opelika, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$250,000. Mr. King commented that all documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

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

## 10. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

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

Mr. King stated that, consistent with standing practice, a summary report of new construction, renovation, and infrastructure projects with budgets greater than \$1,000,000 be submitted to the Board of Trustees at each regular board meeting for the Board's information and review.

Mr. King shared that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

### b. **Project Status Report**

Mr. King stated that, consistent with standing practice, a summary report of regarding the status of Board-approved capital projects be submitted to the Board of Trustees at each regular board meeting for the Board's information and review.

Mr. King shared that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 10:05 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 10:05 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

**1. Proposal to Establish the Auburn University Applied Research Institute**

Dr. Nathan reported that the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and the Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development have proposed the establishment of the Auburn University Applied Research Institute (AUARI) in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Nathan explained that, utilizing existing space at the Auburn University Research and Innovation campus in Huntsville, the AUARI will provide greater visibility for the university's capabilities to conduct research and elevate the research program to a position of greater prominence.

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

**2. Proposed Closure of the Master of Education and Educational Specialist Degrees in Library Media and Technology**

Dr. Nathan reported that the College of Education has proposed the closure of the Master of Education and the Education Specialist Degree in Library Media and Technology—both online and on-campus versions—due to low student enrollment. She shared that no students are currently enrolled, and the department will continue to offer students a service course in Educational Media for existing graduate certificates.

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. W. Smith, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

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

Dr. Nathan then reported the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures in the College of Liberal Arts has created a 14-hour undergraduate Certificate in Workplace Intercultural Competence to support the growing demand for graduates prepared to work in diverse settings and with international companies.

Dr. Nathan stated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 10:10 A.M.**

Chairperson W. Smith convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 10:10 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson W. Smith called upon *President Pro Tempore* Dumas for discussion of the first Executive Committee agenda item.

**1. Appointment of Board Members to the Trustee Selection Committee**

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas reported that the Alabama Constitution states that a 5-member committee appoints candidates to fill the open seats on the Board of Trustees. He shared that the committee is comprised of the Governor of Alabama; the *President Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees, or his designee; a member of the Board, selected by the Board; and two representatives from the Auburn Alumni Association. He indicated that the District 3, District 3 – Lee County, and the District 5 seats are to be filled this cycle.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas stated that due to his seat being up for appointment, he appoints Mr. Wayne Smith as his proxy on the Selection Committee. Mr. Wayne Smith accepted the offer and will serve as *President Pro Tempore* Dumas' proxy on the Trustee Selection Committee.

Chairperson W. Smith explained that the Board must internally select a member to serve on the committee. *Vice President Pro Tempore* Riggins nominated Mr. Pratt to serve on the Trustee Selection Committee. The nomination was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus.

With no other nominations, Chairperson W. Smith closed the floor.

The committee accepted the nomination of Mr. Pratt to be later voted upon by the full Board during the reconvened meeting. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas abstained.

**2. Proposed Awards and Namings**

Chairperson W. Smith then asked for a motion to move consideration of the second agenda item, a list of proposed awards and namings, to the reconvened meeting.

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

With there being no further items, Chairperson W. Smith recessed the committee meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Huntley's report consisted of recent highlights from the Department of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Human Sciences.

Chairperson Huntley stated that this year, the department has generated \$14 million in contracts and grants, compared to just \$5 million a decade ago. She explained that not only does this place them at the top five departments on campus, but it is especially impressive because the department maintains only 19 tenured and tenure-track faculty and six full-time lecturers. She commented that this figure speaks to the impact these faculty members have on creating a culture of excellence and service. She shared that with these grants, the department funds more than 50 employees from these projects and supports students by creating innovative programs that increase their career placement. She mentioned that their experiences, however, are not limited to campus. She indicated that this fall, the department welcomed its first cohort of students enrolled in its new online completor program for Pre-K teachers, addressing the state's growing need for educators.

Chairperson Huntley concluded her remarks by stating, "While these are only a few examples, I think it is important to share with you how departments like HDFFS are supporting and advancing the university's mission and genuinely impacting the state."

