

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
October 12-13, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 12 and met at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 13, 2021, Room 152 of the Kendeda Building at The Georgia Institute of Technology, 422 Ferst Dr., NW., Atlanta, Ga and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. The Chairman of the Board, Regent Sachin Shailendra, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Vice Chairman Cade Joiner; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; C.Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L.Pruitt Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Kessel D. Stelling,Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit. Regent James M. Hull was excused on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr. and Kessel D. Stelling were excused on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) Student Government Association Executive Vice-President Ajanta Choudhur gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance on Tuesday, and GIT Student Government Association Undergraduate President Samuel Ellis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance on Wednesday.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Will Smith, Director of the GIT Office of Emergency Preparedness gave the safety briefing on Tuesday and Will Burke, GIT Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness gave the safety briefing on Wednesday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings of September 9.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT- GIT: INCLUSIVE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

GIT President Ángel Cabrera, Dean Raheem Beyah, and Provost Steve McLaughlin discussed GIT strong commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship throughout the state of Georgia. GIT is encouraging students and faculty to become successful entrepreneurs and helping innovators across Georgia to grow businesses that create economic opportunity. GIT students Aya Ayoub; Zach Cloud; and Marzeah Khorramabadi shared their experiences from InVenture Prize, a faculty-led student innovation competition.

RECESS

The Board recessed for committee meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon reconvening, Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 2:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECONVENE AND RECESS

Upon conclusion of the executive session at approximately 3:00 p.m. Chairman Shailendra announced that no action had been taken therein and that the Board will be in recess until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

SPECIAL GUEST RECOGNITION

Chairman Shailendra recognized the Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, Mr. Geoff Duncan who joined the meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Lt. Governor Duncan serves as the 12th Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia. Chairman Shailendra welcomed Lt. Governor Duncan to the meeting.

PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSIVE INNOVATION

Lt. Governor Duncan and University of Georgia Provost Dr. Jack Hu gave an overview of an innovative public-private partnership. The Partnership for Inclusive Innovation was founded by Lt. Governor Duncan with a focus on making Georgia the Technology Capital of the East Coast, and the partnership supports this goal by supporting community-led innovations across the State of Georgia.

ACTING CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Acting Chancellor MacCartney began her report by commending Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan for supporting the University System of Georgia. She emphasized the role Georgia Institute of Technology plays in innovation, highlighting Caleb Anderson, the 13-year-old who began his collegiate endeavors as an aerospace engineer major; creation of a non-invasive saliva PCR lab; and a new satellite spacecraft called the Lunar Flashlight.

Chancellor MacCartney defines innovation as perseverance, adaptability, and resilience that define the staff and students within the university system. Students are the core of everything we do. As a system, our job is to serve them, support them, and get students their degrees.

Chancellor MacCartney reported that COVID-19 cases have decreased across the system from the start of the fall semester. She encouraged institutions to continue health and safety protocols.

Chancellor MacCartney concluded her remarks by reflecting upon three words: perseverance, adaptability, and resilience. As a University System, we are resilient and find ways to preserve as we fight to keep moving forward to adapt to changing conditions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto. Upon motions made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the reports of the following committees:

- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Finance & Business
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance
- the Committee on Personnel & Benefits
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

Regent James M. Hull recused himself from voting on the first approval item from the Real Estate & Facilities Committee agenda: Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. BR-50-2201, 25-

27 Auburn Avenue Building Renovation for Student Success Center, Georgia State University.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved the waiver of BOR Policy 2.1 regarding Interim President candidacy to allow Interim President of Kennesaw State University to be a candidate for the permanent position of President.

The Board convened as a committee of the whole of the Executive and Compensation Committee and with motion made and properly seconded unanimously agreed to appoint a committee to nominate 2022 Board officers. This Nominating Committee will include Regents Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt; and Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed, who will serve as chair.

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved the establishment of a committee for Augusta University Health. Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James Hull; Everett Kennedy; Lowery May; Neil L. Pruitt; Sachin Shailendra; Don Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. were appointed to serve on this committee, with Regent Waters as chair.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS


Secretary Tate noted the inclusion of materials in the Board packet regarding a petition request that has been provided for the Board's review and stated that the next BOR meeting will be held on November 9, 2021.

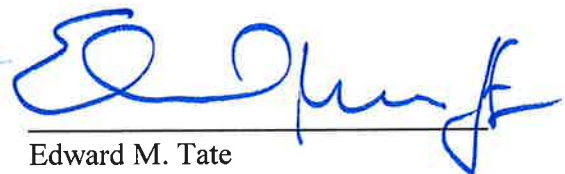
GALA UPDATE

Regent Pruitt reported on the 2021 USG Foundations Gala and applauded the efforts of Vice Chancellor for Development, Karen McCauley.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 10:47 a.m.


Sachin D. Shailendra
Chairman, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia


Edward M. Tate
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:40 p.m. in Room 230 of the Georgia Institute of Technology Kendeda Building, 422 Ferst Drive NW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames were Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes, Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; and Don L. Waters. Regent James M. Hull was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The Committee approved the establishment of a Nexus Degree in Applied Gerontology (Allied Health & Nursing) at the University of North Georgia.
2. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Computing with an embedded Nexus degree at the University of West Georgia.
3. The Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Physiology at the University of Georgia.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science with a major in Digital and Social Media Communication at the University of West Georgia.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science degree with a Major in Environmental Science at Georgia Southern University.
6. The Committee approved the establishment of a Ph.D. degree with a major in Environmental Science at Georgia Southern University.
7. The Committee approved the termination of four programs at Georgia College & State University.
8. The Committee approved a request from President Brendan Kelly to name the Stone Center of Family Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation at the University of West Georgia.
9. The Committee approved the revision of Board of Regents policy 8.3., Post-Tenure and Annual Review.

CONSENT ITEMS

10. The Committee approved the establishment of the James and Sis Brown Chair at Dalton State College.
11. The Committee approved the establishment of the Dr. Steve Fisch Professorship of Equine Medicine and Surgery at the University of Georgia.
12. The Committee approved the establishment of the Becky and Howard Young Distinguished Professorship at the University of Georgia.
13. The Committee approved the request of President Jere Morehead to re-name the Connally Family Professorship in Reading Education the Connally Family Distinguished Professorship in Literacy Education.
14. The Committee approved the appointment of five endowed faculty position at Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:03 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW**

The Committee on Organization and Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 2:05 p.m. in 230 Classroom of the Kendeda Building, 422 Ferst Drive, NW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Regent Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Hames, were Chairman Don L. Waters, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Jose R. Perez. Committee Vice Chairman James M. Hull was excused.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Hames called for an executive session at 2:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and student records. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

RECONVENE

After the Committee exited executive session, Regent Hames reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 2:41 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 1:42 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Georgia Institute of Technology in the Kendeda Building, 422 Ferst Drive, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Committee Chair Kessel D. Stelling, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Stelling, were Regents Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Committee heard an information item on the FY 2021 Financial Update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL & BENEFITS**

The Committee on Personnel and Benefits met at approximately 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in the Kendeda Bldg., in 152 Auditorium of the Georgia Institution of Technology campus, 422 Ferst Dr. NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Wilheit, Chairman Pruitt, and Committee Vice Chairwoman Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed, were Regents Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney, Chairman Sachin Shailendra, and Vice Chairman Cade Joiner was also present.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Retirement Waiver Approval Report

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 1:53 p.m. in the 152 Auditorium of the Kendeda Building located at 422 Ferst Drive, NW on the Atlanta Campus of Georgia Institute of Technology. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chairman Holmes and Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith, were Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Committee received as information an update on current construction industry challenges on the design and construction of major capital projects.

APPROVAL ITEMS

2. The Committee approved the design professional firm ranking for Project No. BR-50-2201, 25-27 Auburn Avenue Building Renovation for Student Success Center for Georgia State University. The ranked firms were:
 - 1) Lord Aeck Sargent Planning & Design, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 2) EYP Architecture & Engineering, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 3) Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates, Inc., Architects (Atlanta)
3. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-68-2201, Parking Expansion and Circulation Improvements, Oconee Campus for the University of North Georgia.
4. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-90-2201, Data Center Upgrades, Marietta Campus for Kennesaw State University.
5. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. BR-90-2102, Marietta Campus Recreation Center Renovation for Kennesaw State University.
6. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. J-375, Convocation Center for Georgia Southern University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:06 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at approximately 2:06 p.m. in Room 152 of the Kendeda Building at the Georgia Institute of Technology, 422 Ferst Drive NW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit and Committee Vice Chairman C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr, were Regents Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and Kessel D. Stelling Jr. Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. was excused.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Enterprise Risk Management Key Risk - An Update on the University System of Georgia's Cybersecurity Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair Regent Wilheit called for an executive session at approximately 2:22 p.m. to discuss matters protected under O.C.G.A. 50-18-72 section (a) (25) (A). With the motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:47 p.m.