

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

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
FEBRUARY 3, 2023 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUM CAMPUS IN MONTGOMERY
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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- 2. STEM + AG Sciences Complex, Final Approval (Dan King/Vini Nathan)
- 3. Melton Student Center – Renovation for Starbucks Relocation, Final Approval (Dan King/Bobby Woodard)
- 4. Plainsman Park Improvements, Final Approval (Dan King/John Cohen)
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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, February 3, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

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. James W. Rane; 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 was absent from the meeting. Mr. Roberts was present for the committee meetings and regular meeting but was not present for the reconvened 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; 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; Mr. Stephen Bray, Vice President of the AUM Staff Council; Mr. Paul Jacobson, 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
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 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 3, 2023 at 9:35 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

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 indicated that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

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 9:50 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AT 9:50 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened the meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:50 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

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. Auburn University Regional Airport – Corporate Hangar at South Ramp, Final Approval

Mr. King stated that the Auburn University Regional Airport – Corporate Hangar at South Ramp will construct a 20,150 square foot aircraft hangar with five individual bays. He explained that the hangar bays have been designed to meet the current demand for sheltering turboprop planes and small jets. He indicated that it is anticipated that this new corporate hangar will generate revenue for the Auburn University Regional Airport.

Mr. King stated that the estimated total project cost is \$3.0 million, to be financed by a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau and Auburn University Regional Airport funds.

Subsequently, Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Auburn University Regional Airport – Corporate Hangar at South Ramp project.

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

2. STEM + Ag Sciences Complex, Final Approval

Mr. King reminded everyone that the Office of the Provost has proposed a project to construct a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Agricultural Sciences Complex (STEM + Ag). He stated that project will facilitate a long-standing effort to replace and upgrade STEM-related and agricultural sciences facilities that have exceeded their useful life and are inadequate in terms of size, accessibility and modern functionality. He reported that the project will construct a three-building complex totaling approximately 265,000 gross square feet. He commented that functional program requirements include state-of-the-art wet and dry research labs, principal investigator offices, collaboration spaces, shared lab support spaces, and instructional labs that enable departments to collaborate and innovative.

Mr. King stated that upon completion, the project will allow six COSAM and College of Agriculture departments to be relocated from Parker Hall, Funchess Hall, and Beard Eaves Memorial Coliseum into the new facility. He indicated that the project will be located along West Samford Avenue on the northeast corner of the former Hill Residential Hall complex.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$200 million, to be financed by a combination of Public School and College Authority (PSCA) funds, college reserves and gifts, and University bonds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex 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. Harbert, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

3. Melton Student Center – Renovation for Starbucks Relocation, Final Approval

Mr. King stated that the Melton Student Center – Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project will renovate 2,400 square feet on the ground floor of the Melton Student Center formerly occupied by Au Bon Pain to relocate the existing Starbucks currently on the second floor. He explained that this move will allow Starbucks to serve a full menu, which is not possible in its existing location. He shared that the program requirements include an enlarged point of sale and brewing station, mobile pick-up order counter, and new seating and lounge space.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.75 million, to be financed by Campus Dining.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the Melton Student Center – Relocation for Starbucks Relocation 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. Vines, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

4. Plainsman Park Improvements, Final Approval

Mr. King stated that the Athletics Department has proposed a project to make significant upgrades to Plainsman Park in support of the Auburn University baseball program, including the following major components: (1) First Base Club, a three-story expansion along first base line stands to add enhanced premium seating, club space, concessions, and improved accessibility for the south entrance to Plainsman Park and Right Field Terrace; (2) Right Field Terrace, seating over the Player Performance Development facility and new concessions; and (3) Green Monster Terrace, a new 4,200 square foot unique viewing area

over the Green Monster, including improved concessions and restrooms to support left field patrons.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$30 million, to be financed by a combination of gifts, Athletics Department funds, and University bonds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Plainsman Park Improvement project.

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

5. McWhorter Center – Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovation, Final Approval

Mr. King stated that the Athletics Department has proposed the renovation of the gymnastics and softball team areas within the McWhorter Center to allow these programs to compete nationally at the highest level. He explained that the project would renovate the existing two-story 33,500 square foot building. He added that program requirements include renovations to both the teams' locker rooms, team training rooms, and replacement of essential building systems.

Mr. King indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$4.9 million, to be financed by gifts and Athletics Department funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the McWhorter Center – Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovations project.

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

6. Recreation and Wellness Center – Renovation for Health Promotion & Wellness Services, Project Initiation

Mr. King stated that Student Affairs has proposed to renovate and build-out a portion of the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center to relocate Health Promotion and Wellness Services from the Melton Student center to the Recreation and Wellness Center. He shared that the project would construct office, support, assessment, and meeting spaces to enable the co-location of the staffs of the Campus Recreation and Health Promotion and Wellness Services departments to enhance student support services.

Mr. King indicated that it is anticipated that the project would be financed by Campus Recreation funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution (1) approving the initiation of the Recreation and Wellness Center – Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project and (2) authorizing 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. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

7. Clinic Buildings Demolition, Authority to Execute

Mr. King stated that the Clinic Building Demolition project would demolish three vacant College of Human Sciences Clinics building along the east side of Haley Concourse. He explained that once the buildings are demolished, the site will be landscaped to provide additional campus greenspace. He noted that demolition is anticipated to start in the summer of 2023 and be completed in the fall of 2023.

Mr. King indicated that it is estimated that the project would be financed by University general funds.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Clinics Buildings Demolition 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.

8. Modification to Property Exchange with USDA Agricultural Research Service

Mr. King stated that in November 2021, the Board approved an exchange of land with the Agricultural Research Service (“ARS”) of the United States Department of Agriculture, whereby Auburn University would receive the ARS property at the corner of West Samford Avenue and South Donahue Drive (“ARS Property”) in exchange for University property, including land in the Auburn Research Park where ARS will construct a new research complex.

Mr. King explained that this relocation was made possible by a \$43 million appropriation from the U.S. Congress. He stated that due to a funding shortfall for this project, and with the efforts of the University and the ARS, Congress has appropriated an additional \$28 million to ensure its completion. He added that, however, ARS has requested reserving its continued use to the ARS Property for a temporary period not to exceed 72 months in order to facilitate construction of the new facility and ARS’ transition from its current location.

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution to the previously approved property exchange that allows ARS to reserve in the deed of transfer to the

University's ARS's continued use of the ARS Property until such a time as ARS can fully relocate away from the ARS Property, or 72 months from the date of transfer, whichever occurs first. He stated that the conveyance to Auburn University may be accomplished by quitclaim deed. He also noted that all documents consummating this transaction shall be reviewed as to form by the General Counsel.

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

9. Property Disposition of 10% Interest in Real Estate

Mr. King reported that the College of Veterinary Medicine was the beneficiary of a ten percent (10%) residual interest in real estate located at 3914 Panorama Drive in Huntsville, Alabama. He shared that the current owner has offered to buy out Auburn's 10% interest in this property for \$34,350.00, just over 10% of the appraised value. He stated, "It is in the best interest of the University to proceed with this sale."

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the property sale as described, noting that all documents consummating this transaction shall be reviewed as to form by the General Counsel.

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

10. Authority to Engage a Real Estate Broker to Market Auburn University Land in Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. King stated that a 3.05-acre parcel of land located at 304 Goodwin Crest Drive, Birmingham, Alabama, was gifted to Auburn University in 1976. Auburn University has determined that this parcel will not be used for any strategic purpose and has recommended selling the property with the proceeds from the sale to be held and used in accordance with Board policy.

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

Mr. King stated that the request before the Board is to adopt a resolution providing authorizing the engagement of a duly licensed real estate broker to market and solicit sale offers for the property, consistent with customary broker practices and Alabama law, provided that any proposed sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Board prior to closing.

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

11. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

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

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. King for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AT 10:25 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened the meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 10:25 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

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

1. Proposed Bachelor of Science in Public and One Health

Dr. Nathan stated that the College of Veterinary Medicine is proposing the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Public and One Health for students interested in studying the links between human, animal, and ecosystem health. She explained that the new degree will include multi-disciplinary studies from eight colleges and will provide graduates with employment opportunities across the public and non-profit health sectors. She noted that, in addition, the proposed degree program will offer animal services, veterinary medicine, and agricultural disciplines unique to Auburn University.

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

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.**

Chairperson W. Smith convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson W. Smith called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the first Executive Committee agenda item.

1. Posthumous Awarding of the Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Sciences to Sharif Mustaque

Dr. Nathan stated that a request is before the Board to award posthumously the Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Sciences to Sharif Mustaque, upon recommendation of the faculty and administration.

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

Chairperson W. Smith thanked Dr. Nathan for her report and then discussed the second and third Executive Committee agenda items.

2. Approval of 2023-2024 Meeting Dates

Chairperson W. Smith then stated that the next item was the approval of the 2023-2024 meeting dates as follows:

Friday, August 25, 2023
Friday, November 17, 2023
Friday, February 2, 2024 (Held on the AUM campus in Montgomery)
Friday, April 12, 2024 (Held in Huntsville)
Friday, June 7, 2024 (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 *Vice President Pro Tempore* Riggins, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

3. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson W. Smith then asked for a motion to move consideration of the third 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. Harbert. The motion was seconded Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson W. Smith then called upon *President Pro Tempore* Dumas for discussion of the Executive Committee's fourth and final agenda item.

**4. Appointment of Board Members to the Presidential Assessment Working Group –
*For Information Only***

President Pro Tempore Dumas announced the appointment of *Vice President Pro Tempore* Riggins, Mr. Wayne Smith, and Mr. Timothy Vines to the Presidential Assessment Working Group.

President Pro Tempore Dumas indicated that this item is presented for information only and does not require a vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson W. Smith recessed the committee meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairperson Aderholt began her report by sharing that faculty members from the College of Agriculture and Samuel Ginn College of Engineering are working to establish an Institute for Rural Partnership to research the causes and conditions of challenges facing rural areas. She stated that Auburn is one of three universities sharing a \$28 million grant award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture in support of the project. She added that Auburn faculty will leverage their manufacturing and cybersecurity expertise to advance rural Alabama through poultry production and forest products.

Chairperson Aderholt then reported that Alabama Extension is engaging in several extramurally funded activities to strengthen capacity among Alabama to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters. She noted that currently, Extension holds three grants totaling \$283,000 to promote community level preparation and response efforts.

Chairperson Aderholt then announced that Dr. Wayde Morse, a professor of natural resource sociology in the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment, is leading a research team to examine the justification, feasibility, and best methodical approach to the development of a new National Recreational Demand Database. She explained that the project—funded by the U.S. Forest Service—is designed to capture health and equity implications of outdoor recreation use and opportunities.

Chairperson Aderholt concluded her report by sharing that Auburn's six-student soil judging team took home first-place honors, beating out 11 other teams at the Southeastern Regional Collegiate Soil Judging Contest, hosted by Clemson University in October 2022. She stated that Dustin Randolph, an Auburn senior, was the top scorer in the competition. She explained that by winning the Southeastern Region Contest, the Auburn team qualified for the National Contest, which will be held at Oklahoma State University in April 2023.

Research and Technology Committee

Chairperson Sahlie began his report by sharing that the winners of the Creative Research and Scholarship Awards ceremony last year: Dr. Jin Wang of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering won for the category of sciences, biomedical sciences, engineering, and agriculture; Dr. Brian Connelly of the Harbert College of Business was recognized in the category of fine arts, liberal arts, architecture and design, business, and social and human sciences; and Dr. Robert Jackson of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering received the Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award.

Chairperson Sahlie then reported that Dr. Pradeep Lall, the MacFarlane Endowed Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering and director of Auburn University's NSF-CAVE3 Electronics Research Center, recently received multiple, high-dollar grants for collaborative research in advanced manufacturing sustainability and extreme environment

electronics. He added that the grants were awarded by the NextFlex National Manufacturing Institute and the Semiconductor Research Corporation. He noted that Dr. Lall was also honored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers with its inaugural Avram Bar-Cohen Memorial Medal, in recognition of his harsh environment electronics research.

Chairperson Sahlie concluded his report by sharing that Dr. Raj Amin, as associate professor in the Harrison College of Pharmacy's Department of Drug Discovery and Development, has received support from the National Institute of Health to advance his research in developing an Alzheimer's drug. He stated that following NIH-supported research by Dr. Amin and Dr. Vishnu Suppiramaniam, Armin partnered with biopharmaceutical company Oleolive for continued work on the drug, and together they received a Small Business Innovation Research grant from the NIH for phase 1 work. He commented that the NIH Small Business Technology Transfer Program will be funding phase 2 research with Dr. Rusty Arnold, a professor in the Department of Drug Discovery and Development, a co-principal investigator.

President Pro Tempore Dumas thanked Chairpersons Aderholt and Sahlie 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, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AT 10:35 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Dumas convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 10:35 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

President Pro Tempore Dumas asked General Counsel Hammer if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there was pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session.

President Pro Tempore Dumas then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Mr. Harbert. The motion was seconded by 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 10:40 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AT 11:30 A.M.**

President Pro Tempore Dumas reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, February 3, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 221-223 of the Taylor Center on the AUM campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

After reconvening the meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas reminded everyone that today was the last meeting for Mr. Jake Haston, the outgoing president of the Auburn University Student Government Association, in his official capacity as an ex officio board member. Accordingly, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas invited Mr. Haston to deliver final remarks.

Mr. Haston began his remarks by thanking the Board for its dedicated service to Auburn, calling the university a “deeply unique place,” heralding the passion and support from all stakeholder groups across campus and beyond. He commented that “going above and beyond expectations” is what sets Auburn apart from other institutions. Mr. Haston then stated that “prioritizing the student voice and student experience” is an integral part of what makes Auburn, Auburn. He concluded his remarks by thanking the Board and university administrators for obtaining and valuing his input on key issues affecting the student body.

President Pro Tempore Dumas congratulated Mr. Haston on an exemplary job and thanked him for his work during the past year, stating “Thank you, Jake. You have served the university and your peers exceptionally well. We certainly look forward to seeing your future success and all that you accomplish.” *President Pro Tempore* Dumas commented, “I understand that SGA elections are being held today and that we will welcome your successor at the April board meeting.

President Pro Tempore Dumas then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 11, 2022 meeting. A motion was received from Mr. Rane. 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 11, 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 November 11, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the November 11, 2022 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 welcoming everyone to the AUM campus and thanking the AUM staff for their hard work preparing for the meeting.

Dr. Stockton then shared for FY 2022, AUM posted a \$15.6 million positive net position. He indicated that AUM is among over one hundred colleges and universities nationwide in sharing a collective \$60 million in grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He explained that AUM will receive funding over six years in support of an initiative aimed to assist universities improve undergraduate sciences education in ways that benefit students from diverse backgrounds.

Dr. Stockton then announced that AUM received a grant to address the state's shortage of highly qualified teachers in STEM-related areas. He shared that AUM will collaborate with numerous local school districts to train an upwards of 35 teachers by 2027.

Dr. Stockton concluded his remarks by sharing that AUM's Women's softball team has been ranked number four in the country for the pre-season poll following the team's success in qualifying for and competing in the 2022 Division II College World Series.

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 thanking Dr. Stockton for hosting the Board on the AUM campus.

Dr. Roberts then called the time spent working with Mr. Haston in his capacity as SGA President "inspirational." Dr. Roberts thanked Mr. Haston for his outstanding work on behalf of his peers and the institution.

Dr. Roberts then stated that "the demand for admission to Auburn has never been higher," referencing the nearly 50,000 applications were received during the early action period—which does not include regular decisions applications still being reviewed. He commented that the desire to attend Auburn presents the university with much opportunity for success, stating that "Auburn's brightest days are still ahead of us." He shared that the university will open recruiting centers around the state to better engage with constituents. He thanked Dr. Joffery Gaymon for her leadership in executing these projects.

Dr. Roberts then reported on the recent successes of Auburn's research initiatives. He shared that this is the second year in a row that Auburn ranked in the top 10 percent of all U.S. research institutions. Dr. Roberts challenged Auburn to continue to work diligently and continuously improve to ensure Auburn continues to rise in success.

Dr. Roberts announced that the *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Auburn's online programs received the best designations, including the College of Education, ranked 10th; the Ginn College of Engineering, ranked 16th; the Harbert College of Business MBA program, ranked 19th; the College of Nursing, ranked 85th.

Dr. Roberts concluded his remarks by discussing the recent naming of the School of Hospitality Management in the College of Human Sciences in honor of Horst Schulze, a founding member and former president of The Ritz Carlton Hotel Company. Dr. Roberts commented, "Horst's name is synonymous with 'excellence' and 'success'."

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 10 action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's 10 action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote with one abstention as follows: Mr. B.T. Roberts abstained from voting on item ten, Authority to Engage a Real Estate Broker to Market Auburn University Land in Birmingham, Alabama.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT CORPORATE HANGAR
AT SOUTH RAMP

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 11, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp project, and the selection of the firm Barge Design Solutions, Inc. of Dothan, Alabama, as the project engineer; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct a five-bay hangar for corporate aircraft that will accommodate the present and growing demand for this size and type of hangar space, and it is anticipated that this new corporate hangar will generate revenue for the Auburn University Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, the project will be located at the Auburn University Regional Airport on the south ramp, near Airport Road; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp project is \$3.0 million to 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 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 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. Establish a budget for the Auburn University Regional Airport Corporate Hangar at South Ramp project in the amount of \$3.0 million, to be financed by a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau and Auburn University Regional Airport funds.
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 approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

STEM AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES COMPLEX

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost has proposed a project to construct a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Agricultural Sciences Complex (STEM+Ag); and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 4, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the project; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on November 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of the firms Goodwin Mills Cawood, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Lord Aeck Sargent, of Atlanta, Georgia, as the project architectural team; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will construct a three-building complex totaling approximately 265,000 square feet to replace and upgrade STEM-related and agricultural science facilities that have exceeded their useful life and are inadequate in terms of size, accessibility, and modern functionality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed STEM+Ag Sciences Complex will provide state-of-the-art wet and dry research labs, principal investigator offices, collaboration spaces, shared lab support spaces, and instructional labs for the following departments:

- Department of Mathematics and Statistics
 - Department of Geosciences
 - Department of Biological Sciences
 - Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences
 - Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
 - Department of Horticulture
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WHEREAS, the proposed STEM+Ag Sciences Complex will enable the Department of Mathematics & Statistics to be relocated from Parker Hall; the Department of Geosciences to be relocated from Beard Eaves Memorial Coliseum; and the four remaining departments to be relocated from Funchess Hall, enabling the immediate demolition of Parker Hall and facilitating the eventual demolition of Funchess Hall and Beard Eaves Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, the STEM+Ag Sciences Complex will be located along West Samford

Avenue on the northeast corner of the former Hill Residential Hall complex site; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the STEM+Ag Sciences Complex project is estimated to be \$200 million, to be financed by a combination of Public School and College Authority (PSCA) Funds, college reserves and gifts, and university bond funding; 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 STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex 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 STEM and Agricultural Sciences Complex project in the amount of \$200 million, to be financed by a combination of Public School and College Authority (PSCA) Funds, college reserves and gifts, and university bond funding; 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

MELTON STUDENT CENTER RENOVATION FOR STARBUCKS RELOCATION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 17, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project, and the selection of the firm Seay, Seay, and Litchfield Architects, of Montgomery, Alabama, as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate approximately 2,400 square feet of the Melton Student Center to relocate the existing Starbucks currently on the second floor into the ground floor space formerly occupied by Au Bon Pain, to provide a larger venue that can serve a full Starbucks menu; and

WHEREAS, the project will be located in the Melton Student Center located on Heisman Drive; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project is \$1.75 million to be financed by Campus Dining; 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 Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation 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 Melton Student Center Renovation for Starbucks Relocation project in the amount of \$1.75 million, to be financed by Campus Dining.
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

PLAINSMAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 26, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the “Plainsman Park Improvements” project and the selection of Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, of Jackson, Mississippi, as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes the following major components:

1. First Base Club: A three-story expansion along first base line stands to add enhanced premium seating, club space, concessions, and improved accessibility for the south entrance to Plainsman Park and Right Field Terrace.
2. Right Field Terrace: Seating over the Player Performance Development facility and new concessions.
3. Green Monster Terrace: A new, 4,200 square foot unique viewing area over the Green Monster including improved concessions and restrooms to support left field patrons.

WHEREAS, the project location will be at Plainsman Park located on South Donahue Drive; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Plainsman Park Improvements project is \$30.0 million, to be financed by a combination of gifts, Athletics Department funds, and University bonds.

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 Plainsman Park Improvements 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 Plainsman Park Improvements project in the amount of \$30.0 million, to be financed by a combination of gifts, Athletics Department funds, and University bonds.

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

MCWHORTER CENTER GYMNASTICS & SOFTBALL TEAM AREA
RENOVATIONS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department has proposed the renovation of the gymnastics and softball team areas within the McWhorter Center to allow these programs to compete nationally at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 10, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the McWhorter Center – Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovations project, and at its meeting on November 12, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the selection of the firm Davis Architects, of Birmingham, Alabama, as the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate the existing 33,500 square foot building with renovations to both the softball and gymnastics locker rooms, team training rooms and replacement of essential building systems; and

WHEREAS, the project will be located at the McWhorter Center on West Samford Avenue near the intersection with Biggio Drive; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the McWhorter Center – Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovations project is \$4.9 million, to be financed by gifts and Athletics Department 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 McWhorter Center – Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovations 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 McWhorter Center – Gymnastics and Softball Team Area Renovations project in the amount of \$4.9 million, to be financed by gifts and Athletics Department funds.

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

RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER RENOVATION
FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, Student Affairs has proposed a project to renovate and build-out a portion of the basement of the Recreation and Wellness Center to relocate Health Promotion and Wellness Services from the Melton Student Center to the Recreation and Wellness Center; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will construct office, support, assessment, and meeting spaces to enable the co-location of the staffs of the Campus Recreation and Health Promotion and Wellness Services departments to enhance student support services; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project would be financed by Campus Recreation 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 Recreation and Wellness Center Renovation for Health Promotion and Wellness Services project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, 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.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CLINIC BUILDINGS DEMOLITION

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 13, 2019, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the University Student Housing project, and at its meeting on June 11, 2021, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution initiating the relocation of the College of Human Sciences Clinics to facilitate site preparations for the University Student Housing project; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of these clinics to other facilities on campus is complete; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will demolish three vacant buildings formerly occupied by these clinics along the east side of the Haley concourse; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the demolition, this area will be landscaped to provide additional campus greenspace until such time as the University Student Housing project is constructed; and

WHEREAS, this project will also improve campus services in support of the Upper and Lower Quad Housing facilities with a centrally located trash enclosure and increased accessible parking; and

WHEREAS, demolition is anticipated to start in the summer of 2023 and be completed in the fall of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the overall project is estimated to cost \$3.05 million, to be financed by University general funds.

WHEREAS, given the impact on the Auburn University campus resulting from the demolition of these clinic buildings, it is appropriate that the Board of Trustees approve the Clinic Buildings Demolition project and authorize the execution of the demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Clinic Buildings Demolition 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 execute the project.

RESOLUTION

MODIFICATION TO PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH USDA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

WHEREAS, in November 2021, the Auburn University Board of Trustees approved an exchange of land with the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (“ARS”), whereby Auburn University would receive the ARS property at the corner of West Samford Avenue and South Donahue Drive (“ARS Property”) in exchange for University property, including land in the Auburn Research Park where ARS will construct new buildings (parcels depicted on the attached exhibits); and

WHEREAS, there existed a funding shortfall for this project and with the efforts of the University and the ARS, Congress has appropriated an additional \$28 million to ensure its completion; and

WHEREAS, ARS will need to continue to use the ARS Property for a temporary period not to exceed seventy two (72) months in order to facilitate ARS’s transition from the NSDL Site; and

WHEREAS, ARS has requested reserving its continued use to the ARS Property through a clause in the deed of transfer to the University; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons described herein, the property exchange and related transactions are in the best interest of Auburn University, and are being undertaken for institution-related purposes which comply with applicable Board of Trustees policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the previously approved property exchange allow ARS to reserve in the deed of transfer to the University ARS’s continued use of the ARS Property until such time as ARS can fully relocate away from the ARS Property, or seventy two (72) months from the date of transfer, whichever occurs first. The conveyance to Auburn University may be accomplished by quitclaim deed. All documents consummating this transaction shall be reviewed as to form by the General Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution passed by the Board on November 12, 2021, remains effective and this resolution is supplementary to the November 12, 2021 resolution in this matter.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPERTY DISPOSITION OF 10% INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, Dr. Antje Heide Neubert '70 named Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine to receive 10% of her residual estate in her Last Will and Testament; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neubert passed away in 2014 owning a residential parcel at 3914 Panorama Drive in Huntsville, Alabama (Property) that was subject to a life estate interest (see attached Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neubert's Florida probate proceeding did not acknowledge the Alabama residence in Huntsville, the life estate beneficiary passed away in 2016, and probate in Florida formally closed in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University learned that it inherited a ten percent (10%) interest in the Property in 2021 after being approached to quit claim or sell; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been occupied by Dr. Neubert's 71 year-old brother since 2014 as his sole residence, and the University has had no opportunity to access or control the property due to lack of information about its interest; and

WHEREAS, the other residual owners have conveyed a 90% interest to Mark Horvath, an independent buyer with an arm's length relationship to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Mark Horvath, the owner of the ninety percent (90%) interest in the Property has offered to purchase the 10% interest from Auburn University for the appraised value of \$34,350.00; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy D-8, Real Estate Sale and Lease Policy, allows the sale of real property when the transaction is in the best interest of the University and the existing University property is not needed to carry out the mission of the University; and

WHEREAS, following closing of the sale of property all net proceeds shall be deposited in a fund for the benefit of the College of Veterinary Medicine; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons described herein, the property sale is in the best interest of Auburn University, is being undertaken for institution-related purposes, and complies with applicable Board of Trustees policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the property sale described herein is approved, declared to be for institution-related purposes and in the best interest of Auburn University, and that Christopher B. Roberts, or such other person as may be acting as President, is authorized and empowered to negotiate and execute the deed, in

accordance with the terms stated herein, as well as other legal documents necessary to effectuate the transaction and convey to Mark Horvath the University's 10% interest in the Property. All documents consummating this transaction shall be reviewed as to form by the General Counsel.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Auburn University owns property in Birmingham to support its academic, research and related educational activities; and

WHEREAS, the Birmingham real estate holdings include a 3.05 acre parcel of property at 304 Goodwin Crest Drive that was donated to the university by James Goodwin in 1976. (see attached Exhibit 1); and

WHEREAS, Auburn University does not currently utilize this parcels nor intends to do so in the foreseeable future; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Academic Affairs Committee

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

The following resolution was approved:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC AND ONE HEALTH

WHEREAS, the College of Veterinary Medicine contributes to Auburn University's land-grant mission by conducting instructional, research, and outreach activities designed to improve the health of animals, humans, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the college proposes a new undergraduate degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Public and One Health, for students interested in studying the links between human, animal, and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree will provide students with a curriculum that integrates multi-disciplinary courses designed to advance current and emerging issues in the fields of disease transmission, global health, and the interface of humans, animals, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, graduates of the proposed degree program will have employment opportunities in the public and nonprofit health sectors at state, local, and national public health departments, as well as positions such as epidemiologists, disease intervention specialists, laboratory personnel, communication professionals, policy experts, and other public health care workers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program will require additional administrative and faculty positions, to be funded by the college; and

WHEREAS, the request to create this degree has been endorsed by the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the University Curriculum Committee, the Interim Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Auburn University's Board of Trustees that the proposed Bachelor of Science in Public and One Health be approved and submitted to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval.

Executive Committee

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

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the first action item presented to the Executive Committee was a posthumous awarding of the Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Sciences to Sharif Mustaque. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the second action item presented to the Executive Committee was the approval of the 2023-2024 meeting dates. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rane, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson W. Smith reported that the third and final action 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. Rane, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARDING OF THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCES TO SHARIF MUSTAQUE

WHEREAS, Sharif Mustaque, a graduate student in the College of Sciences and Mathematics, was pursuing a doctoral degree in Earth System Science before passing away in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mustaque passed away before he could complete the final requirements necessary for a Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Science; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Geosciences, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics, the Interim Provost, and the President recommend that the Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Science be awarded posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Earth System Science is hereby granted posthumously to Sharif Mustaque 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 Sharif Mustaque 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 profound loss.

**APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 MEETING DATES
FEBRUARY 3, 2023 BOARD MEETING
ON THE AUM CAMPUS IN MONTGOMERY
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

PROPOSED 2023-2024 MEETING DATES

Friday, August 25, 2023

Friday, November 17, 2023

(Auburn vs. New Mexico State Football Game)

Friday, February 2, 2024

(Held on the AUM campus in Montgomery)

Friday, April 12, 2024

(Held in Huntsville)

Friday, June 7, 2024

(Annual board meeting)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A COLUMN IN THE
ADVANCED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY
AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS
THE QUALICO STEEL COLUMN

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Qualico Steel Co. Inc. is a family-owned business focused on providing top-quality structural steel fabrication for industrial projects; and

WHEREAS, the company, founded by John E. Downs in 1976, became an American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Certified fabricator in 1986 and serves an array of clients across diverse industries, including power, manufacturing, automotive and government; and

WHEREAS, Qualico Steel strives to be an asset to its clients by providing quality solutions and strong customer service in structural steel engineering, design, detailing, fabrication and coating; and

WHEREAS, Qualico Steel has graciously given to and supported the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that one of the steel columns located in the Advanced Structural Engineering Laboratory be named the Qualico Steel Column in honor of the company's generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE CONFERENCE ROOM 278
IN ROSS HALL
AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS
THE DR. LARRY MONROE AND CINDY GREEN CONFERENCE ROOM

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Larry S. Monroe and Cindy Coker Green each graduated from Auburn University in 1979 with bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, Larry worked at DuPont for two years before attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his doctorate in chemical engineering in 1989 and served in a research staff position before joining Birmingham's Southern Research Institute as a principal investigator; and

WHEREAS, Larry then joined Southern Company in 1998, serving in a broad range of leadership roles, before his leap to chief environmental officer and senior vice president of research and environmental affairs from 2014-2017; and

WHEREAS, during her more than 30-year career at DuPont, Cindy served as a business president — one of only three women serving in that position in the company's history — and as chief sales and marketing officer before her retirement 2011; and

WHEREAS, Cindy and Larry both have been named Distinguished Auburn Engineers by the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council in recognition of their esteemed careers and dedicated service to the university and the college.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Conference Room 278 located in Ross Hall be named the Dr. Larry Monroe and Cindy Green Conference Room in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING ROOMS 3325 AND 3326
AT THE SHELBY CENTER FOR ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS
THE DEBASIS RATH LABORATORY

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Debasis “Dave” Rath graduated from Auburn University in 1992 with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, he serves as CEO of ProcessMAP Corp., the world’s leading software platform for environment, health, safety and sustainability information management; and

WHEREAS, prior to ProcessMAP, Dave worked for ERM, the world’s leading multi-national environment, health and safety, or EHS, consultancy headquartered in London, where he shared his expertise in EHS compliance and management for a broad array of clients; and

WHEREAS, Dave has over 20 years of experience in the EHS arena – from regulatory agencies to management consulting and information management solutions; and

WHEREAS, he has graciously given to and supported the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that rooms 3325 and 3326 of the Shelby Center for Engineering Technology be named the Debasis Rath Laboratory in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE LOBBY OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAMPUS
AS THE JACK AND LAURA FITE LOBBY

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Jack Fite earned his bachelor's degree in building science from Auburn in 1985 and Laura Fite earned her bachelor's in pharmacal science from Auburn in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Jack serves as the president and owner of Fite Building Co. in Decatur, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, he built the Fite Building Co. into a major, full-service general contracting and construction management firm, including work in commercial, industrial, retail, financial, medical, government institutions, schools and churches; and

WHEREAS, Laura, who recently retired from Bendall's Pharmacy, is an active mentor to Auburn pharmacy students and an active leader in her community; and

WHEREAS, the Fites have supported Auburn University through the Auburn Alumni Association, College of Architecture, Design and Construction, Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn Athletics and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the lobby located on main floor of the Auburn University Research and Innovation Campus be named the Jack and Laura Fite Lobby in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE TOP FLOOR MEZZANINE
IN ROSS HALL
AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS
THE CINDY GREEN AND LARRY MONROE MEZZANINE

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Cindy Coker Green and Larry S. Monroe each graduated from Auburn University in 1979 with bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, during her more than 30-year career at DuPont, Cindy served as a business president — one of only three women serving in that position in the company's history — and as chief sales and marketing officer before her retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Larry worked at DuPont for two years before attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his doctorate in chemical engineering in 1989 and served in a research staff position before joining Birmingham's Southern Research Institute as a principal investigator; and

WHEREAS, Larry then joined Southern Company in 1998, serving in a broad range of leadership roles, before his leap to chief environmental officer and senior vice president of research and environmental affairs from 2014-2017; and

WHEREAS, Cindy and Larry both have been named Distinguished Auburn Engineers by the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council in recognition of their esteemed careers and dedicated service to the university and the college.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the top floor mezzanine in Ross Hall be named the Cindy Green and Larry Monroe Mezzanine in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING ROOMS 245 & 260 IN THE KINESIOLOGY BUILDING AS THE
NUTRABOLT APPLIED AND MOLECULAR PHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY
FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Nutrabolt is a global, active health and wellness company with a mission to innovate, inspire, and make products that maximize human potential accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, the Molecular and Applied Sciences Laboratory at Auburn University focuses on how nutrition and exercise affect the molecular environment of muscle and fat tissues; how aging affects the genetic architecture of skeletal muscle; and how weight training affects the intra-muscle cell adaptations; and

WHEREAS, both entities have worked diligently to foster a productive collaboration that equips Auburn students with the best research experience possible; and

WHEREAS, Nutrabolt has demonstrated their commitment to strengthening their relationship with the School of Kinesiology and Auburn University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rooms 245 and 260 in the School of Kinesiology be named the Nutrabolt Applied and Molecular Physiology Laboratory, for a period of three years, in recognition of their generous support for Auburn University and the College of Education.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A POND
AT THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS
THE FLOYD REDD HAYLEY POND

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Albert M. Redd graduated from Auburn University in the 1920s. During his time at Auburn, he played baseball and basketball for the university while also training for the military; and

WHEREAS, Albert Redd's daughter, Floyd Redd, followed in his footsteps and attended Auburn University. A member of Kappa Delta, she graduated in 1964 from the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, while attending Auburn University, Floyd met and married Lee R. Hayley, who was the captain of the football team. Lee graduated with both bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Floyd and Lee had two sons, Tom and Dick Hayley. Both sons are proud Auburn University alumni who graduated in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Redd Hayley has nine grandchildren who all attended and graduated from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the Hayley-Redd Family Foundation would like to honor Floyd's love of her family, her community and Auburn University through this gift.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the pond at the Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University be named the Floyd Redd Hayley Pond in recognition of support from the Hayley-Redd Family Foundation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE SIMULATOR BAY
AT THE DELTA AIR LINES AVIATION EDUCATION BUILDING
AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AS
THE CAPTAIN DAVID STAFFORD MILLER SIMULATOR BAY

February 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Capt. David Stafford Miller, is a 1977 aviation management graduate of Auburn University and retired major in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Miller served his country as a helicopter pilot and ultimately a pilot for the Marine Helicopter Squadron One for U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Miller joined American Airlines in 1990 after retiring from military service and has piloted the Boeing 727, Super 80, Boeing 777, Boeing 757, Boeing 767 and Airbus 320; and

WHEREAS, he earned more than 22,700 flight hours over his distinguished airline and military career; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Miller continues to serve others as a valued faculty member in the School of Aviation. He developed the flight simulator program into one of the most pre-eminent in the United States, created the virtual reality training lab and played an instrumental role in delivering a lab supporting ongoing Federal Aviation Administration grant work, which will lead to a new generation of simulation for the School of Aviation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Simulator Bay at the Delta Air Lines Aviation Education Building be named the Captain David Stafford Miller Simulator Bay in recognition of his selfless service to his country and beloved university.

Before recessing the meeting, *President Pro Tempore* Dumas reminded everyone that the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Awards will be held at the Auburn Hotel on Saturday, February 25th.

President Pro Tempore Dumas then asked Mr. Z. Smith and Mr. W. Smith to continue serving on the Lifetime Achievement Awards Selection Committee for the coming year. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas noted that the Alumni Association will soon begin to collect nominations for next year's Awards.

President Pro Tempore Dumas then announced that the official installation of Dr. Roberts as Auburn's 21st president will occur on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center. He commented, "During this academic ceremony, the Board of Trustees will ceremoniously recognize Dr. Roberts with the powers and responsibilities that were bestowed upon him when he assumed the role in May. The Board will present Dr. Roberts with the Presidential Medallion, and then he will outline his vision for Auburn's future. *President Pro Tempore* Dumas added that the ceremony would be live-streamed, and seating will be available for members of the Auburn and AUM campus communities on the installation website beginning in March 2023."

President Pro Tempore Dumas concluded his remarks by thanking Dr. Stockton for hosting the board meeting on the AUM campus and showing steadfast hospitality.

President Pro Tempore Dumas then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 12:00 p.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