### **Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

Chairperson Aderholt began her report by sharing that the College of Agriculture reached a new record of \$36.9 million in research awards in FY 2022, surpassing its previous high of \$28 million in 2020.

Chairperson Aderholt then stated that Dr. Sushil Adhikari, professor of Biosystems Engineering, is an investigator on a \$2 million Department of Energy grant for a proposal titled "Clean Hydrogen Production, Storage, Transport and Utilization to Enable a Net-Zero Carbon Economy" focusing on producing hydrogen from blended feedstock such as legacy waste coal, forest residues, and municipal solid waste.

Chairperson Aderholt then commented, "With today being Veterans Day, I want to make you aware of Operation Grow, and Alabama Extension program that trains military veterans to become successful at farming in order to feed their families and communities. It is truly life-changing for some."

Chairperson Aderholt concluded her report by sharing that the Center for Natural Resource Management and Military Lands was established in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment to implement the historic 10-year AU-US Army Intergovernmental Support Agreement to provide natural resource management services to eight military bases in the Southeast. She indicated that a national search has been launched for the position of center director.

## **Alumni**

Lead Trustee Z. Smith began his report by sharing that the Auburn Alumni Association Military Appreciation Reception will be held later that day at 2:00 p.m. on November 11, 2022 in the Auburn Alumni Center. He stated that all current and former members of the United States Armed Forces—and one guest—are invited to attend.

Lead Trustee Z. Smith concluded his report by sharing that the Los Angeles Auburn Club will host an event on December 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Galen Center to cheer on Auburn basketball.

## **Research and Technology Committee**

Chairperson Sahlie began his report by sharing that a research team in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment was awarded a grant a \$500,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve climate information and to gain understanding for marine sanctuary management planning. He indicated that the project is being led by Dr. Kelly Dunning, an assistant professor in the college.

Chairperson Sahlie then stated that thanks to a nearly \$2.5 million R01 research award from the National Institutes of Health, an interdisciplinary team from three universities—led by Dr. Elizabeth Lipke, the Mary and John H. Sanders Professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences—will study the link between the obesity and colorectal cancer and aim to understand how best to treat patients to improve clinical outcomes. He stated that graduate and undergraduate students in chemical engineering and nutrition are engaged at all levels of the project.

Chairperson Sahlie then shared that the Rural Studio—the off-campus design-build program of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction’s School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture—has been selected to receive the prestigious Cooper Hewitt National Design Award in the Architecture/Interior Design category. He commented that since its founding in 1993, the Rural Studio has built more than 200 projects and educated over 1,200 students.

Chairperson Sahlie concluded his report by sharing that Dr. Masoud Mahjouri-Samani, assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has formed a startup company, NanoPrintek, Inc. He stated that with the held of an Auburn University LAUNCH award, Dr. Mahjouri-Samani has developed an additive manufacturing device that can print electronics without the use of inks. He commented that the device can print on a variety of surfaces, including flexible and biodegradable materials. He explained that the technology dramatically expands the variety of materials that can printed for electronics. He indicated that the novel technology has been licensed by Auburn to the startup company.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked the committee chairpersons and lead trustees for their reports. He then indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 10:20 A.M.**

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 10:20 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*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 Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:25 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.**

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 16, 2022 meeting. A motion was received from Mr. W. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, 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 September 16, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the September 16, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2022 Board Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Fall 2022 semester. A motion was received from Mr. W. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, 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 the Fall 2022 semester, 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 2022 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 AUM recently celebrated two of its most valued student groups, student veterans and first-generation college students.

He stated that in observance of Veterans Day, AUM hosted several events on campus to honor the United States Armed Forces during Veterans Appreciation Week. He commented that these celebrations are special to AUM, seeing as the university has over 800 students who are military veterans, active-duty military, or independents of military personnel.

Dr. Stockton then shared that AUM began a new program called "First-Generation Warhawks," whose purpose is to celebrate these students' accomplishments and work with them on how to be successful in college through mentoring and tutoring programs. He mentioned that 60 percent of AUM's student body is comprised of first-generation college students.

Dr. Stockton then stated that AUM received several grants for numerous areas of campus. He explained that these grants will enable the university to establish new programs and assist with overall improvements and expansions, particularly in STEM-related areas.

Dr. Stockton concluded his report by congratulating Ms. Farrow, a 2020 AUM alumna, who was highlighted by Governor Kay Ivey's "Proclamation Hour." He shared that Ms. Farrow was recognized for her work on the "Save a Forest, Alabama," focused on revising language in the Code of Alabama and limiting the use of the 1975 publication of the Alabama Code. He stated that this project will save the state more than \$100,000.

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

### **President's Report**

Dr. Roberts began his report by sharing that thanking those who served in the Armed Forces for all that they do to protect our rights and freedoms. He referenced the Operation Grow Program, designed to train military veterans to become successful at farming and deepen their understanding of the farming industry.

Dr. Roberts then discussed the recent dedication ceremony for the National Pan-Hellenic Council Legacy Plaza on September 30, 2022. He said, "This was a special opportunity to honor and celebrate the history, legacy, and the cultural impact of Black Greek organizations on Auburn's campus. He noted that the idea to establish the Legacy Plaza was brought forward by students. He reminded everyone that in 2018, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Student Government Association partnered together to make this vision a reality. He shared, "The Plaza will be an enduring example that Auburn supports an inclusive and diverse campus environment and that Auburn students care that their peers are equally represented."

Dr. Roberts then announced that Auburn expanded its footprint with the opening of the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus (AURIC) in Huntsville, Alabama. He commented that the AURIC will serve as a state-of-the-art, multi-million-dollar collaboration engine, conference center, and research space.

Dr. Roberts then discussed the opening of the healthcare clinic in the Boykin Center in Auburn. With a mission to provide healthcare access to the uninsured and underinsured communities in the city. He explained that the clinic is the product of an agreement between the Harrison College of Pharmacy and the City of Auburn.

Dr. Roberts reminded everyone that Auburn welcomed John Cohen as Auburn's 16<sup>th</sup> Athletics Director on October 31, 2022. He highlighted Mr. Cohen's twenty years of experience as a coach, giving special note to his expertise in the Southeastern Conference.

Dr. Roberts concluded his report by sharing, "Although I could go on for hours about all of the success at Auburn, I will let just the few major accomplishments I just discussed demonstrate Auburn's trajectory and how many great things are happening on campus."

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas thanked Dr. Roberts for his report and then moved to the action items and committee meeting reports as follows:

### **Property and Facilities Committee**

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed nine action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's nine action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sanford, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote with one abstention as follows: Mr. B.T. Roberts abstained from voting on item six, Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station, Project Architect Approval.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

## PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION

#### ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM GRAHAM FARM & NATURE CENTER PAVILION

#### FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation and architect selection for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a one-story, 4,200 square foot facility which will provide an expansion of outreach and educational programs offered by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES); and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion is \$2.95 million to be financed by ACES funds with the potential for a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA); and

WHEREAS, the project will be located on County Road 27 in Jackson County, Alabama, at the Graham Farm and Nature Center; 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 Alabama Cooperative Extension System Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 Alabama Cooperative Extension System Graham Farm & Nature Center Pavilion project in the amount of \$2.95 million, to be financed by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System funds with the potential for a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).
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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
RESEARCH COMMONS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 16, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction Research Commons project and approved the architect selection; and

WHEREAS, the College of Architecture, Design and Construction Research Commons project is proposed to include two components: (1) the Research Support and Innovation Center and (2) the Research Shop; and

WHEREAS, the project will complete a tenant fit-out of 8,000 square feet of the Research and Innovation Center to provide research support and administration spaces for the College of Architecture, Design and Construction, supporting increased research and industry-sponsored programs; and

WHEREAS, the project additionally will renovate 4,000 square feet of the Research and Innovation Center Supporting Building to convert it into a fabrication and research shop; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the College of Architecture, Design and Construction Research Commons project is \$2.7 million, to be financed by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction funds; and

WHEREAS, the renovation project will be within the Research and Innovation Center located at 540 Devall Drive in the Auburn Research Park; 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 College of Architecture, Design and Construction project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 College of Architecture, Design and Construction

Research Commons project in the amount of \$2.7 million, to be financed by the College of Architecture, Design and Construction 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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BUILDING

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 16, 2018, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the College of Education Building project, and at its meeting on February 15, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the firm Stacy Norman Architects, of Auburn, Alabama, as the architect selection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will construct a new 167,000 square foot, state-of-the-art instructional and research facility for the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, the new building will enhance the student experience and facilitate a strong college identity and collaboration between departments; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the College of Education Building project is \$77 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds, University bond funds, and Public School and College Authority (PSCA) funds; and

WHEREAS, the project will be located at the corner of West Samford Avenue and Duncan Drive on the former Hill Residence Halls site; 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 College of Education Building project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 College of Education Building project in the amount of \$77 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds, University bond funds, and Public School and College Authority (PSCA) 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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 10, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the Facilities Management Training Center project and the architect selection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility will provide training space to continually develop the professional and skilled trades staff of Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a one-story, approximately 4,000 square foot building with flexible classrooms, demonstration space for training on industrial equipment, and restrooms; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Facilities Management Training Center project is \$2.5 million, to be financed by Facilities Management funds; and

WHEREAS, the new training center will be located within the Facilities Management Complex located on West Samford Avenue; 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 Facilities Management Training Center project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 Facilities Management Training Center project in the amount of \$2.5 million, to be financed by Facilities Management 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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PARKERSON MILL GREENWAY – PHASE III

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on April 22, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project, and at its meeting on June 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of the firm LBYD, of Auburn, Alabama, as the project engineer; and

WHEREAS, the project proposes to extend the existing campus greenway and trail network with an addition of 0.4 miles of new shared-use path made of concrete and asphalt, with lighting and a new pedestrian bridge that crosses Parkerson Mill Creek; and

WHEREAS, the new shared-use path will run from the Parkerson Mill Creek Greenway's current terminus at Lem Morrison Drive to an existing trail near the pond adjacent to the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide new transportation options and enhance campus recreation amenities for the southern portion of campus; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project is \$1.5 million, to be financed by a combination of a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation, Facilities Management funds, and University Repair and Renovation funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 Parkerson Mill Greenway – Phase III project in the amount of \$1.5 million, to be financed by a combination of a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation, Facilities Management funds, and University Repair and Renovation funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and

3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

GULF COAST ENGINEERING RESEARCH STATION – NEW BUILDING

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 16, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station – New Building project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station – New Building project will be financed by grant funds from the RESTORE Council in cooperation with the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 ArchitectureWorks, of Birmingham, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station – New Building 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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

LOWDER HALL ADVISING SUITE RENOVATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of September 16, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with four candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Chambless King Architects, of Montgomery, Alabama, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation project will be financed by the Harbert College of Business; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 Chambless King Architects, of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the Lowder Hall Advising Suite Renovation 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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT  
CORPORATE HANGAR AT SOUTH RAMP

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND  
PROJECT ENGINEER SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Regional Airport has proposed the construction of a five-bay corporate hangar along the Airport's South Ramp with each bay large enough to hold either a large twin engine or small jet aircraft; and

WHEREAS, this project will accommodate the present and growing demand for this size and type of hangar and is anticipated to generate revenue for the Auburn University Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a more timely design process, the University Architect recommends the use of the Airport's General Consultant, Barge Design Solutions, Inc., of Dothan, Alabama, as the project engineer; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated this project will be financed by a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau and Auburn University Regional Airport funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project and the engineer 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 University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 Barge Design Solutions, Inc., of Dothan, Alabama, as the project engineer to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until such time as the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

## RESOLUTION

### REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION: AIRPORT RUNWAY SAFETY AREA – WALKER PROPERTY

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists for the Board of Trustees to purchase approximately 1.53 acres of residential land in order to enhance the safety of operations and future development plans at the Auburn University Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase will allow the Airport to comply with current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety guidelines for Runway 18-36, which would require a runway safety area of 1,000 feet given the level of operations at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, purchasing the property to expand the runway safety area is essential to allow the Airport to sustain and grow its operations; and

WHEREAS, the FAA, Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau, and local partners together have agreed to provide a total of \$250,000 to fund the purchase of the property, with \$225,000 of that amount being provided by FAA, and \$12,500 from the Aeronautics Bureau, and \$12,500 total from the City of Auburn, City of Opelika, and Lee County; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the real property is more than the MAI appraisal obtained by the University; however, the property's location make it a unique and necessary property for the project; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University will not be required to contribute financially to the purchase price of the real property; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees "*D-10 Real Estate Acquisition Policy*" requires Board approval for the acquisition of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, 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 1.53 acres of real property located at the 3511 Country Club Road, Opelika, Alabama, at a purchase price not to exceed \$250,000. All documents consummating the purchase of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

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

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH  
THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY APPLIED RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, since being named a Carnegie R1 research institution in 2017, Auburn University has experienced significant growth in its overall research program with major growth in defense, aerospace, national security and biotech; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University has tremendous potential to expand its research to address a critical need in our nation's technology and security sectors; and

WHEREAS, without a new approach to capitalize untapped research opportunities—specifically those relating to applied research and development—, further growth in the university's research program will be incremental and ineffective to combat these issues; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Research and Innovation campus in the Cummings Research Park in Huntsville, Alabama lends itself to serve as the focal point for an applied research and development effort; and

WHEREAS, while the key research areas listed above are applicable to multiple colleges at Auburn, they most strongly relate to engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Colleges of Engineering, Sciences and Mathematics, and Veterinary Medicine jointly propose the establishment of the Auburn University Applied Research Institute ("AUARI" or the "Institute") in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the AUARI represents well-defined areas of instruction, research, and outreach that involve faculty from multiple disciplines, academic departments, and colleges—including, but not limited to, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering; the College of Veterinary Medicine; the College of Science and Mathematics; the College of Architecture, Design and Construction; the Raymond J. Harbert College of Business; the College of Liberal Arts; the College of Education; the College of Agriculture; and the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment; and

WHEREAS, the Institute will provide greater visibility for Auburn University's capabilities to conduct applied research and development, and elevate the university's research program to a position of greater national prominence; and

WHEREAS, the renewed emphasis on applied research and development, through the establishment of the AUARI, creates the opportunity to increase existing and potential future extramural funding; and

WHEREAS, in addressing those challenges, Auburn University will also be contributing to resolving issues of economic vitality and quality of life in Alabama and the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, the tenets of the Institute are consistent with Auburn University's mission and priorities by fostering education, research, and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, the President of Auburn University recommends the approval of the AUARI and hereby submits approval of the Institute to the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Board of Trustees Policy C-4: *Centers and Institutes Policy*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to establish the Auburn University Applied Research Institute.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION

#### PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MASTER OF EDUCATION AND EDUCATION SPECIALIST DEGREES IN LIBRARY MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the College of Education established a Master of Education and an Education Specialist degree in Library Media and Technology to prepare students for professional certification in library media and to serve as school librarians; and

WHEREAS, in fall 2022, faculty in the college elected to discontinue the online and on-campus versions of the programs due to low levels of student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the programs have only graduated 18 students over the past five years, and currently, no students are enrolled, indicating no need for a teach-out plan; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership, and Technology will continue to offer students a service course in Educational Media as well as the graduate certificate in Instructional Technology for Distance Education and Technology Educator, providing alternate options for students; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to close the Master of Education and the Education Specialist degrees in Library Media and Technology, effective immediately, has been approved by the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Academic Program Review Committee, the Interim Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed closure of the Master of Education and the Education Specialist Degree in Library Media and Technology 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.

## **Executive Committee**

Chairperson W. Smith indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed two action items.

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the first item presented to the Executive Committee was the appointment of board members to the Trustee Selection Committee. Chairperson W. Smith stated (1) he would serve as *President Pro Tempore* Dumas' proxy on the committee and (2) the Executive Committee nominated Mr. Pratt to serve on the Trustee Selection Committee. A motion to appoint Mr. Pratt was received by *Vice President Pro Tempore* Riggins. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaiores, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote, with *President Pro Tempore* Dumas abstaining.

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the second item presented to the Executive Committee was a list of proposed awards and namings. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaiores, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE RECRUITING WAR ROOM  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE BABS AND MICHAEL ANDERSON RECRUITING WAR ROOM

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbara “Babs” Thorne Anderson graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor’s degree in speech communication in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Anderson is an avid supporter of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson has served Auburn University for more than 30 years, beginning in college with her tenure as a Tigerette, helping to recruit nationally talented student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson currently serves as a member of the Tigers Unlimited Foundation Board and previously has served on the Athletic Advisory Council, the Tigers Unlimited Council, and past campaign committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson is a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association and has also served the university as a member of the Women’s Philanthropy Board, as a national campaign committee member, as a co-chair of the Tuscaloosa Regional Campaign, and recently on the University’s presidential search committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of Auburn Athletics’ Pat Dye Society and Auburn University’s 1856 Society, and they have supported the construction of Auburn’s new nursing building; the College of Human Sciences; scholarships in Babs’ father’s name; and have dedicated much of their giving to the numerous areas within the Auburn Athletics Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recruiting war room in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Babs and Michael Anderson Recruiting War Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE CAPPS FAMILY OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Donald Capps, a longtime Birmingham, Alabama, business owner, founded The Sheffield Group in 1993, and grew the company into one of the state's premiere worker's compensation providers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Capps loved Auburn University, attended football games whenever possible and cultivated a love for Auburn among his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Capps's son, Keith Capps, now serves as president and CEO of The Sheffield Group, and shares in his father's love of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, the Capps family and The Sheffield Group have been longtime supporters of Auburn Athletics; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Capps family graduated from Auburn University and remain loyal to Auburn Athletics, investing both their time and financial resources to support Auburn's Athletics programs; and

WHEREAS, the Capps family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into the Talon Society, one of Auburn Athletics' prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, The Sheffield Group and the Capps family recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the offensive coordinator's office in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Capps Family Offensive Coordinator's Office in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HEAD COACH'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE HARE FAMILY CONFERENCE ROOM

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. Cliff Hare graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University in 1977, and enjoyed a successful career in the energy industry before retiring to Auburn, Alabama, and co-founding LE Energy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grace Hare, an Opelika native, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in secondary math education from Auburn University in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Hares' two children also graduated from Auburn University – daughter Katie Hare Cato received a bachelor's degree from the College of Liberal Arts in 2004 and son Cliff Hare III received a bachelor's degree from the College of Architecture, Design and Construction in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Cliff and Grace Hare are longtime supporters of Auburn Athletics, investing philanthropically in Auburn's Football Program and the Men's Basketball Program; and

WHEREAS, the Hare family's philanthropic support of Auburn's student-athletes has earned them membership into the Oaks Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Hare's family has a long and enduring legacy at Auburn University, especially related to the Auburn Football Program as Hare's grandfather Cliff Hare was a member of Auburn's first football team in 1892, chaired Auburn's faculty athletic committee, and is the namesake of Auburn's Jordan-Hare Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Hare family recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the head coach's conference room in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Hare Family Conference Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION

#### NAMING THE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS THE CYNTHIA AND JAY CHAPMAN DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Chapman reside in Birmingham, Alabama, where Jay serves as president and CEO of Capstone Building Corporation, a construction company specializing in residential apartments; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Chapman manages the family's affairs and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, often traveling between the family's residences in Birmingham, Auburn, and Orange Beach, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jay Chapman, who has his captain's license, is an avid fisherman who enjoys deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico aboard his boat, the Sweet Ethel; and

WHEREAS, the Chapmans' two children graduated from Auburn University – son David received a master's degree in Business Administration in 2020 and daughter Lindsey received a bachelor of science degree in building science in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Chapman family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into The Oaks Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, Jay and Cynthia Chapman recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the defensive coordinator's office in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Cynthia and Jay Chapman Defensive Coordinator's Office in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE COACHES' LOUNGE IN THE  
WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE DANSBY AND HICKS COACHES' LOUNGE

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. Ladon Dansby, of Montgomery, Alabama, graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1995 and owned and operated Alabama Dumpster Service for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Hicks, of Montgomery, Alabama, is president and founder of Alliance Insurance Group, a full-service employee benefits agency and one of the largest employee benefit consulting firms in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, together, Mr. Dansby and Mr. Hicks own and operate D and H Aviation, a charter plane company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dansby and Mr. Hicks have many ties to Auburn University as multiple family members have attended and graduated from the university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks and Mr. Dansby's philanthropic support of Auburn's student-athletes has earned them membership into the Oaks Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dansby and Mr. Hicks recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coaches' Lounge in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Dansby and Hicks Coaches' Lounge in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HEAD COACH'S OFFICE IN THE  
WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE ERNIE AND KIM WRIGHT HEAD COACH'S OFFICE

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Wight reside in Columbus, Georgia, where Ernie is retired from the building industry and currently serves as chairman of the Ray M. and Jane R. Wright Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Wrights have two children – son Zack and daughter Sarah Jane, who is a 2011 graduate of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the Wright family are longtime and avid fans of Auburn Athletics and frequently attend Auburn Athletics events, especially supporting football and men's and women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Wright has given unselfishly of his time as a member of the Auburn Athletics Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Wright family has a deep love for Auburn and have generously invested in Auburn Athletics and Auburn's student-athletes throughout the years, including the football, equestrian, golf, and soccer programs as well as the James Tatum Strength and Conditioning Center and the Auburn Athletics Complex, and the family has also supported the Auburn University Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, the Wright family's philanthropic support has earned them membership into The Pat Dye Society, Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving society; and

WHEREAS, Ernie and Kim Wright recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the head coach's office in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Ernie and Kim Wright Head Coach's Office in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION

#### NAMING THE RECRUITING LOUNGE AND AUBURN FAMILY ROOM IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS THE MCKINNEY FAMILY RECRUITING LOUNGE AND AUBURN FAMILY ROOM

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. Chester L. McKinney, Jr., graduated from Auburn University in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management and serves as an owner and chairman of McCo, Inc., a management services and consulting company for multiple family holdings, primarily concentrated in the wood industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe McKinney graduated from Auburn University in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in industrial management and serves as an owner of McCo, Inc., and the managing director of the McVantage Group of companies, which are a varied group of family controlled businesses; and

WHEREAS, Chester McKinney, Jr.'s son, Duncan McKinney, who graduated summa cum laude with bachelor degrees in finance and entrepreneurship, was a member of Auburn's football team, including the 2013 Southeastern Conference Championship team; and Joe McKinney's children Colton McKinney who graduated Magna Cum Laude in entrepreneurship with a minor in accounting; and Sydney McKinney who graduated Cum Laude in Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Chester and Joe McKinney have many family members who also attended or graduated from Auburn University, including father Chester McKinney, Sr.; brother Steve McKinney; Chester's son Chester McKinney III; sister Beth McKinney Cleveland and

WHEREAS, the McKinney family are longtime supporters of Auburn Athletics, and their philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into the Oaks Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, the McKinney family has committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Recruiting Lounge and Auburn Family Room in the Woltosz Football Performance Center is named the McKinney Family Recruiting Lounge and Auburn Family Room in honor of the family's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LOBBY IN THE  
WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER LOBBY AS  
THE NIX FAMILY LOBBY

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. William Nix, from Montgomery, Alabama, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business from Auburn University in 1981, and serves as founder and managing partner of Greater Sum Ventures, a private equity firm headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Teri Nix, from Montgomery, Alabama, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education from Auburn University in 1980, and is an avid gardener and painter, who enjoys creating art in her home studio; and

WHEREAS, two of the Nixes' three children also graduated from Auburn University – son Will received a master's degree in landscape architecture in 2016 and daughter Mary Grayson received a bachelor of science degree in exercise science in 2020 and master's degree in education in 2022; daughter Lauren is a graduate of Samford University, and

WHEREAS, the Nix family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into the Pat Dye Society, Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving society; and

WHEREAS, the Nix family also has invested philanthropically in the College of Education and the College of Human Sciences, and

WHEREAS, William Nix's father Earl Nix was a longtime Montgomery, Alabama, business owner, who loved Auburn, faithfully attending football and basketball games and embodying all aspects of the Auburn Creed; and

WHEREAS, the Nix family recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center and wish to honor Earl Nix and his deep love of Auburn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the lobby of the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Nix Family Lobby in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE OFFENSIVE STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE PHILIP CARROLL OFFENSIVE STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. Philip Carroll, of Tampa, Florida, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in public administration from Auburn University in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll serves as president of Carroll Air Systems, Inc., a full service, multi-line independent manufacturer's agency that furnishes HVAC equipment, parts, and service for commercial, industrial, and institutional heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll's father, James H. Carroll Jr., graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor's of science degree in industrial management in 1954 and established Carroll Air Systems, Inc., in 1972; and

WHEREAS, like many of his family members, Philip Carroll has been a longtime Auburn fan and enjoys attending Auburn Athletics sporting events, especially football, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll's parents, Jim and Betty Carroll, instilled in him a deep love for Auburn, and Mr. Carroll has followed their example by investing generously in Auburn Athletics and Auburn's student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Philip Carroll also has invested philanthropically in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Philip Carroll's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned him membership into the Talon Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the offensive staff conference room in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Phillip Carrol Offensive Staff Conference Room in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE ARMORY LOCKER ROOM IN THE  
WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE PLAN FAMILY ARMORY LOCKER ROOM

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Plan graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting and is currently pursuing his master's of real estate development degree at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Paula Plan graduated from Auburn University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 1991 and a master's of accounting degree in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Frank Plan currently serves as CEO of Stone Martin Builders, Alabama's leading builder of high performance and energy efficient homes, and was formerly CFO of J. Smith Lanier & Co., one of the largest regional insurance brokers in the country from 1996 until 2018; and

WHEREAS, three of the Plans' children – Carson, Ansley, and Avery – attend Auburn University, their youngest child Colton is a sophomore at Auburn High School, and their oldest child Brittany Tisdale is a nurse practitioner practicing in Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, the Plan family's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned them membership into the Talon Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan family are avid fans and longtime supporters of Auburn Athletics, specifically the football program and the men's basketball program; and

WHEREAS, the Plan family recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the armory locker room in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Plan Family Armory Locker Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EQUIPMENT INNOVATION LAB  
IN THE WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER AS  
THE ROLLINS MONTGOMERY EQUIPMENT INNOVATION LAB

November 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins Montgomery, of Birmingham, Alabama, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in logistics from Auburn University in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery serves as president and CEO of Montgomery Transport, a nationwide, leading flatbed carrier based in Birmingham, Alabama, offering over-the-road carrier services in the steel manufacturing, industrial and construction space, hauling commodities such as steel pipes, steel beams, rebar, coils, slinky coils, lumber, heavy machinery and industrial equipment for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, like many of his family members, Rollins Montgomery has been a longtime Auburn fan and enjoys attending Auburn Athletics sporting events, especially football, and

WHEREAS, Rollins Montgomery's philanthropic support of the Auburn Football Program has earned him membership into the Oaks Society, one of Auburn Athletics' most prestigious giving societies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery recently committed a leadership gift to support the construction of the new football performance center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the equipment innovation lab in the Woltosz Football Performance Center be named the Rollins Montgomery Equipment Innovation Lab in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

*President Pro Tempore* Dumas then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Ron G. Waggoner  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees