

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

APRIL 3, 2025

**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
APRIL 3, 2025 BOARD MEETING
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- II. Committee Meetings
 - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson DeMaioribus

Project Approvals:

- 1. Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation, Final Approval
- 2. Melton Student Center Patio Renovation, Final Approval
- 3. Recreation and Wellness Sportsplex Complex – New Support Building, Architect Selection
- 4. Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
- 5. Cambridge Residence Hall Comprehensive Renovation, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
- 6. Central Dining Basement Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Project Initiation

Real Estate Approvals:

- 7. Approval of Sale of Auburn University Property at the Lower Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Wilcox County, Alabama

Informational Reports:

- 8. Status Updates – *For Information Only*
 - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater
 - b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025
 - c. Project Status Report

B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Huntley

1. Proposed Doctor of Philosophy in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only*

C. Finance Committee | Chairperson W. Smith

1. 160 Ross Housing Rates for 2025-2026
2. Proposed AUM Technology Fee

D. Executive Committee | Chairperson Dumas

1. Proposed Awards and Namings
2. Appointment of Board Members to the Presidential Assessment Working Group –
For Information Only

E. Trustee Reports

III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

IV. Proposed Executive Session

V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 7, 2025 Board Meeting
2. AUM Chancellor's Report
3. President's Report
4. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation, Final Approval
2. Melton Student Center Patio Renovation, Final Approval
3. Recreation and Wellness Sportsplex Complex – New Support Building,
Architect Selection
4. Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings,
Project Initiation and Architect Selection

5. Cambridge Residence Hall Comprehensive Renovation, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
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2. Proposed AUM Technology Fee

D. Executive Committee

1. Proposed Awards and Namings

VI. Recess Meeting

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then called upon Deputy Board Secretary Sherri Williams to call the roll. The following voting board members were deemed to be in attendance:

Ms. Caroline M. Aderholt; Mr. William P. Ainsworth; Mr. Michael A. DeMaiores; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; 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; Mr. Timothy Vines; and Mr. Walter S. Woltosz.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board, was 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* Riggins welcomed those serving on the Board *ex officio* as follows: Dr. Lisa Kensler, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Tim Kroft, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Jack Hilton, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; and Ms. Emma Jankowski, the 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 Ms. Sherri Williams, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Vini Nathan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Jaime Hammer, General Counsel; Mr. Jim Carroll, Vice President for Facilities Management; 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, Vice President for 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* Riggins welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Lori Eckhardt, Academic Affairs Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Michelle Worosz, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Rolando Carol, AUM Faculty Senate President; Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Sramek, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Tewhan Hahn, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Jason Bryant, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Darren Olson, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Reginald Blockett, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Thomas Sawyer, Chair of the Auburn University

Administrative & Professional Assembly; Ms. Kimberly McCadden, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Dr. Gilbert Duenas, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Mr. Stephen Bray, President of the AUM Staff Council; Ms. Beth Stukes, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Mr. Jeffery Moore, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Ms. Ester Akinrinde, 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
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 9:05 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that the University administration has proposed a comprehensive renovation of Comer Hall, which was originally built in 1910. He noted that in 1994, a project to preserve its historical integrity was approved, and since the only small renovations have been implemented with no major preservation projects. He added that the project will renovate all four levels of the 45,000 square foot building providing comprehensive renovation including modern building systems, accessibility with the addition of an elevator, exterior restoration, updated finishes, and new furnishings.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$40.0 million, to be financed by a combination of state, gift, and bond funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the 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 Vice President *Pro Tempore* Sanford and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

2. Melton Student Center Patio Renovation, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs endorsed the Student Government Association's plan to remodel the Melton Student Center patio to improve student life and involvement at Auburn by making a lively outdoor space that meets the diverse needs of the students and offers more opportunities for students to connect. He explained that the project will renovate approximately 21,200 square feet of outdoor area, providing engaging exterior study areas, space for small-scale events, multi-purpose lounge areas for student use, an event lawn with tiered seating and audio-visual components, and extensive landscaping and hardscape improvements.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the 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. Sahlie, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

3. Recreation and Wellness Sportsplex Complex – New Support Building, Architect Selection

Mr. Carroll reported that the Recreation and Wellness Sportsplex Complex, completed in 2020, encompasses 30 acres off Lem Morrison Drive and contains three multi-purpose fields, sand volleyball courts, and two softball fields. He noted that the state-of-the-art complex is supported by a maintenance building and one fieldhouse that includes meeting spaces, restrooms, and equipment storage. He explained that due to heavy use and expansive footprint of the complex, Student Affairs has proposed the construction of an added support building at the Sportsplex. He shared that the project aims to provide supplementary restrooms and storage space, enhancing the overall functionality of the complex. He stated that the project particularly addresses the needs of the more remote softball fields which are over a quarter mile walk from the current fieldhouse, thereby improving service and convenience for users.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing approval of the selection of Seay, Seay, and Litchfield of Montgomery, Alabama as project architect.

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

4. Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings, Project Initiation and Architect Selection

Mr. Carroll reported that the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station has proposed the construction of new support buildings providing laboratories and office space for three outlying units. He indicated that the project will construct a new 2,500 square foot building at the EV Smith Research Center, Brewton Agricultural Research Unit, and recently purchased property in Autaugaville.

Mr. Carroll noted that in order to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama as project architect.

Mr. Carroll stated that it is anticipated that the project will be financed by AAES funds encumbered by the sale of underutilized AAES properties.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the project and the selection of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama as project architect.

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

5. Cambridge Residence Hall Comprehensive Renovation, Project Initiation and Architect Selection

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs has proposed the renovation of Cambridge Residence Hall, which will repair and renovate the major systems and finishes throughout the building – including approximately 72,500 square feet of renovated area. He explained that the scope of the renovation includes upgrading finishes, furnishings, plumbing fixtures, electrical and mechanical systems, and building envelope systems. He stated that the renovation also includes required American with Disabilities Act modifications, including room layout modifications on the first floor.

Mr. Carroll stated that in order to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the approval of the firm Williams Blackstock Architects of Birmingham, Alabama as project architect.

Mr. Carroll indicated that it is anticipated this project will be financed by Student Affairs.

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

6. Central Dining Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Project Initiation and Authorization to Commence the Architect Selection Process

Mr. Carroll stated that Student Affairs has proposed the renovation of the Central Dining Commons to fit out approximately 2,400 square feet of shell space on the ground floor of the facility completed in 2021. He noted that the project will provide a new dining venue and enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body.

Mr. Carroll indicated that it is anticipated that the project will be financed by Campus Dining.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution to approve the project and authorize the commencement of the architect selection process.

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

7. Approval of Sale of Auburn University Property at the Lower Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Wilcox County, Alabama, Real Estate Disposition

Mr. Carroll stated that at the 2024 April Board meeting, the AAES presented a plan to restructure and enhance its field research sites across the state. He reminded everyone that the Board approved the purchase of 945 acres (Rhyne Property) in Autauga County. He added that, to financially support the purchase, the Board agreed to sell the Lower Coastal Plain Agricultural Research Center (Wilcox County) property and the Turnipseed-Inkberry (Bullock County) property, while using any remaining proceeds for capital improvements across the AAES portfolio.

Mr. Carroll shared that in April 2024, the Board approved hiring a real estate broker to facilitate the sale of the Lower Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Wilcox County, and the Turnipseed-Inkberry property in Bullock County. He added that real estate brokers were engaged to represent the university and market the property.

Mr. Carroll noted that at the November 2024 meeting, the Board approved the sale of the 1,028-acre Turnipseed-Inkberry property in Bullock County and 716 acres of the 2,370-acre Lower Coastal Plain property in Wilcox County.

Mr. Carroll indicated that AAES now seeks approval of the sale of the remaining 1,620-acres of the Wilcox County Property.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to accept offers to purchase the Wilcox County property consistent with Alabama law, and is empowered to negotiate and execute the deed and all legal documents necessary to effectuate the transaction provided that any sale transactions must be reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to closing.

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

8. Status Updates – *For Information Only*

Mr. Carroll presented the following items to the Board:

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**
- b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 2nd Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025**
- c. Project Status Report**

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

Chairperson DeMaioribus thanked Mr. Carroll for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Proposed Doctor of Philosophy in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Dr. Nathan reported that the College of Liberal Arts is proposing a new Doctor of Philosophy in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, effective Fall 2025. She explained that this degree will provide advanced training in speech-language pathology and audiology. Dr. Nathan stated that the proposed program aims to address the significant demand for doctoral-level faculty in Alabama by enhancing the university's contributions to these fields.

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

Dr. Nathan presented the following academic update:

The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, in collaboration with the College of Sciences and Mathematics, has established a new Graduate Certificate in Space Systems. This program is designed to meet the workforce development needs of the aerospace industry, which has a significant presence in Huntsville and is anticipating substantial in the space sector.

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

Chairperson Huntley thanked Dr. Nathan for her report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:40 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 9:40 A.M.**

Chairperson W. Smith convened a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:40 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson W. Smith called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the Finance Committee's agenda items.

1. 160 Ross Housing Rates for 2025-2026

Ms. Shomaker reported that Auburn University Housing is proposing a 3% increase to the 160 Ross Housing Rates for 2025-2026.

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

2. Proposed AUM Technology Fee

Ms. Shomaker reported that AUM is seeking approval to increase the technology fee for AUM undergraduate and graduate students from \$10 per credit hour to \$30 per credit hour, beginning Fall 2025.

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

Chairperson W. Smith thanked Ms. Shomaker for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 9:45 A.M.**

Chairperson Dumas convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:45 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Dumas presented the first Executive Committee agenda item.

1. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson Dumas asked for a motion to move consideration of the 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. Vines. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Dumas then called upon President *Pro Tempore* Riggins for discussion of the committee's second agenda item.

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

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins announced the appointment of Trustees Bob Dumas, Jimmy Sanford, and Wayne Smith to serve with him on the Presidential Assessment Working Group.

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

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

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

Institutional Advancement Committee

Chairperson Woltosz began his report by sharing that the engagement team has identified the following phases of life that will guide how Auburn utilizes its resources to engage alumni and stakeholders as following:

Young Alumni (Age 40 and under): 37%

Mid-Life Alumni (Age 40 to 62): 37%

Seasoned Alumni (Age 63+): 24%

Unidentified Alumni (Unknown birthdate): 2%

Parents & Friends of Auburn: 223,000 (Note: not considered in alumni count)

Graduates since 2000: 133,804 or 53%

Chairperson Woltosz then announced the following upcoming engagement updates:

April 3-4 Young Alumni Council Meeting & “Roar & Soar” Graduation Event

April 4-6 Black Alumni Weekend

June 7 Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony

June 17-18 Auburn on the Hill

October 17 20 Under 40 Reception

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked Chairperson Woltosz for his report. He then indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 9:50 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 9:50 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins 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* Riggins then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Mr. W. Smith. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:55 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 10:45 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 10:45 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After reconvening the meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins noted that this was the final meeting for Dr. Lisa Kensler, Dr. Tim Kroft, and Ms. Jankowski in their official capacities as ex officio board members. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins opened the floor for closing remarks from the three outgoing ex officio members. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked Dr. Kensler, Dr. Kroft, and Ms. Jankowski for their service and contributions to the university.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2025 meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Z. Smith, 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 February 7, 2025 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 February 7, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Property and Facilities Committee

Chairperson DeMaioribus indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed seven action items and one item of information. Chairperson DeMaioribus moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's seven action items. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
COMER HALL COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the University administration has proposed a comprehensive renovation of Comer Hall, originally built in 1910 with no major preservation projects implemented since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Comer Hall serves as the home for the administrative offices and associated programs within the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 15, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation project and adopted a resolution that approved Houser Walker Architecture of Atlanta, Georgia, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate all four levels of the 45,000 square foot building providing a comprehensive renovation including modern building systems, accessibility with the addition of an elevator, exterior restoration, updated finishes and new furnishings; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation is \$40.0 million, to be financed by a combination of state, gift and bond 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 Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation 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 Comer Hall Comprehensive Renovation project in the amount of \$40.0 million, to be financed by a combination of state, gift and bond 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 approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
MELTON STUDENT CENTER PATIO RENOVATION
FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs endorsed the Student Government Association's plan to remodel the Melton Student Center patio to improve student life and involvement at Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the project intends to optimize the use of outdoor areas next to busy student zones by transforming them into flexible spaces for student events, outdoor study areas, and gatherings that meet the needs of the students and offer more opportunities for connections; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on June 7, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation project and during its meeting on September 6, 2024, approved the recommendation of Williams Blackstock Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide necessary updates and improvements to existing terrace, landscape and seating areas; and

WHEREAS, the project will renovate approximately 21,200 square feet of outdoor area, which will include an event lawn with tiered seating and audiovisual components, lounge and study areas, and extensive landscape and hardscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Melton Student Center Patio Renovation is \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs; 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 Patio Renovation 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 Patio Renovation project in the amount of \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs; 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 approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

RECREATION AND WELLNESS SPORTSPLEX COMPLEX
NEW SUPPORT BUILDING

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 7, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Recreation and Wellness SportsPlex Complex – New Support 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 Seay, Seay and Litchfield of Montgomery, Alabama, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; 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 Seay, Seay and Litchfield of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
OUTLYING UNITS SUPPORT BUILDINGS

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND
PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station (AAES) has proposed the construction of new support buildings at the EV Smith Research Center, Brewton Agricultural Research Unit, and the recently purchased property in Autaugaville; and

WHEREAS, the new support buildings will provide laboratories and offices for the three outlying units; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct new buildings, approximately 2,500 square feet each; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends the firm JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, to design the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station funds encumbered by the sale of underutilized AAES properties; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station – Outlying Units Support Buildings 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 JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CAMBRIDGE RESIDENCE HALL COMPREHENSIVE RENOVATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND
PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the University Administration has proposed the comprehensive renovation of Cambridge Residence Hall; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Cambridge Residence Hall Comprehensive Renovation project will repair and renovate the major systems and finishes throughout the building, including approximately 72,500 square feet of renovated area; and

WHEREAS, the renovation also includes required Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications, including room layout modifications on the first floor; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends the firm Williams Blackstock Architects, of Birmingham, Alabama, to design the Cambridge Hall Comprehensive Renovation project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by Student Affairs; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Cambridge Residence Hall Comprehensive Renovation 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 Williams Blackstock Architects, of Birmingham, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CENTRAL DINING BASEMENT BUILD-OUT FOR NEW DINING VENUE

