

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

JUNE 6, 2025

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA
JUNE 6, 2025 ANNUAL 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. Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower, Final Approval
(Jim Carroll/Bill Hutto)
2. Central Dining Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Architect Selection
(Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
3. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Project Initiation
(Jim Carroll/Carl Stockton)
4. Spidle Hall Demolition, Project Approval and Authority to Execute (Jim Carroll)
5. Wire Road Sidewalk Grant, Project Approval and Authority to Execute
(Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)

Informational Reports:

6. Annual Report of Real Estate Holdings – *For Information Only* (Mark Stirling)
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 - b. Project Status Report

B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson Huntley

1. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only* (Vini Nathan)

C. Finance Committee | Chairperson W. Smith

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – *For Information Only* (Kelli Shomaker)

D. Audit and Compliance Committee | Chairperson Ainsworth

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025
(Kelli Shomaker/Ryan McIntire)
2. Receipt of the 2024-2025 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only*
(Billy Ainsworth)

E. Institutional Advancement Committee | Chairperson Woltosz

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(Beth Stukes/Greg DeSisto)

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4. President's Report
5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower, Final Approval
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3. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Project Initiation

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B. Audit and Compliance Committee

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025

C. Executive Committee

1. Election of the President *Pro Tempore*
2. Proposed Awards and Namings

VI. Recess Meeting

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then called upon Board Secretary Waggoner 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. DeMaioribus; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Ms. Elizabeth H. Huntley; 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; and Mr. James R. Pratt, III were absent from the meeting.

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

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins welcomed those serving on the Board *ex officio* as follows: Dr. Lori Eckhardt, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Gil Duenas, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Owen Beaverstock, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; and Mr. Samuel Alford, 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 Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, 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, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs and 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. Virginia Davis, Academic Affairs Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kira Bowen, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kimberly Pyszka, AUM Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kerry Inger, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. William Lyle, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Jason Bryant, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Lauren Redden, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Karen Hopkins, 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; Ms. Susan Cashwell, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Amy Ingram, 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
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 8:35 A.M.**

Chairperson DeMaioribus convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 8:35 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower, Final Approval

Mr. Carroll reported that the Auburn University Regional Airport proposed the construction of an air traffic control tower due to the increase in take-offs and landings (operations) experienced in recent years. He stated that the higher operational tempo driven by the Auburn University Professional Flight program, the Air Transportation Department, non-university aircraft that are based at the airport, and daily transient traffic necessitate increased control over aircraft using the airport and its associated airspace. He explained that the air traffic control tower will provide the essential coordination between incoming and departing traffic, enhancing airspace safety and efficiency.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$9.0 million, to be financed by a combination of federal and state grants and university and local 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. Rane. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

2. Central Dining Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Architect Selection

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs 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 shared that the new dining venue will enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing approval of the selection of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture of Atlanta, Georgia as architect for 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 Mr. Dumas, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

3. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Project Initiation

Mr. Carroll reported that Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) has proposed the construction of a new single story, 14,000 gross square foot Locker Room facility to provide satellite locker rooms, administrative space, laundry facilities, and a multi-purpose recruiting area. He explained that the project will enable AUM Athletics to provide appropriate facilities for multiple athletics teams including the women's and men's soccer, women's softball, and others.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the project will be financed by Auburn University at Montgomery.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing approval of the project and 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. Z. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vines, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

4. Spidle Hall Demolition, Project Approval and Authority to Execute

Mr. Carroll reported that the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution on September 6, 2024 that approved the initiation of the College of Human Sciences Academic and Research Facility project; and on November 15, 2024, approved Perkins & Will of Atlanta, Georgia as the project architect. He stated that the academic and administrative functions within the College of Human Sciences will be temporarily relocated from Spidle Hall to space vacated by the College of Education in the Haley Center, until the completion of the new College of Human Sciences Academic and Research Facility.

H explained that the proposed project will demolish Spidle Hall, which is expected to start in fall 2025 and be completed by winter 2026.

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

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the project and providing authorization to execute the work.

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

5. Wire Road Sidewalk Grant, Project Approval and Authority to Execute

Mr. Carroll reported that Facilities Management and Student Affairs propose the construction of a sidewalk along Wire Road from Lem Morrison Drive to West Samford Avenue. He stated that the initiative to add a sidewalk along this segment of Wire Road was sponsored by the Student Government Association and will provide an important pedestrian connection and safety enhancement for the campus and community. He remarked that the scheduled for the project is anticipated to begin construction following the fall 2025 semester.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.5 million, to be financed by a grant received from the Alabama Department of Transportation and University reserve funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the project and 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. Z. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sahlie, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

6. Annual Report of Real Estate Holdings – *For Information Only*

Mr. Carroll then stated that Board of Trustees policies require that a listing of property owned by Auburn University be submitted to the Board for its information and review each year at its annual meeting. He reported that the summary of real estate holdings, including changes since June 2024, is included in the meeting materials.

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

7. Annual Report of Timber Harvest Revenue – *For Information Only*

Mr. Carroll then stated that Board of Trustees policies require that a summary report of timber harvest revenue be provided to the Board for its information and review each year at its annual meeting. He indicated that the summary report, including changes since June 2024, is included in the meeting materials.

Mr. Carroll shared that this item is included for information only and does not require a 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. 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 8:50 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 8:50 A.M.**

Chairperson Huntley convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 8:50 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 single Academic Affairs Committee agenda item.

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

Dr. Nathan shared the following updates regarding changes in degree program nomenclature:

Renaming of the Applied Discrete Mathematics Option to the Applied Mathematics – Data Science Option, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Renaming the Bachelor of Science in Geospatial and Environmental Informatics to the Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Information Science, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment

Renaming of the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Interdisciplinary Health Sciences to the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences – Health Sciences, College of Sciences and Mathematics

Renaming of the PhD in Rehabilitation and Special Education to the PhD Special Education, College of Education

Dr. Nathan indicated that the item is included 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 8:55 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 8:55 A.M.**

Chairperson W. Smith convened a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 8:55 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

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

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – *For Information Only*

Ms. Shomaker presented an information-only report regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

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

Chairperson W. Smith thanked Ms. Shomaker for her report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Chairperson Vines convened a meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Ainsworth called upon Ms. Shomaker for discussion of the first Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item.

1. Approval of Independent Auditors for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2025

Ms. Shomaker stated that the *Selection of External Auditors* policy requires the Board of Trustees to approve external auditors to review the internal audit process completed by Auburn University. Ms. Shomaker reported that Auburn University management recommends maintaining its current external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

Subsequently, Ms. Shomaker introduced representatives from PwC who presented the Auburn University Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Plan.

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.

Chairperson Ainsworth thanked Ms. Shomaker for her report and then discussed the second and final Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item.

2. Receipt of the 2024-2025 Code of Ethics Compliance Documents – *For Information Only*

Chairperson Ainsworth explained that, in accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)'s *Principles of Accreditation*, it is required that the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees be unencumbered by any contractual, employment, personal, familial, or financially related interests with Auburn University. Chairperson Ainsworth stated that in addition, a majority of voting board members must also be unencumbered by such interests.

Chairperson Ainsworth reported that the Audit and Compliance Committee, the General Counsel, and the Board Secretary have reviewed the completed documents and determined that the Board is in compliance with SACSCOC's standards.

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

With there being no further items, Chairperson Ainsworth recessed the committee meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 9:10 A.M.**

Chairperson Sahlie convened a meeting of the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:10 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Woltosz called upon Ms. Stukes for discussion of the single Institutional Advancement Committee agenda item.

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

Ms. Stukes introduced Mr. Greg DeSisto of Prime Buchholz to provide an update regarding the university's endowment portfolio.

Mr. DeSisto presented a detailed overview of the portfolio and responded to questions from the Board accordingly.

Chairperson Woltosz thanked Ms. Stukes and Mr. DeSisto for their reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

Chairperson Dumas convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 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 Dumas discussed the following Executive Committee agenda items.

1. Election of the President *Pro Tempore*

Chairperson Dumas indicated that the first item before the Executive Committee is the election of the President *Pro Tempore* for 2025-2026. A motion to nominate Vice President *Pro Tempore* Sanford as President *Pro Tempore* was received from Mr. Rane. The nomination was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus and affirmed by a voice vote.

2. Proposed Awards and Namings

Chairperson Dumas then asked for a motion to move consideration of 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. Rane. The motion was seconded Vice President *Pro Tempore* Sanford, 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 final agenda item.

3. Presidential Assessment – *For Information Only*

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins began the discussion regarding the annual assessment of the President by congratulating Dr. Roberts on an outstanding third year. President *Pro Tempore* Riggins commended Dr. Roberts for his stellar leadership and highlighted several key areas, stating:

First, the launch of the Strategic Plan stands out as a signature achievement. The planning process was inclusive, thoughtful, and well-executed...reflecting your belief that engagement builds ownership and that ownership drives results. We are confident this plan will serve as a durable and dynamic guide for Auburn's next decade.

Financially, Auburn is strong. We are grateful for your steady stewardship, which has strengthened our fiscal foundation and supported both near-term priorities and long-term capital planning. We especially appreciate the clear and timely communication you and your team have provided to help us fulfill our fiduciary responsibilities.

In the research arena, we commend your team for delivering record-breaking results, including \$394 million in expenditures and a landmark \$50 million contract with the U.S. Army. Auburn's research enterprise is gaining both maturity and national visibility.

We were also pleased by your success in enrollment and fundraising. This year's freshman class is the most academically accomplished in Auburn's history, and fundraising efforts exceeded expectations by a wide margin—achievements that reflect rising confidence in Auburn's future and in your leadership.

Your ability to navigate the evolving world of college athletics while maintaining institutional values has not gone unnoticed. Through it all, you've kept students at the center and ensured that integrity remains a hallmark of Auburn's programs.

And finally, we affirm your focus on the future: from student housing and federal engagement to campaign readiness and NIL strategy, your priorities are well-placed and well-considered.

President Roberts, we remain confident in your leadership and direction. Please continue to work closely with us in the year ahead. With alignment and commitment, we are certain that Auburn will continue to thrive.

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

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked the Presidential Assessment Working Group for their service and noted that the 2025 assessment is now complete.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Dumas recessed the committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then called upon various committee chairpersons and lead trustees for the following trustee reports.

Alumni

Lead Trustee Roberts began his report by sharing the following statistics regarding how the Alumni Engagement team connects alumni, parents, and friends through a life-stage-based strategy, as follows:

- Living Alumni: 253,362
- Young Alumni (≤ 40): 37%
- Mid-Life Alumni (41-62): 37%
- Seasoned Alumni (63+): 24%
- Unidentified: 2%
- Parents & Friends of Auburn: 223,000
- Post-2000 Graduates: 133,804 (53% of alumni)

Lead Trustee Roberts then shared the following Spring 2025 highlights: the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee from March 12-16; the Young Alumni Council and "Roar & Soar" Graduation Event in Auburn from April 3-4; and Black Alumni Weekend in Auburn from April 4-6. He then shared the following Summer 2025 upcoming engagements: Lifetime Achievement Awards in Auburn on June 7; Auburn on the Hill in Washington, D.C.; and AMBUSH in Columbus, Georgia on June 23, Lake Martin on July 2, and Atlanta, Georgia on July 14. He concluded his report by noting that during Fall 2025, the 20 Under 40 Reception will be held in Opelika on October 17.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairperson Rane began his report by sharing that the Alabama Legislature finished the 2025 regular session in early May after several months of work. He noted that the state's Education Trust Fund Budget and accompanying bills were passed nearly unanimously in both chambers. He reported that state legislative support for Auburn University remains robust. He commented that in total, Auburn received over \$99M in new funding from the state.

Chairperson Rane then reported that earlier this year, Congress passed a continuing resolution to maintain government funding at last year's levels. He expressed that under this deal, most federal departments received roughly the same amount of funding this year, but departments now have more discretion in how and where the funding will be spent. He stated that Auburn found early success when Congressman Mike Rogers and Senator Katie Britt steered \$30 million in Department of Defense funding from the continuing resolution to Auburn initiatives last month. He noted, however, that several other federal agencies have been slower to issue research awards, particularly to universities. He indicated that

Auburn will continue to engage with the Alabama congressional delegation and agency partners about Auburn's strengths and research expertise as this process continues.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins thanked the trustees and indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 9:35 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins convened an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:35 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. Rane. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the Board approved the motion by a voice vote.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins recessed the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:40 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 10:55 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 10:55 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 3, 2025 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 April 3, 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 April 3, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2025 Board Meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Riggins asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Summer 2025 semester. A motion was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION
AWARDING OF DEGREES

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers appropriate degrees upon those individuals who have completed requirements previously approved by this Board of Trustees and stated in University Catalogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of the Summer 2025 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

Property and Facilities Committee

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

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL AIRPORT
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Regional Airport proposed the construction of an air traffic control tower that will provide the essential coordination between incoming and departing traffic, thus enhancing airspace safety and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the air traffic control tower project will construct a 91-foot-tall tower with a 360-degree observation deck located north of the existing Auburn University Regional Airport terminal building; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on November 17, 2023, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower project and adopted a resolution that approved Barge Design Solutions, Inc., as the engineer for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Auburn University Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower is \$8.9 million, to be financed by a combination of federal and state grants and local 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 Air Traffic Control Tower 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 Air Traffic Control Tower project in the amount of \$8.9 million, to be financed by a combination of federal and state grants and local 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

CENTRAL DINING BUILD-OUT FOR NEW DINING VENUE

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Central Dining Build-Out for New Dining Venue project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with three (3) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture of Atlanta, Georgia, 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 McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture of Atlanta, Georgia, 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

AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY LOCKER ROOM

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

WHEREAS, Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) has proposed the construction of a new athletics facility, to support locker rooms for several athletics teams; and

WHEREAS, the project is anticipated to be approximately 14,000 square feet in a single-story building; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide appropriate facilities for multiple athletics teams including the women's and men's soccer, women's softball, and others; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide satellite locker rooms, administrative space, laundry facilities, and a multi-purpose recruiting area; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this facility would be financed by Auburn University at Montgomery; 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 Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room 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

SPIDLE HALL DEMOLITION

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 6, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the College of Human Sciences Academic and Research Facility project, and on November 15, 2024, approved the project architect; and

WHEREAS, the College of Human Sciences will be temporarily relocated from Spidle Hall to Haley Center until the completion of the new College of Human Sciences Academic and Research Facility; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will demolish Spidle Hall; and

WHEREAS, demolition is anticipated to start in fall 2025 and be completed by winter 2026; and

WHEREAS, the demolition project is estimated to cost \$2.7 million, to be financed by University funds; and

WHEREAS, given the impact on the Auburn University campus resulting from the demolition, it is appropriate that the Board of Trustees approve the Spidle Hall Demolition project and authorize the execution of the demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Spidle Hall 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 demolition.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

WIRE ROAD SIDEWALK GRANT

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, Facilities Management and Student Affairs proposes to construct a sidewalk along Wire Road from Lem Morrison Drive to West Samford Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the initiative to add a sidewalk along this segment of Wire Road was sponsored by the Student Government Association and will provide an important pedestrian connection and safety enhancement for the campus and community; and

WHEREAS, the schedule for this project is anticipated to begin construction following the Fall 2025 semester; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the project is estimated to cost up to \$1.5 million, to be financed by a grant received from the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and University reserve funds.

WHEREAS, given the impact on the Auburn University campus resulting from the infrastructure enhancement, it is appropriate that the Board of Trustees approve the Wire Road Sidewalk Grant project and authorize the execution of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Wire Road Sidewalk Grant 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.

Audit and Compliance Committee

Chairperson Ainsworth indicated that the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. Chairperson Ainsworth moved for approval of the Audit and Compliance Committee's single action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the resolution was approved by a voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

WHEREAS, The Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees is charged with recommending the appointment of the University's external auditor; and

WHEREAS, The Audit Committee recommends the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP to audit the University's financial statements and to conduct the federally required Uniform Guidance audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP is appointed as the University's external auditor.

Executive Committee

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

First, Chairperson Dumas stated that the Executive Committee recommended that Vice President *Pro Tempore* Jimmy Sanford be elected as President *Pro Tempore* for 2025-2026. A motion to elect Vice President *Pro Tempore* Sanford was received from Chairperson Dumas. The motion was seconded by President *Pro Tempore* Riggins, and the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Chairperson Dumas commented that the 2025-2026 term begins immediately upon conclusion of the meeting.

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

Chairperson Dumas reported that the third item presented to the Executive Committee was the annual assessment of the President, noting that the item was presented for information only.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE ANNUALS TRIAL GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
ALABAMA AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRIES- COMMISSIONER RICK PATE
ANNUALS TRIAL GARDEN

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries has been a generous supporter of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Rick Pate believes in the transformative power of agriculture and supports numerous programs across the state of Alabama that impact all areas of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries is committed to protecting and serving Alabama consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries aims to ensure effective, fair, and expert oversight of products, businesses, the movement, and use of goods and services governed by relevant state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annuals Trial Garden in the Transformation Garden be named the Alabama Agriculture & Industries - Commissioner Rick Pate Annuals Trial Garden in recognition of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING THE ORNAMENTAL PLOTS
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
JOSEPHINE AND DAN E. PONDER, SR. ORNAMENTAL PLOTS**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Dan and Mary Lou Ponder have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Dan received a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and economics from Auburn University in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lou received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Auburn University in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Dan is the former President (retired) at Ponder Enterprises, Inc. where he served for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dan and Mary Lou Ponder raised two children and have enjoyed watching their family grow through their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ornamental Plots in the Transformation Garden be named the Josephine and Dan E. Ponder, Sr. Ornamental Plots in honor of the Ponder family's generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING THE GREENWAY MAIN PATH
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER TRAIL**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the Alabama Master Gardeners Association has been a generous supporter of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Master Gardeners Association is highly regarded for their mission to assist and support the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in its educational outreach program; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Master Gardeners Association supports the local Master Gardener Associations in their pursuit of continuing education in the field of horticulture and providing volunteer service through horticultural based assistance, education and community projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Master Gardeners Association is highly regarded throughout the state for its contributions to enhancing and supporting the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Home Horticulture Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Master Gardeners Association strives to improve the lives of citizens and their communities throughout the state through philanthropic partnerships; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenway Main Path in the Transformation Garden be named the Alabama Master Gardener Trail in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING THE RAIN GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
JL BEDSOLE FOUNDATION RAIN GARDEN**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the JL Bedsole Foundation has been a generous supporter of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, the JL Bedsole Foundation is highly regarded for their mission to improve the quality of life of Alabama citizens and to strengthen the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, the JL Bedsole Foundation is highly regarded throughout the state of Alabama for their investments in education, arts and culture, health and human services and economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, such acclaim and philanthropic investment has led them to be a partner in the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rain Garden in the Transformation Garden be named the JL Bedsole Foundation Rain Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE VEGETABLE TEACHING GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
CHARLES AND AMANDA BAZEMORE VEGETABLE TEACHING GARDEN

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Charles and Amanda Bazemore have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and The Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Amanda are highly regarded for their dedication to supporting the education and development of Alabama residents; and

WHEREAS, Charles spent 40 years with Alabama Power Company in various communities throughout the State. Upon his retirement in 2011, Charles served as the Western Division Customer Service Manager in Tuscaloosa; and

WHEREAS, Amanda taught school in each community in which they lived, and retired in 2007 after 25 years as an educator, teaching primarily 6th grade students; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Amanda live in Auburn and actively support the university and campus community through their generous philanthropic contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vegetable Teaching Garden in the Transformation Garden be named the Charles and Amanda Bazemore Vegetable Teaching Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE INVASIVE PLANT GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
HARVEY FAMILY INVASIVE PLANT GARDEN

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Fletcher and Alec Harvey have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher and Alec Harvey are highly regarded for their dedication to supporting the education and development of Alabama communities; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher has touched many lives through his philanthropic pursuits and journalistic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Alec brings over four decades of experience and expertise in journalism, having served in various roles, including as an Adjunct Instructor in the College of Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Invasive Plant Garden in the Transformation Garden be named the Harvey Family Invasive Plant Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HERB AND MEDICINAL GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
ITHAKA HOSPITALITY PARTNERS CULINARY HERB GARDEN

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners are established as a distinguished leader in hospitality management, dedicated to fostering loyalty and delivering exceptional customer service; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners operate on a set of highly regarded values; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners brings valuable experience and expertise in the hospitality industry, benefiting alumni, students, and faculty in the Auburn University College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners has a strong dedication to integrity and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Herb and Medicinal Garden in the Transformation Garden be named The Ithaka Hospitality Partners Culinary Herb Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A PARK BENCH
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
DR. MARK MCGUIRE MEMORIAL BENCH

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Mark McGuire earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts in 1976 from Auburn University and later returned to study horticulture obtaining a degree posthumously in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mark was a retired Colonel and Doctor of Optometry in the US Army Reserves for more than 30 years and loved horticulture; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Susie McGuire enjoyed their lives as a military family that served our country through selfless endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Susie McGuire has generously supported the Transformation Garden and the College of Agriculture in honor of her late husband, Mark;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a park bench in the Transformation Garden be named the Dr. Mark McGuire Memorial Bench in memory of his commitment and dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A PARK BENCH
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
PAUL AND LOUISA PATTERSON BENCH

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Patterson earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and economics from Auburn University in 1985 followed by his M.S. and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Louisa Patterson earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education mathematics from Auburn University in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Paul began his agricultural career in the college in 1980 as a student research technician and continued to serve Auburn University in various positions, including Department Head, Associate Dean of Instruction, and as the Dean of the College of Agriculture and the Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station for over eight years; and

WHEREAS, Paul and Louisa have consistently made a lasting impact on the agricultural community by inspiring students, staff, faculty, and alumni to advance the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Paul and Louisa have generously supported the strategic initiatives of the College of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a park bench in the Transformation Garden be named the Paul and Louisa Patterson Bench in honor of their commitment and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A HUDDLE ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL HUDDLE ROOM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, In 1991, Dean Richard K. Kunkel established the National Alumni Council in the College of Education, an exceptional network of alumni and friends who worked to promote the mission and vision of the College; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the council has championed education and health sciences, fostered meaningful connections among College of Education alumni, faculty, staff, and students, and created networking opportunities that continue to benefit individuals, school systems, community partners, and our institution today; and

WHEREAS, The National Alumni Council embodies the principles of the Auburn Creed, demonstrating a steadfast belief in the value of hard work, education, and the practical application of knowledge. Their dedication to fostering meaningful connections and opportunities reflects the spirit of diligence, wisdom, and skill that the Creed upholds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a huddle room in the College of Education be named the National Alumni Council Huddle Room in recognition of their generous support and dedication to the College of Education and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A HUDDLE ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
CULPEPPER-CHANCEY FAMILY HUDDLE ROOM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Nancy Culpepper Chancey received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Auburn in 1962 and her husband, Jon E. Chancey received a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Wildlife, and Environment in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Nancy's parents, Catherine D. and Robert A. Culpepper, deeply valued education, seeing it as a powerful tool for enhancing one's quality of life and as a foundation for serving and giving back to others; and

WHEREAS, The Culpeppers held a deep belief in Auburn University, and as a former roommate, fraternity brother, and teammate of Shug Jordan, Mr. Culpepper became one of Auburn's most passionate supporters and recruiters. His dedication established a legacy for his family, beginning with his daughter, Nancy; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has served Auburn and the College of Education through various leadership roles. From her time on campus as Student Government Association President to her involvement in numerous campaign committees for the college and the National Alumni Council, she has continuously contributed to the university's mission and growth; and

WHEREAS, Nancy and Jon have three children, Allison Chancey Miller, a 1986 graduate of the Harbert College of Business, Tempie Chancey Thackston, a 1989 graduate of the College of Education, and Jon Robert Chancey, a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and Troy University; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Huddle Room in the College of Education be named the Culpepper-Chancey Family Huddle Room in honor of the Culpepper-Chancey families' enduring dedication and generous support of the College of Education and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EAGLES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
WALKER DECLAN EISIMINGER OFFICE

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Alison Eisiminger received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Auburn University in 2000, followed by a Master of Arts in Secondary Education and Teaching from Georgia State University in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Alison began her career in education as a middle school mathematics teacher in the Atlanta Public School system before relocating to Virginia, where she continued her work with Prince William County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Bob Eisiminger earned a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1988 and graduated in May 2022 with an Executive MBA from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Bob co-founded and served as CEO of Knight Point Systems, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned business specializing in IT services and solutions for Federal and commercial clients. Beyond his success as an entrepreneur, he is also a dedicated community leader and senior business advisor; and

WHEREAS, Alison and Bob are dedicated advocates for the EAGLES program, a comprehensive transition initiative within the College of Education designed to support individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Alison is an active member of the EAGLES Engagement Council, which helps provide support and resources to empower students, ensuring they grow into successful and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, Alison and Bob honored their son, Walker Declan Eisiminger, by naming a space within the EAGLES program suite, ensuring his legacy remains a meaningful part of the program's mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the EAGLES Assistant Director's Office in the College of Education be named the Walker Declan Eisiminger Office in recognition of Alison and Bob Eisiminger's generous support and dedication to the College of Education and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE BALLET BARRE IN THE
JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE STACY K. YOUNG BALLET BARRE

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Stacy K. Young graduated from Auburn University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Stacy was born in Huntsville, Alabama, and encouraged by her parents learned the importance of philanthropy and the fine arts.

WHEREAS, As an undergraduate, Stacy enjoyed teaching dance in the Auburn community and was very involved in philanthropic outreach. She realized her passion could be combined with her early childhood education knowledge and opened Variations Dance Studio, a classically based dance studio in Auburn, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Variations has been recognized as the only dance studio in the state approved to utilize a licensed early childhood education-focused curriculum, nurturing young children's cognitive, social, and physical development through movement. Stacy's work has been featured in Auburn University's Keystone, the College of Education publication, and national publications, Dance Teacher Magazine and Dance Business Weekly; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Stacy has worked to develop dance education in the Auburn area through Variations Dance Studio. She enjoys living in Auburn and serving local schools and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Stacy serves on the Gogue Center Engagement Council, is a past Board member of the Alabama Dance Council, Storybook Farm, and the Graceful Gift Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Stacy is proud of Auburn University and the City of Auburn's desire to further enhance the institution and the community, has supported the arts throughout her life, and looks forward to continuing to support the Gogue Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ballet Barre in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named the Stacy K. Young Ballet Barre in recognition of her generous support of the Gogue Performing Arts Center and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE STUDENT PROJECT LAB IN DAVIS HALL
IN THE SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
AS THE PHILIP PELFREY STUDENT PROJECT LAB

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Philip Pelfrey earned his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Auburn University in 1987; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Philip started his career developing replacement turbopumps for the Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) as part of a NASA effort to increase overall launch system reliability following the Challenger accident; and

WHEREAS, Philip founded P3 Technologies in Jupiter, Florida, in 2017, an industry leader in the development of state-of-the-art rotating machinery including pumps, compressors, turbines, rolling element bearings, hydrostatic bearings, fluid-film seals, and rotordynamics; and

WHEREAS, The company was sold to the Graham Corporation in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Project Lab in Davis Hall be named the Philip Pelfrey Student Project Lab in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY COMMONS-BUILDING A
IN THE STEM + AG SCIENCES COMPLEX
AS THE RAMSAY FAMILY ATRIUM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, L.W. (Woodie) Ramsay, Jr. established Gulf Equipment Corporation in 1984 and worked alongside his brother John Ramsay to build the business through the construction of telecommunication towers; and

WHEREAS, As the industry evolved, the Ramsays continued to build towers and expanded into civil work, utility construction, public highway and site development, deep foundations and more, later rebranding as Gulf Services; and

WHEREAS, Today, the company self-performs work in a variety of industries with an in-house equipment fleet allowing them to respond timely and bid competitively; and

WHEREAS, The STEM + Ag Sciences Complex consists of three three-story buildings totaling approximately 265,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, The complex will provide state-of-the-art laboratory, classroom, student collaboration and faculty spaces for various departments within the College of Sciences and Mathematics and the College of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lobby Commons on the first floor of Building A in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex be named the Ramsay Family Atrium in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A CONFERENCE ROOM
IN THE STEM + AG SCIENCES COMPLEX
AS THE HUDGINS CONFERENCE ROOM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Hudgins, a retired pediatric neurosurgeon, received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Auburn University in 1975 and his medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Roger's brothers, Michael Hudgins'78 and Timothy Hudgins'88, are also Auburn graduates, demonstrating the family's strong ties to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Roger's parents valued higher education and believed deeply in the enduring significance of a degree as a treasured achievement; and

WHEREAS, Roger Hudgins wishes to honor his parents and siblings by naming a conference room in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a conference room in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex be named the Hudgins Conference Room in recognition of the Hudgins family's generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Sciences and Mathematics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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WHEREAS, Charles and Amanda Bazemore have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and The Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Amanda are highly regarded for their dedication to supporting the education and development of Alabama residents; and

WHEREAS, Charles spent 40 years with Alabama Power Company in various communities throughout the State. Upon his retirement in 2011, Charles served as the Western Division Customer Service Manager in Tuscaloosa; and

WHEREAS, Amanda taught school in each community in which they lived, and retired in 2007 after 25 years as an educator, teaching primarily 6th grade students; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Amanda live in Auburn and actively support the university and campus community through their generous philanthropic contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vegetable Teaching Garden in the Transformation Garden be named the Charles and Amanda Bazemore Vegetable Teaching Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE INVASIVE PLANT GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
HARVEY FAMILY INVASIVE PLANT GARDEN

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Fletcher and Alec Harvey have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher and Alec Harvey are highly regarded for their dedication to supporting the education and development of Alabama communities; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher has touched many lives through his philanthropic pursuits and journalistic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Alec brings over four decades of experience and expertise in journalism, having served in various roles, including as an Adjunct Instructor in the College of Liberal Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Invasive Plant Garden in the Transformation Garden be named the Harvey Family Invasive Plant Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE HERB AND MEDICINAL GARDEN
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
ITHAKA HOSPITALITY PARTNERS CULINARY HERB GARDEN

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners have been generous supporters of Auburn University, the College of Agriculture, and the Transformation Garden; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners are established as a distinguished leader in hospitality management, dedicated to fostering loyalty and delivering exceptional customer service; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners operate on a set of highly regarded values; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners brings valuable experience and expertise in the hospitality industry, benefiting alumni, students, and faculty in the Auburn University College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Ithaka Hospitality Partners has a strong dedication to integrity and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden serves as a 16-acre classroom and research facility that will reflect the diversity of Alabama's crop and horticultural industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Garden will provide a transformative student experience, fuel vital research, serve as a local food source for Auburn's Campus Dining program, and will complete Auburn's green corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Herb and Medicinal Garden in the Transformation Garden be named The Ithaka Hospitality Partners Culinary Herb Garden in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A PARK BENCH
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
DR. MARK MCGUIRE MEMORIAL BENCH

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Mark McGuire earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts in 1976 from Auburn University and later returned to study horticulture obtaining a degree posthumously in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mark was a retired Colonel and Doctor of Optometry in the US Army Reserves for more than 30 years and loved horticulture; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Susie McGuire enjoyed their lives as a military family that served our country through selfless endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Susie McGuire has generously supported the Transformation Garden and the College of Agriculture in honor of her late husband, Mark;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a park bench in the Transformation Garden be named the Dr. Mark McGuire Memorial Bench in memory of his commitment and dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A PARK BENCH
IN THE TRANSFORMATION GARDEN AS THE
PAUL AND LOUISA PATTERSON BENCH

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Patterson earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and economics from Auburn University in 1985 followed by his M.S. and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Louisa Patterson earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education mathematics from Auburn University in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Paul began his agricultural career in the college in 1980 as a student research technician and continued to serve Auburn University in various positions, including Department Head, Associate Dean of Instruction, and as the Dean of the College of Agriculture and the Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station for over eight years; and

WHEREAS, Paul and Louisa have consistently made a lasting impact on the agricultural community by inspiring students, staff, faculty, and alumni to advance the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Paul and Louisa have generously supported the strategic initiatives of the College of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a park bench in the Transformation Garden be named the Paul and Louisa Patterson Bench in honor of their commitment and ongoing dedication to the College of Agriculture and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A HUDDLE ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL HUDDLE ROOM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, In 1991, Dean Richard K. Kunkel established the National Alumni Council in the College of Education, an exceptional network of alumni and friends who worked to promote the mission and vision of the College; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, the council has championed education and health sciences, fostered meaningful connections among College of Education alumni, faculty, staff, and students, and created networking opportunities that continue to benefit individuals, school systems, community partners, and our institution today; and

WHEREAS, The National Alumni Council embodies the principles of the Auburn Creed, demonstrating a steadfast belief in the value of hard work, education, and the practical application of knowledge. Their dedication to fostering meaningful connections and opportunities reflects the spirit of diligence, wisdom, and skill that the Creed upholds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a huddle room in the College of Education be named the National Alumni Council Huddle Room in recognition of their generous support and dedication to the College of Education and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A HUDDLE ROOM
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
CULPEPPER-CHANCEY FAMILY HUDDLE ROOM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Nancy Culpepper Chancey received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Auburn in 1962 and her husband, Jon E. Chancey received a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Wildlife, and Environment in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Nancy's parents, Catherine D. and Robert A. Culpepper, deeply valued education, seeing it as a powerful tool for enhancing one's quality of life and as a foundation for serving and giving back to others; and

WHEREAS, The Culpeppers held a deep belief in Auburn University, and as a former roommate, fraternity brother, and teammate of Shug Jordan, Mr. Culpepper became one of Auburn's most passionate supporters and recruiters. His dedication established a legacy for his family, beginning with his daughter, Nancy; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has served Auburn and the College of Education through various leadership roles. From her time on campus as Student Government Association President to her involvement in numerous campaign committees for the college and the National Alumni Council, she has continuously contributed to the university's mission and growth; and

WHEREAS, Nancy and Jon have three children, Allison Chancey Miller, a 1986 graduate of the Harbert College of Business, Tempie Chancey Thackston, a 1989 graduate of the College of Education, and Jon Robert Chancey, a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and Troy University; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Huddle Room in the College of Education be named the Culpepper-Chancey Family Huddle Room in honor of the Culpepper-Chancey families' enduring dedication and generous support of the College of Education and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE EAGLES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AS THE
WALKER DECLAN EISIMINGER OFFICE

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Alison Eisiminger received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Auburn University in 2000, followed by a Master of Arts in Secondary Education and Teaching from Georgia State University in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Alison began her career in education as a middle school mathematics teacher in the Atlanta Public School system before relocating to Virginia, where she continued her work with Prince William County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Bob Eisiminger earned a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1988 and graduated in May 2022 with an Executive MBA from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Bob co-founded and served as CEO of Knight Point Systems, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned business specializing in IT services and solutions for Federal and commercial clients. Beyond his success as an entrepreneur, he is also a dedicated community leader and senior business advisor; and

WHEREAS, Alison and Bob are dedicated advocates for the EAGLES program, a comprehensive transition initiative within the College of Education designed to support individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Alison is an active member of the EAGLES Engagement Council, which helps provide support and resources to empower students, ensuring they grow into successful and contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, Alison and Bob honored their son, Walker Declan Eisiminger, by naming a space within the EAGLES program suite, ensuring his legacy remains a meaningful part of the program's mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the EAGLES Assistant Director's Office in the College of Education be named the Walker Declan Eisiminger Office in recognition of Alison and Bob Eisiminger's generous support and dedication to the College of Education and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE BALLET BARRE IN THE
JAY AND SUSIE GOGUE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AS THE STACY K. YOUNG BALLET BARRE

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Stacy K. Young graduated from Auburn University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education; and

WHEREAS, Stacy was born in Huntsville, Alabama, and encouraged by her parents learned the importance of philanthropy and the fine arts.

WHEREAS, As an undergraduate, Stacy enjoyed teaching dance in the Auburn community and was very involved in philanthropic outreach. She realized her passion could be combined with her early childhood education knowledge and opened Variations Dance Studio, a classically based dance studio in Auburn, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Variations has been recognized as the only dance studio in the state approved to utilize a licensed early childhood education-focused curriculum, nurturing young children's cognitive, social, and physical development through movement. Stacy's work has been featured in Auburn University's Keystone, the College of Education publication, and national publications, Dance Teacher Magazine and Dance Business Weekly; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Stacy has worked to develop dance education in the Auburn area through Variations Dance Studio. She enjoys living in Auburn and serving local schools and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Stacy serves on the Gogue Center Engagement Council, is a past Board member of the Alabama Dance Council, Storybook Farm, and the Graceful Gift Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Stacy is proud of Auburn University and the City of Auburn's desire to further enhance the institution and the community, has supported the arts throughout her life, and looks forward to continuing to support the Gogue Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ballet Barre in the Jay and Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center be named the Stacy K. Young Ballet Barre in recognition of her generous support of the Gogue Performing Arts Center and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING THE STUDENT PROJECT LAB IN DAVIS HALL
IN THE SAMUEL GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
AS THE PHILIP PELFREY STUDENT PROJECT LAB**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Philip Pelfrey earned his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Auburn University in 1987; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Philip started his career developing replacement turbopumps for the Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) as part of a NASA effort to increase overall launch system reliability following the Challenger accident; and

WHEREAS, Philip founded P3 Technologies in Jupiter, Florida, in 2017, an industry leader in the development of state-of-the-art rotating machinery including pumps, compressors, turbines, rolling element bearings, hydrostatic bearings, fluid-film seals, and rotordynamics; and

WHEREAS, The company was sold to the Graham Corporation in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Project Lab in Davis Hall be named the Philip Pelfrey Student Project Lab in honor of his generous support and ongoing dedication to the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY COMMONS-BUILDING A
IN THE STEM + AG SCIENCES COMPLEX
AS THE RAMSAY FAMILY ATRIUM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, L.W. (Woodie) Ramsay, Jr. established Gulf Equipment Corporation in 1984 and worked alongside his brother John Ramsay to build the business through the construction of telecommunication towers; and

WHEREAS, As the industry evolved, the Ramsays continued to build towers and expanded into civil work, utility construction, public highway and site development, deep foundations and more, later rebranding as Gulf Services; and

WHEREAS, Today, the company self-performs work in a variety of industries with an in-house equipment fleet allowing them to respond timely and bid competitively; and

WHEREAS, The STEM + Ag Sciences Complex consists of three three-story buildings totaling approximately 265,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, The complex will provide state-of-the-art laboratory, classroom, student collaboration and faculty spaces for various departments within the College of Sciences and Mathematics and the College of Agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lobby Commons on the first floor of Building A in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex be named the Ramsay Family Atrium in honor of their generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A CONFERENCE ROOM
IN THE STEM + AG SCIENCES COMPLEX
AS THE HUDGINS CONFERENCE ROOM

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Hudgins, a retired pediatric neurosurgeon, received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Auburn University in 1975 and his medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Roger's brothers, Michael Hudgins'78 and Timothy Hudgins'88, are also Auburn graduates, demonstrating the family's strong ties to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Roger's parents valued higher education and believed deeply in the enduring significance of a degree as a treasured achievement; and

WHEREAS, Roger Hudgins wishes to honor his parents and siblings by naming a conference room in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a conference room in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex be named the Hudgins Conference Room in recognition of the Hudgins family's generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Sciences and Mathematics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING A COLLABORATION AREA
IN THE STEM + AG SCIENCES COMPLEX
AS THE HUDGINS COLLABORATION AREA**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Hudgins, a retired pediatric neurosurgeon, received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Auburn University in 1975 and his medical degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Roger's brothers, Michael Hudgins'78 and Timothy Hudgins'88, are also Auburn graduates, demonstrating the family's strong ties to Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Roger's parents valued higher education and believed deeply in the enduring significance of a degree as a treasured achievement; and

WHEREAS, Roger Hudgins wishes to honor his parents and siblings by naming a collaboration area in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a collaboration area in the STEM + Ag Sciences Complex be named the Hudgins Collaboration Area in recognition of the Hudgins family's generous support and ongoing dedication to the College of Sciences and Mathematics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING GATE 12 AT JORDAN-HARE STADIUM
AS THE JAMES H. LAWSON III FAMILY GATE

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Jim Lawson attended Auburn University on a football scholarship, playing for legendary Coach Ralph “Shug” Jordan, until an injury in 1963 ended his football career; and

WHEREAS, following his time at Auburn, Mr. Lawson relocated to California, and in 1971 became the youngest salesman with Honeywell where he was employed for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson worked with technology and startup companies in Silicon Valley, where he became Vice President of Worldwide Sales; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson had a successful career spanning 43 years, and after retirement, he continued doing private consulting with companies nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson was married to his wife Andrea for 40 years until his death in 2021, and together, they had five children and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawson devoted herself to managing the family's affairs while supporting Jim in his work. She enjoys quality time with her family and has a passion for tennis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson treasured his time at Auburn and attributes his success as a businessman to his experience with the Auburn Football program. His deep dedication to Auburn led him to fund the design and creation of the bronze, life-size Bengal tiger statue at Tiger Walk Plaza in Jordan-Hare Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have been long time supporters of Auburn's student athletes and have made generous gifts to the Football, Equestrian, and Men's Tennis programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Gate 12 at Jordan-Hare Stadium be named the James H. Lawson III Family Gate in honor of the Lawson family's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn Athletics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING A LOCKER IN THE
MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM IN NEVILLE ARENA
AS THE MASSA FAMILY LOCKER**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Johnny R. Massa is a Senior Master Sergeant (Retired) with the United States Air Force where he served from 1972 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massa earned the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the United States Air Force Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massa graduated summa cum laude from Troy University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in resources management; and

WHEREAS, Janice Clardy Massa received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1974 and a juris doctorate in 1977 from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massa holds the position of supernumerary district attorney for the 19th Judicial Circuit and is the first female district attorney in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massa is the past president of the Alabama District Attorneys Association, member and past board chair of the Regional Organization Crime Information Center, and has been recognized as District Attorney of the Year by the Alabama District Attorney's Investigators Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Massa are generous supporters of Auburn's student-athletes and recently made a gift to support the men's and women's basketball programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a locker in the men's basketball locker room at Neville Arena be named the Massa Family Locker in honor of the Massa family's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn Athletics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM IN NEVILLE ARENA
AS THE MASSA FAMILY LOCKER IN HONOR OF SHANA DANIELS

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Johnny R. Massa is a Senior Master Sergeant (Retired) with the United States Air Force where he served from 1972 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massa earned the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the United States Air Force Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massa graduated summa cum laude from Troy University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in resources management; and

WHEREAS, Janice Clardy Massa received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1974 and a juris doctorate in 1977 from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massa holds the position of supernumerary district attorney for the 19th Judicial Circuit and is the first female district attorney in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Massa is the past president of the Alabama District Attorneys Association, member and past board chair of the Regional Organization Crime Information Center, and has been recognized as District Attorney of the Year by the Alabama District Attorney's Investigators Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Massa are generous supporters of Auburn's student-athletes and recently made a gift to support the men's and women's basketball programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a locker in the women's basketball locker room at Neville Arena be named the Massa Family Locker in honor of Shana Daniels in recognition of the Massa Family's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn Athletics and Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

**NAMING THE BASEBALL EQUIPMENT ROOM
AT PLAINSMAN PARK AS THE
REYNOLDS FAMILY EQUIPMENT ROOM**

June 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Scott Reynolds earned a bachelor's degree in building science from Auburn University in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Scott has served as partner and president of Catamount Constructors, Inc. since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Scott is an adjunct professor in the McWhorter School of Building Science at Auburn University and serves as chapter counselor for Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Scott and his wife, Cori, reside in Auburn, Alabama, and have three children; Trenton, a 2023 Auburn graduate; Daryn, a 2025 Auburn graduate; and Rylee, an eighth grader at Auburn Junior High School; and


WHEREAS, Trenton Reynolds served as a student manager for the Auburn Baseball program from 2016 to 2023. During this time, Head Coach Butch Thompson and Director of Baseball Operations Greg Drye exemplified the discipline, dedication, and leadership essential for success in life, helping to lay the foundation for Trenton's achievements in college and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Reynolds family is deeply grateful for the leadership of the Auburn Baseball Coaching Staff and the significant impact they had on Trenton. In appreciation, they have chosen to support the baseball program through a philanthropic investment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the baseball equipment room at Plainsman Park be named the Reynolds Family Equipment Room in recognition of the Reynolds family's generous support and ongoing dedication to Auburn Athletics and Auburn University.

President *Pro Tempore* Riggins then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:30 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