

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
November 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia, 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; James M. Hull; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; Jose R. Perez; Neil L. Pruitt Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit. Regent T. Dallas Smith was excused.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mr. Jalen Smith, student body president at Valdosta State University gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Mike Coverson, Chief of Police, gave the safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With motion made and properly seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's meetings of October 12-13, 2021, and November 1, 2021.

FALL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis Angela Bell provided an update on 2021 student enrollment. Current USG enrollment is 340,638 students, and the USG experienced a decrease in enrollment; however, enrollment and fall full-time equivalent are higher than Fall 2019. Since last year, the USG has seen increased in the number of dual enrollments. There has also been an increase in the number of students taking online or hybrid courses. In addition, USG institutions are becoming more diverse in terms of race/ethnicity.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT- THREE MINUTE THESIS

Vice Chancellor for Communications Lance Wallace introduced the winners of the Three Minute Thesis competition, which requires participants to condense their thesis into a format that is easier for a broader audience to understand. Shannon Barwick, Ph.D. candidate in cellular biology and anatomy at Augusta University, spoke on her work saving vision; Muhammad Saad Zia, Ph.D. candidate in electrical and computer science at Georgia Institute of Technology, spoke on his work about 5G communications; Dr. Osie L. Gaines III, graduate of Georgia State University, spoke about his work phenomenological assessment; and Judith M. Reyes Ballista, Ph.D. candidate in infectious diseases at the University of Georgia, spoke on her work her work about cells.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra thanked the Regents for their help and support in serving the

USG's over 340,000 students. He also thanked the USG staff, faculty, and institution presidents for their dedication, commitment, and focus on student success. The Board's decision not to raise fees shows that USG is affordable and focused on students and applauded the USG student population on their success. This has saved USG students millions of dollars a year. Chairman Shailendra thanked Governor Brian Kemp and the General Assembly for their commitment to making higher education accessible and affordable in Georgia. He also thanked Acting Chancellor MacCartney and former Chancellor Wrigley for their leadership. Chairman Shailendra welcomed incoming Board Chairman Harold Reynolds and incoming Board Vice Chairwoman Erin Hames. The Chairman ended by thanking his wife and children for their love and support over the years.

MOMENTUM YEAR AWARDS

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Tristian Denley presented the Momentum Year Awards. The announced winners were Valdosta State University, Georgia College, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

ACTING CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Acting Chancellor MacCartney began her final report of 2021 by acknowledging Veterans Day. She thanked veterans and active-duty service members for their service. She thanked the USG staff, institutions staff and presidents for their dedication to the mission of the USG. Lastly, she thanked Chairman Sachin Shailendra and Vice Chairman J. Cade Joiner, and the members of the Board of Regents for their guidance and support this year.

Acting Chancellor MacCartney then shared some highlights across the University System. She spoke about Middle Georgia State University's growing aviation program; Albany State University and Fort Valley State University coming together to mourn the recent loss of an Albany State student, Adonis Butler; and acknowledging that Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology are ranked number two and four, respectively, among the most innovative schools in the country. In addition, USG has seen a 20% increase on graduation rates across the system.

Acting Chancellor MacCartney concluded her remarks by showing her appreciation for all USG presidents, faculty, and staff for the hard work being done on campus to support students.

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 Executive & Compensation
- the Committee on Academic Affairs
- the Committee on Economic Development
- the Committee on Finance & Business Operations
- the Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance
- the Committee on Organization & Law
- the Committee on Real Estate & Facilities

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted to name Dr. David Schecter

as the next president of East Georgia State College.

With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to appoint Regents Harold Reynolds and Erin Hames as 2022 Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

NEW BUSINESS

With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents present voted to delegate Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney the authority to take action in the Board's interest until the January 2022 Board meeting.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The next BOR meeting will be held on January 13, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Shailendra called for an executive session at approximately 3:18 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation 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

Following executive session, Chairman Shailendra reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 3:55 p.m. and announced that no action had been taken during executive session.

Regent Hull thanked Regents Stelling and Wilheit for their years of service on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



Harold Reynolds
Chairman, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia



Christopher A. McGraw
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION**

The Committee on Executive and Compensation of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 11:30 a.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's Offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Sachin Shailendra called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Shailendra, were Regents Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Samuel D. Holmes; and Kessel D. Stelling, Jr. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney; and Regents James M. Hull; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; and Jose Perez were also present. Vice Chair Cade Joiner; Regents Neil Pruitt, Jr. and Don L. Waters were excused. Acting Chancellor MacCartney was also present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. SACSCOC self-assessment and Board self-evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

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 1:51 p.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairwoman Erin Hames called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairwoman Hames, were Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; James M. Hull; Rachel B. Little; Jose R. Perez; and Don L. Waters. Committee Vice Chairwoman Bárbara Rivera Holmes was excused. Vice Chairman Cade Joiner was also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Dr. Tristan Denley, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer shared information regarding a new proposed Regents' Award.

ACTION ITEMS

2. The Committee approved four Nexus Degrees in Production Design, Motion Picture, Set Lighting and staging, On-Set Production for Film/Television, or Professional Editing for Film/Television at Georgia Gwinnett College.

CONSENT ITEMS

3. The Committee approved the establishment of the University of Georgia Foundation Professorship in Marine Sciences at the University of Georgia.
4. The Committee approved the establishment of the R. Harold and Patsy Harrison Distinguished Professorship in Poultry Science at the University of Georgia.
5. The Committee approved the establishment of the Marienthal Professorship in Sociology at the University of Georgia.
6. The Committee approved the appointment of 10 endowed faculty position at Augusta University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern University, and the University of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for committee consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:59 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 at 2:25 p.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Don L. Waters called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Waters, were Committee Vice Chairman James M. Hull; Regents W. Allen Gudenrath; Erin Hames; Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Jose R. Perez. Vice Chairman Cade Joiner was also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. The Committee approved a request from Georgia Institute of Technology President Ángel Cabrera to award an honorary degree to Dr. Gary S. May.
2. The Committee approved a settlement agreement with the Department of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Waters called for an executive session at 2:30 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. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECONVENE

After the Committee exited executive session, Chairman Waters reconvened the Committee in its regular session at 2:40 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 2:41 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

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

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations met at approximately 1:53 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Kessel D. Stelling Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Stelling, were Vice Chairman Harold Reynolds; Regents Samuel D. Holmes; C. Thomas Hopkins Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Chairmen Sachin Shailendra and Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney was also present. Regent T. Dallas Smith was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Committee received an information item on FY 2022 First Quarter Financial Update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:04 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 1:59 p.m. in Room 7007 of the Board's Offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman W. Allen Gudenrath called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Gudenrath, were Vice Chairman Jose R. Perez; Regents Bárbara Rivera Holmes; Erin Hames; James M. Hull; Rachel B. Little; Lowery May; and Don L. Waters. Vice Chairman Cade Joiner was also present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. President of Georgia Research Alliance Susan Shows presented information on the Georgia Research Alliance.
2. Director of Economic Development Chris Green gave an update on the University System of Georgia Economic Development Initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 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, November 9, 2021, at approximately 2:04 p.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices at 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairman Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chairman Holmes, were Regents C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynolds; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Committee Vice Chairman T. Dallas Smith was excused. Chairman Shailendra and Acting Chancellor MacCartney were also present. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-2204, College Station Park and Ride Expansion for the University of Georgia.
2. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-69-2201, Campus-Wide HVAC Commissioning and Renewal for Savannah State University.
3. The Committee approved the construction management firm ranking for Project No. BR-50-2201, 25-27 Auburn Avenue Building Renovation for Student Success Center at Georgia State University. The ranked firms were:
 - 1) J.E. Dunn Construction Company (Atlanta)
 - 2) DPR Construction, Inc. (Atlanta)
 - 3) Gay Construction Company (Atlanta)
 - 4) HCBeck, LTD dba The Beck Group (Atlanta)
4. The Committee approved a rental agreement for the Lambda Chapter of Alpha Psi, a veterinary student professional fraternity housed at 195 Burnett Street in Athens for the University of Georgia.
5. The Committee approved a rental agreement for the Eta Chapter of Omega Tau Sigma, a veterinary student professional fraternity housed at 205 Burnett Street in Athens for the University of Georgia.
6. The Committee approved a rental agreement in Technology Enterprise Park located at 387 Technology Circle in Atlanta for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
7. The Committee approved a ground lease of land located at the University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography to the Georgia Aquarium.

APPROVAL ITEMS

8. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-2203, Holmes-Hunter Academic Building Renovation for the University of Georgia

9. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-30-2202, Coliseum Annex Renewal - Building 73 for the Georgia Institute of Technology.
10. The Committee authorized Project No. BR-64-2201, Meat Technology Building Renovation and Expansion for Fort Valley State University.
11. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. J-350, Mike Cottrell College of Business, and the naming of Lynn and Mike Cottrell Fountain for the University of North Georgia.
12. The Committee authorized a budget modification for Project No. J-366, Performing Arts Center for Valdosta State University.
13. The Committee approved the naming of John Lewis Student Center for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:21 p.m.

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

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 2:21 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairman Wilheit, were Committee Vice Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Regents Samuel D. Holmes; Everett Kennedy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Reed; Harold Reynold; and Kessel D. Stelling Jr. Acting Chancellor Teresa MacCartney and Board Chairman Sachin Shailendra were also present. Regent T. Dallas Smith was excused. Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wilheit called for an executive session at approximately 2:22 p.m. to discuss personnel and compensation issues. With the motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:37 p.m.