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

WHEREAS, Student Affairs has proposed the renovation of the Central Dining Commons facility that was completed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the project will fit out approximately 2,400 square feet of shell space on the ground floor of the facility providing a new dining venue and enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by Campus Dining; and

WHEREAS, according 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 Central Dining Basement Build-Out for New Dining Venue 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

APPROVAL OF SALE OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY PROPERTY AT THE
LOWER COASTAL PLAIN EXPERIMENT STATION IN WILCOX
COUNTY, ALABAMA

REAL ESTATE DISPOSITION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station has proposed to restructure and change its field research sites across the state by selling two properties to finance the purchase of new property with greater research potential and improve existing properties; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Board of Trustees previously approved the purchase of a 945-acre parcel of land located on Highway 14, Autaugaville, Alabama ("Rhyne Property") for \$5,150,000; and

WHEREAS, to help fund the acquisition of the Rhyne Property, the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station proposed to sell approximately 2,370 acres of land in Wilcox County, the Lower Coastal Plains Agricultural Research Center ("Wilcox County Property") and the 1028-acre of land in Bullock County, the Turnipseed-Ikenberry Property ("Bullock County Property"); and

WHEREAS, considering the unique location of the Wilcox County and Bullock County Properties and the potential interest in recreational opportunities there, the Board determined it was 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 both properties; and

WHEREAS, the University previously approved the sale of 716 acres for the Lower Coastal Plains substation in Wilcox County Property as follows; and

- A. Parcel One - Cobbs Landing, 236-acre parcel. Garstecki Investments LLC offered \$845,588.00. (\$3,583/acre or \$0.08/sf), and
- B. Parcel Two - 480-acre parcel. Chestnut Branch LLC offered \$1,392,000.00 (\$2,900/acre or \$0. 07/sf), and

WHEREAS, the University previously approved the sale of 1025 acres at the Turnipseed Ikenberry property in Bullock County Property; and

- A. Parcel One - North Parcel, 441.86-acre parcel. PJM AL Holdings offered \$1,237,202.00 (\$2,800/acre or \$0.06/sf).
- B. Parcel Two - South Parcel; 582.80-acre parcel. Peachburg Plantation LP offered \$1,950,000.00 (\$3,344/acre or \$0.08/sf); and

WHEREAS, the University has received offers for the remaining 1620 acres at the Lower Coastal Plains Substation in Wilcox County Property as follows (Attachment 1):

- A. Parcel One – Headquarters tract (Northern Parcel), 1060-acre parcel. Ben Hill & Steve McKinney offered \$2,900,000.00 (\$2,735.85/acre or \$0.06/sf).
- B. Parcel Two – Headquarters tract (Southern Parcel) 560-acre parcel. Highpoint 41, LLC offered \$1,736,000.00 (\$3,100/acre or \$0.07/sf); and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy, D-8, "Real Estate Sale and Lease Policy", requires Board approval for the sale of property, and consistent with the policy, two MAI appraisals were obtained; and the offers are consistent with the appraised value of both properties; and

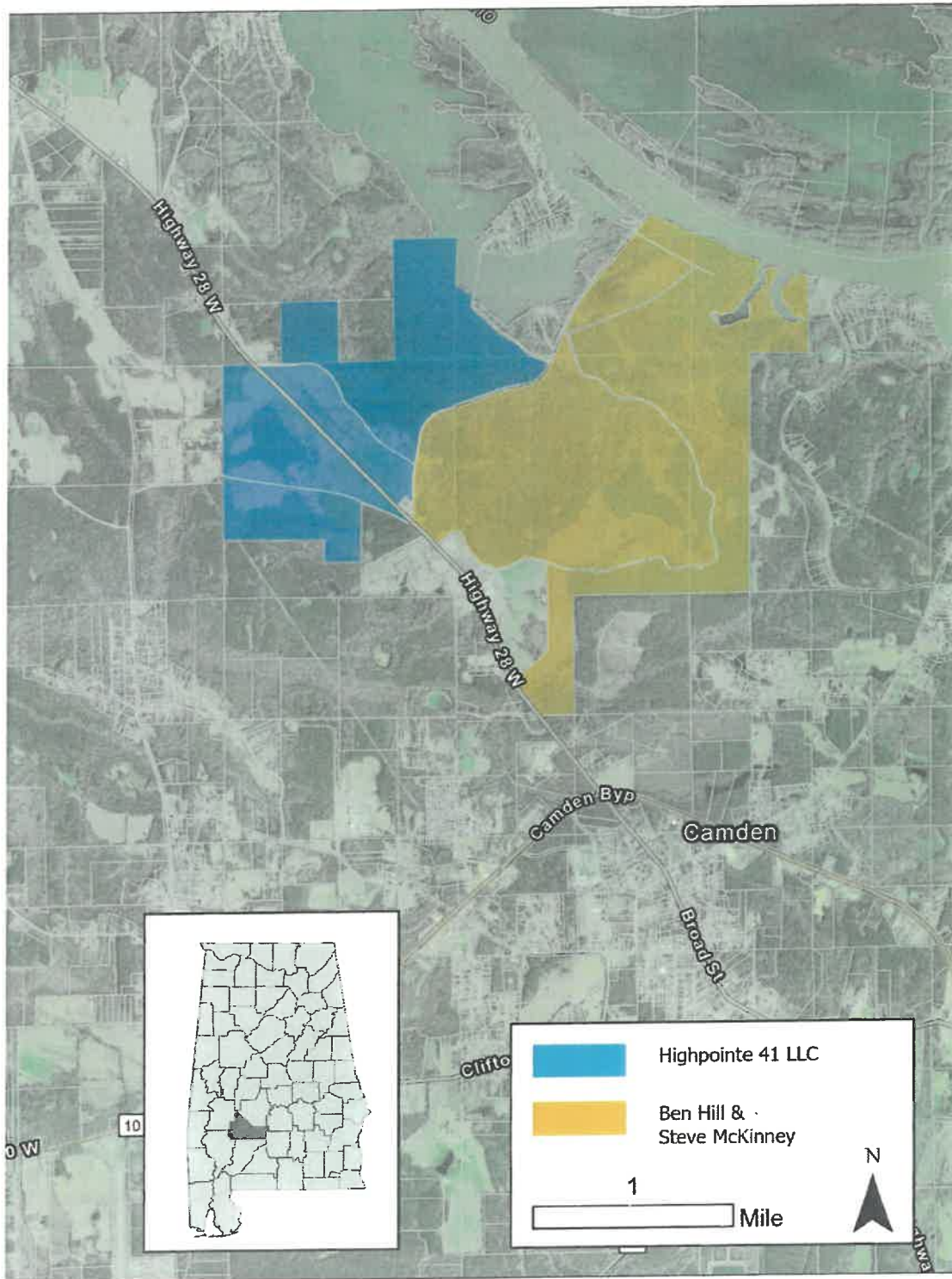
WHEREAS, it has been determined that neither property is currently in use, nor necessary for the mission of Auburn University in the future; and

WHEREAS, any proposed sale transactions resulting from the broker engagement must 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:

1. Auburn University accept the offers to purchase the remaining acres of Wilcox County Property; and
2. Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to sell the remaining acres of the Wilcox County Property at a total price of four million, six hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$4,636,000), consistent with Alabama law, and is empowered to negotiate and execute the deed and all legal documents necessary to effectuate the transaction provided that any proposed sale transactions and documents must be reviewed and approved by the General Counsel prior to closing.

Attachment #1
Lower Coastal Plain Substation Land Sale
Vicinity Map



Academic Affairs Committee

Chairperson Huntley indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. Chairperson Huntley moved for approval of the Academic Affairs Committee's single action item. The motion was seconded by Vice President *Pro Tempore* Sanford, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

WHEREAS, the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology, resulting in the highest-ranked training programs in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the faculty in the department have proposed a new graduate degree, the Doctor of Philosophy in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, to provide advanced training in critical areas of speech-language pathology and audiology; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will address the increasing demand for doctoral-level faculty in Alabama by preparing professionals for careers in academic, private, educational, and medical settings, and will support the growing need for highly qualified speech-language pathologists and audiologists; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will leverage faculty expertise in critical areas such as autism spectrum disorder, voice disorders, and auditory processing disorder, key specialties that are currently supported by only one other doctoral program in the state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree will enable the department to attract and retain graduate students and faculty, and will be one of two programs offered in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, any resources required to establish the program will be funded by the department; and

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

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

Finance Committee

Chairperson W. Smith indicated that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed two action items. Chairperson W. Smith moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Finance Committee's two action items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY HOUSING MAIN CAMPUS 160 ROSS RATES FOR 2025-2026
ACADEMIC YEAR

WHEREAS, residence halls, operated by Auburn University Housing (AUH), are provided on the Auburn University main campus as a convenience and service to our undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, the administration regularly reviews housing operations to ensure that it is responsive to student needs and that it continues to be fiscally sound and self-supporting; and

WHEREAS, AUH needs to increase a reserve for deferred maintenance, increased debt retirement commitments, rising operational costs, anticipated renovations, programming, new construction, and non-recurring expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Auburn University approved a housing rental rate increase for AUH Main Campus for the 2025-2026 academic year at its September 2024 meeting in response to those demands; and

WHEREAS, the AUH master lease for the 160 Ross property was scheduled to end on July 31, 2025; however, the lease was extended for two additional years with the option of a third year to provide additional beds for students; and

WHEREAS, AUH leadership has proposed a housing rate increase for the master lease property at 160 Ross that aligns with the Main Campus rental rate increase previously approved by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized to affect the proposed student housing rates for Auburn University main campus master lease property 160 Ross, as displayed on Exhibit A to this resolution, with the new rates becoming effective in the 2025 fall semester.

EXHIBIT A

Auburn University Housing
Proposed Semester Rental Rates
160 Ross
Academic Year 2025-2026

Description	Approved 2024-2025 rate	Proposed 2025-2026 rate
160 Ross 2 bedroom/2 bath	\$ 5,540.00	\$ 5,710.00
160 Ross 4 bedroom/4 bath	\$ 5,290.00	\$ 5,450.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

TECHNOLOGY FEE AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

WHEREAS, fees are the primary sources of unrestricted revenue for support of University programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, technology costs at AUM have experienced an increase of 75.9% since fall 2016; and

WHEREAS, the technology fee increase would generate additional revenue for funding the university's ongoing and strategic investments in technology software and hardware, enabling AUM to provide the resources necessary for students to compete in the classroom and beyond. Further this increase would support STEM initiatives in computer science and artificial intelligence, expanding on our commitment to these fields through the recently constructed AUM Science & Technology Complex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be serving as President, be and the same, is hereby authorized, with the 2025 Fall Semester to increase the technology fee rate for AUM as shown on Exhibit 1.

EXHIBIT 1

Alabama Commission on Higher Education
Annual Tuition and Required Fees Analysis
Alabama Public Four-Year Institutions
2024-25
Required Fees

	Undergraduate		Graduate	
	Resident 2024-25	Non-Resident 2024-25	Resident 2024-25	Non-Resident 2024-25
Alabama State University	\$ 2,920	\$ 2,920	\$ 2,920	\$ 2,920
Jacksonville State University	\$ 2,454	\$ 2,454	\$ 1,216	\$ 1,216
Athens State University	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,340	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,872
University of West Alabama	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,890	\$ 380	\$ 380
Auburn University	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,874
University of Montevallo	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,404
University of North Alabama	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,440
University of Alabama in Huntsville	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,054
Alabama A&M University	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,414
University of Alabama	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 800	\$ 800
Auburn University at Montgomery	\$ 970	\$ 970	\$ 868	\$ 868
University of South Alabama	\$ 840	\$ 840	\$ 720	\$ 720
University of Alabama at Birmingham	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -
Troy University	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

SOURCE: Alabama Commission on Higher Education Annual Tuition and Fee Schedule, sorted by undergraduate fees ranking.

NOTE: Tuition amounts are based on undergraduate load of 30 credit hours and graduate load of 24 credit hours, or a per term amount reported by the institution. Required Fees include all fixed sum charges that are required of all students. Other specific surcharges and fees may be required for certain programs.

Executive Committee

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. Chairperson Dumas reported that the committee's single action item was a list of proposed awards and namings. Chairperson Dumas moved for approval of the item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the resolutions were approved by a voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING CLASSROOM 034 IN LOWDER HALL
AT THE RAYMOND J. HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
AS THE FELIX AND TARA VERDIGETS CLASSROOM

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Felix Louis Verdigets earned multiple degrees from Auburn University, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1998, a Master of Business Administration in 2000, a Master of Science in Management in 2003, and a Doctorate in Management in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Tara Roberson Verdigets graduated from Auburn University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing; and

WHEREAS, Felix and Tara met at Auburn while pursuing their degrees and both credit their career and personal successes to Auburn. Felix had an extensive career with KPMG before taking his own advice to “bet on yourself”, advice he often shared with his students while at Auburn. Felix is now president of the Nateland Company, a family-friendly content company for audiences of all ages launched by his neighbor, comedian Nate Bargatze; and

WHEREAS, Felix and Tara are members of the Foy Society, have supported the management department, the KMPG LLP Endowment for Instructional Excellence in the School of Accountancy, and the Harbert Excellence Fund; and

WHEREAS, Felix and Tara made a generous gift to name a classroom in Lowder Hall in the Harbert College of Business, a space that is very meaningful to them both;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Classroom 034 in Lowder Hall be named the Felix and Tara Verdigets Classroom in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the Harbert College of Business and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EAGLES PROGRAM SUITE
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
SCOTT ALAN LAWRENCE SUITE

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Scott Alan Lawrence was born January 30, 1968, to Roger and Margaret Lawrence. A child of remarkable spirit, he was diagnosed at the age of five with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, Despite his diagnosis, Scott was always happy and demonstrated an extraordinary ability to inspire and motivate those around him, embraced challenges with courage, thought of others before himself, and exemplified the Auburn spirit as an avid sports fan and lifelong supporter of Auburn football; and

WHEREAS, Roger Lawrence was born in Monroeville, Alabama and his wife, Margaret, was born in Hutchison, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Roger, a 1959 graduate of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University, had a distinguished career with the Boeing Company where he met his wife, Margaret, who later became a State Farm Insurance Agent in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Despite Scott's life being tragically cut short on January 7, 1987, his legacy endures through the unwavering love and dedication of his parents. They continue to honor his memory by fostering opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities within the EAGLES Program, helping them achieve independence and success which is made possible through the Roger, Margaret, and Scott Lawrence Legacy Endowed Scholarship in the College of Education; and

WHEREAS, This suite will serve as a testament to the Lawrence family's dedication to empowering future generations and will function as a means to share Scott's legacy of kindness and determination with the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the EAGLES Program Suite in the College of Education be named the Scott Alan Lawrence Suite as an enduring testament to his life, his compassion for others and his unwavering spirit.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EAGLES DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
BETTY S. PATTEN DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, A native of Montgomery, AL, Betty S. Patten received multiple degrees and certifications from Auburn University earning a B.S. in Collaborative Special Education in 2011, an M.Ed. in Collaborative Special Education and Transition Specialist certification in 2012, a Graduate Certificate of Educational Leadership in 2016, and Ph.D. in Special Education in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Betty has dedicated her career to advocating for individuals with disabilities, starting as a high school special education teacher and then joining the College of Education at Auburn University in January 2019 where she serves as the Jay and Susie Gogue Endowed Director of the EAGLES Program and Associate Clinical Professor; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Patten's leadership, the EAGLES Program has flourished and empowers students with intellectual disabilities to develop independence, self-advocacy, workforce readiness, and life skills while inspiring the broader community to embrace inclusion and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Betty exemplifies the Auburn Creed in that she believes "that this is a practical world and that I can count only on what I earn. Therefore, I believe in work, hard work. I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully"; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Betty's lifelong commitment to education, hard work, and dedication to individuals with intellectual disabilities, the EAGLES Engagement Council made this generous gift to name the director's office in her honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the EAGLES Director's Office in the College of Education be named the Betty S. Patten Director's Office for her commitment and dedication to the EAGLES Program and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE WET LAB AT THE STORMWATER RESEARCH FACILITY
IN THE SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AS THE
WARREN FAIRCLOTH LABORATORY
FOR STORMWATER INNOVATION AND DISCOVERY

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Warren Faircloth founded Faircloth Skimmer in 2000 with his wife Margaret to provide a high-performing skimmer for dewatering sediment basins; and

WHEREAS, Prior to starting the company, Warren worked in agricultural conservation for the Chatham and Orange Soil and Water Conservation Districts in North Carolina for seven years; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Faircloth Skimmer is to improve water quality by developing, manufacturing, and distributing Faircloth Skimmer products and services; and

WHEREAS, Faircloth Skimmer has committed a leadership gift to support the Stormwater Research Facility at Auburn University in honor of Mr. Faircloth's retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wet Lab at the Stormwater Research Facility be named the Warren Faircloth Laboratory for Stormwater Innovation and Discovery in honor of Faircloth Skimmer's generous support and ongoing dedication to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ASPHALT TECHNOLOGY
AT THE SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AS THE
JAMES M. WINFORD NATIONAL CENTER FOR ASPHALT TECHNOLOGY

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, James M. "Jay" Winford, Jr. received a Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering from Auburn University in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Jay began his career in the asphalt industry as a laborer and roller operator in 1979 and currently serves as president and CEO of Prairie Contractors Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Jay served on the NCAT Board of Directors and the Applications Steering Committee as well as chairman of NAPA where he has played a vital role in NCAT/NAPA relations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Winford have committed a leadership gift to support the National Center for Asphalt Technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Center for Asphalt Technology at the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering be named the James M. Winford National Center for Asphalt Technology in honor of Mr. James M. Winford, Sr. and the Winfords generous support and ongoing dedication to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE MEDIA LABORATORY IN
THE TONY AND LIBBA RANE CULINARY SCIENCE CENTER AS
GRADUATE BY HILTON MEDIA LABORATORY

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, The Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management is held in high esteem regionally, nationally and internationally and has increasing demand for graduates; and

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

WHEREAS, Auburn University and the College of Human Sciences dedicated the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in 2022 and made Auburn home to an educational facility unlike any other in the world; and

WHEREAS, Graduate by Hilton recognizes the impact of Auburn University and the Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management in the College of Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Graduate by Hilton supports the experiential learning opportunities offered through the Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management as aligning with their organizations' values of improving communities through education; and

WHEREAS, Graduate by Hilton wishes to make an impact on the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center through this gift; and

WHEREAS, The Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center Media Laboratory will enhance the academic experience for students in the Horst Schulze School of Hospitality Management; and

WHEREAS, The College of Human Sciences recommends naming the media laboratory in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center in honor of Graduate by Hilton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the media laboratory in the Tony and Libba Rane Culinary Science Center be named Graduate by Hilton Media Laboratory for a period of five years in honor of Hilton and Graduate Hotels' generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING ENTRANCE DOOR-A
AT THE WOLTOSZ THEATRE IN THE
JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE CARY AND PICK FAMILIES ENTRANCE

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, the Cary family in Auburn began in 1892 when Dr. Charles Allen Cary was recruited by Dr. Leroy Broun to come to Alabama A&M College to establish a Department of Physiology resulting in Dr. Cary's founding of the College of Veterinary Medicine and serving as its first Dean from 1907 until his death in 1935; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Cary had three children who attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute. Their youngest, Alice, married Captain Lewis Andrew Pick, a cadet in API's Army ROTC, who went on to have an illustrious career. In his final post, he served as Chief of the Army Corp of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, General and Mrs. Pick had one child, Lewis Andrew Pick, Jr., who attended Auburn University before graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point. After a distinguished career in the Army Corps of Engineers, General Pick returned to Auburn building homes, townhouses, businesses, and apartments, which housed thousands of Auburn students before his death in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Cary and Pick families are generous supporters of Auburn University and founding members of the Gogue Center's Patrons Society, the James E. Foy Loyalty Society, and The Founders' Circle of the 1856 Society. Their support includes the historic Halliday-Cary-Pick House to the College of Human Sciences and multi-generational support to the College of Veterinary Medicine.

WHEREAS, Dr. Cary's great-grandson, Charles Cary Pick, is a resident of Auburn and serves on several boards for the university and the City of Auburn;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Entrance Door-A at the Woltosz Theatre in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named the Cary and Pick Families Entrance in recognition of their ongoing dedication to the performing arts and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE VOLUNTEER ROOM IN THE
JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE BURKHALTER FAMILY VOLUNTEER ROOM

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Jack Burkhalter received a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy from Auburn University, and a Master's degree in Finance from Georgia State University. Now retired, Jack spent his career in banking and real estate development; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Burkhalter received a Bachelor's degree in Business Education from Auburn University and is a retired school teacher; and

WHEREAS, both Jack and Carolyn have been lifelong volunteers in their career, civic and personal associations; and

WHEREAS, Jack served as a three term member of the Harbert College of Business Advisory Council and spent a decade as Chairman of the Fraternity Food Service Council; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Carolyn are members of Auburn University's Foy Society, Petrie Society, Samford Society, and are life members of the Auburn Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Carolyn have two sons, Jay and Drew, who are both Auburn graduates; and

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

WHEREAS, Jack and Carolyn have made a gift to support the renovation of the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center's Ham Amphitheatre and the creation of a new Studio Theatre;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Volunteer Room in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named the Burkhalter Family Volunteer Room in recognition of Jack and Carolyn's generous support and ongoing dedication to the arts and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE ARRIVAL PLAZA AT THE
JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
THE KATHY AND KENNETH HENDERSON ARRIVAL PLAZA

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Lee Henderson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Auburn University in 1976, and a Juris Doctor degree from New York University School of Law in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kathryn G. Henderson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Auburn University in 1976, and a Master of Arts degree in Journalism from New York University in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth is a partner with the international law firm Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner; and

WHEREAS, Kathy has served as an entertainment journalist, "with a specialty in theatre," for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth serves as a director on the Auburn University Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, Kathy and Kenneth are lifetime members of the Auburn Alumni Association and have provided philanthropic support to the university through multiple scholarships in the College of Liberal Arts, annual gifts to the CLA Dean's fund, a leadership development gift in Student Affairs, and numerous gifts to the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Kathy and Kenneth made a gift to support the capital campaign for the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center because of their love for the performing arts and Auburn University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arrival Plaza at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named the Kathy and Kenneth Henderson Arrival Plaza in recognition of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the performing arts and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING AN ORCHESTRA BOX IN THE HAM AMPHITHEATRE
AT THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE SUSIE & DAVID PEARSON ORCHESTRA BOX

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, David Pearson received a Bachelor's Degree in Building Science and Susie Pearson received a Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition from Auburn University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, David and Susie made a generous gift to support the renovation of the Ham Amphitheatre and Studio Theatre at the Gogue Performing Arts Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an Orchestra Box in the Ham Amphitheatre at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named the Susie & David Pearson Orchestra Box in honor of their generous support of the Gogue Performing Arts Center at Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING AN ORCHESTRA BOX IN THE HAM AMPHITHEATRE
AT THE JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE HAM FAMILY ORCHESTRA BOX

April 4, 2025

WHEREAS, Bill Ham is an Auburn native and 1977 graduate of Auburn University. He was elected to Auburn City Council in 1986 and served as mayor for 20 years, retiring in 2018; and

WHEREAS, As mayor, Bill played a pivotal role in the city's original gift to support the construction of the Gogue Center and continues to serve on numerous community and university boards; and

WHEREAS, Carol Ham, a 1977 graduate of Auburn University, was an educator in the Auburn City Schools for over 30 years and serves in numerous volunteer roles including President of the House Corporation for the Alpha Beta chapter of Chi Omega; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Carol wish to continue their legacy by making this generous gift in honor of their family. Their children, Forrest Ham'06 and Ashley Ham Peak'07, along with their spouses, Kate Ham'03 and Owen Peak'07, and their grandchildren Jennings, Will, Crawford and Jack; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Carol are dedicated supporters and loyal patrons of the Gogue Center, recognizing its significant cultural and economic contributions to the community, and how it elevates the quality of life for its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an Orchestra Box in the Ham Amphitheatre at the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named The Ham Family Orchestra Box in honor of their generous support of the Gogue Performing Arts Center and Auburn University.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees