

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
March 18, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in the Board Room, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Pruitt, were Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Sachin Shailendra; E. Scott Smith; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; Don L. Waters; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given by Ms. Sri Rajasekaran, Georgia Perimeter College (Newton Campus) Student Government Association president.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

The safety briefing was given by Chief of Police Bruce Holmes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's February 11, 2015, meeting.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee on Economic Development convened as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:11 a.m. Vice Chancellor for Economic Development Mark Lytle welcomed Georgia Institute of Technology President G.P. "Bud" Peterson to provide background on the 2014 Georgia Institute of Technology InVenture Prize. President Peterson introduced Ms. Jasmine Burton, a member of the senior design team of students who won the 2014 InVenture Prize for their invention, the SafiChoo 2.0 Toilet. Ms. Burton presented to the Board the background of the group's research and development, and spoke of Wish for WASH, a social impact organization she founded to save lives by bringing innovation to sanitation through culturally specific research, design and education beginning in refugee communities. The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m. An audio recording of President Peterson's and Ms. Burton's remarks, and a copy of Ms. Burton's presentation, are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SCHOLARS**

At approximately 10:25 a.m., Assistant Vice Chancellor for Organizational Development Tina Woodard introduced five of the system's 2015 Executive Leadership Institute Scholars: Dr. Michael Heard, Atlanta Metropolitan State College; Dr. Michelle Furlong, Clayton State University; Dr. Marilyn DeLaRoche, Georgia State University; Dr. Richard Williams, Albany State University; and Dr. Michael Butcher, College of Coastal Georgia. Dr. Woodard stated this is the fifth year of ELI scholars, and remarked on its focus on matching those enrolled with mentors and beneficial job shadowing. An audio recording of Dr. Woodard's comments is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: CONSOLIDATION**

The Special Consolidation Committee convened as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:32 a.m. The Board approved Middle Georgia State College President Christopher Blake's requests that the institution be

authorized to revise its mission statement to reflect that of an institution in the state university sector, and be authorized to change its institutional name from a state college to a state university, both effective July 1, 2015. Vice Chancellor for Planning Shelley Nickel explained these approvals follow the Board of Regents' May 2012 resolution stating that Middle Georgia State College undertake a self-study for a level change to become a state university, in order to meet the needs of the Middle Georgia region.

The Board also approved a request by Georgia State University President Mark Becker and Georgia Perimeter College Interim President Rob Watts, authorizing Georgia State University to revise its institutional mission statement, effective March 18, 2015. Middle Georgia State College's and Georgia State University's revised mission statements are attached hereto as Appendix I. The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m. An audio recording of Ms. Nickel's presentation to the Board is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The committees on Academic Affairs and Finance & Business Operations convened as a joint committee of the whole at approximately 10:37 a.m. The Board approved a revision to Policy 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State Tuition Waivers, a copy of which is affixed hereto as Appendix II. Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis and Vice Chancellor for Finance John Brown stated providing out-of-state tuition waivers for select institutions with excess capacity from both housing and facilities perspectives, owing to enrollment declines and population changes, expands the potential student body those institutions may recruit. The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 10:43 a.m. An audio recording of Dr. Davis' and Mr. Brown's remarks to the Board is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Senior Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs Tom Daniel spoke to the Board of Regents at approximately 1:01 p.m. about the University System's priorities and target goals for the 2015 Legislative session. An audio recording of Mr. Daniel's comments is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **MEDICAL CANNABIS PRESENTATION**

Chair Pruitt welcomed Georgia Regents University Associate Dean for Research and Vice President for Clinical and Translational Sciences Michael Diamond to present on the use of medical cannabis at approximately 1:08 p.m. Dr. Diamond spoke of current legislation pending in the state Legislature that would allow Georgia Regents University to engage in limited-scope trials and research on the use of cannabis oil to treat intractable epilepsy in children. An audio recording of Dr. Diamond's comments is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby gave his report at approximately 1:33 p.m. Chancellor Huckaby shared with the Board a community service video from the University of Georgia, featuring the annual UGA Dance Marathon which this year raised about \$700,000 for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The Chancellor cited this as one of many unique traditions found across the system's institutions, and touted it as an example of students' philanthropic and service-oriented endeavors. Chancellor Huckaby continued his report by showcasing research and academic milestones at several USG institutions. An audio recording of Chancellor Huckaby's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **REGENTS' EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

At approximately 1:48 p.m., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Houston Davis and University of

Georgia President Jere Morehead presented to the Board of Regents information on UGA's First-Year Odyssey Program, honored with the Regents' Excellence in Teaching Award for Department/Program. First-Year Odyssey seminars are designed to introduce new UGA students to the institution's unique academic culture, allowing them to immerse in it by engaging with faculty and other first-year students in small class environments. An audio recording of Drs. Davis' and Morehead's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

University System of Georgia Foundation Chair James M. Hull reminded all present that the Regents' Salute to Education would be hosted at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta at the end of March.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

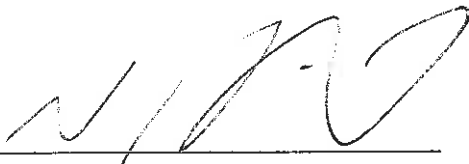
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 2:02 p.m., Chair Pruitt called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for portions of the executive session included Chancellor Huckaby and members of his staff. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board. Chair Pruitt reconvened the Board meeting in its regular session at approximately 3:32 p.m., and announced that no actions were taken during the executive session.

With motion made and unanimously seconded by the Regents present, the Board approved settlement of a litigation matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:33 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.



Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.  
Chair, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia



Nels Peterson  
Secretary, Board of Regents  
University System of Georgia

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Graduate Medical Education Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Room 5158 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Don L. Waters called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Waters, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Lori Durden; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; and Richard Tucker. Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., was excused.

1. The committee heard an information item on the state legislature's appropriation of \$5.275 million to further ongoing efforts to create new residency programs at new teaching hospitals in Georgia.
2. The Board approved providing \$325,000 to St. Mary's Healthcare System to support ongoing development of its internal medicine program; and providing \$1.4 million to Wellstar Healthcare System in order to facilitate ongoing efforts to establish six GME programs at Kennestone Hospital.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:54 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

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

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Room 7019 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Pruitt, were Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Regents W. Paul Bowers; Larry R. Ellis; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Larry Walker. Regent Lori Durden was excused.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 9:31 a.m., Chair Pruitt called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion made and unanimously 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.

Chair Pruitt reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 9:56 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 10:58 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Room 5158 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Lori S. Durden called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Durden, were Regents Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., also was present. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. The Board approved establishment of a Bachelor of Science with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies at the College of Coastal Georgia.
2. The Board approved establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Applied Health Sciences at Georgia Regents University.
3. The Board approved establishment of a Master of Science in Information Technology at Middle Georgia State College.
4. The Board approved a substantive change to the Master of Arts with a major in Secondary Education at Columbus State University.
5. The Board approved a substantive change to the Master of Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
6. The Board approved the addition of Atlanta Metropolitan State College to the eMajor collaborative to offer the Bachelor of Science with a major in Organizational Leadership.
7. The Board approved Georgia Southern University's request to terminate two degree programs.
8. The Board approved establishment at the Georgia Institute of Technology of the Mary S. and Richard B. Inman, Jr. Professorship, and the J.Z. Liang Chair.
9. The Board approved a number of named faculty position appointments, copies of which are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:38 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW**

The Committee on Organization & Law met at approximately 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Room 5158 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Larry Walker called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Walker, were Regents Lori S. Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; T. Rogers Wade; and Philip A. Wilheit, Sr. Board Vice Chair Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., also was present. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 11:46 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, Chair Walker called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel matters 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.

Chair Walker reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 12:27 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to decline the application for review of Mr. Gary Gawel of Georgia Southern University.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:58 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT & COMPLIANCE  
AND FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

The Committees on Internal Audit & Compliance and Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met as a joint committee at approximately 10:54 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chairs James M. Hull and Richard L. Tucker called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chairs Hull and Tucker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Don L. Waters. Board Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present.

1. Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts Education Audit Division Deputy Director Brad Freeman presented the joint committee information on the Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Statement Audit Results for the University System of Georgia.
2. Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs John Brown presented the joint committee information on the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Financial Report for the University System of Georgia.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES**

The Committee on Real Estate & Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Chair Hopkins, were Regents C. Dean Alford; W. Paul Bowers; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Sachin Shailendra; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. Board Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present. Unless noted otherwise, all items below were unanimously approved.

1. Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities Jim James presented the committee with an annual report on facilities design and construction-related contracting and qualifications-based selections.
2. The committee heard information on Georgia Regents University's proposed renovations to existing hospital space to construct a new operating room and pre-op/recovery rooms in support of endovascular and cardiovascular procedures.
3. The Board authorized project number BR-66-1501, Central Warehouse, at Georgia Southern University
4. The Board authorized project number BR-50-1501, Science Park Phase II Build-out, at Georgia State University.
5. The Board authorized project number BR-10-1501, Center for Vaccine Development, at the University of Georgia.
6. The Board approved appointment of a design professional firm for project number BR-30-1407, West Campus Dining Commons, at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff will then attempt to negotiate and execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Total Project Cost: \$29,000,000

Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): \$18,400,000

Number of firms that applied for this commission: 18

Recommended firms in rank order:

1. Cooper Carry, Inc., Atlanta
2. Stanley Beaman & Sears, Atlanta
3. Lord Aeck Sargent, Inc., Atlanta

7. The Board approved a ground lease of 10 acres at the University of Georgia to Georgia Power Company to construct a solar farm, and use as a long term research and commercial one megawatt solar tracking facility. Regent W. Paul Bowers recused himself from voting on this item.
8. The Board approved the disposition of real property, the University of Georgia's Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center in Calhoun, to allow its transfer to the Technical College System of Georgia.
9. The Board approved demolition of the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain Experiment Station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

**Revision to the Policy Manual: Section 7.3.4.1 Out-of-State Tuition Waivers***Border ~~County~~ Residents*

1. Students domiciled in an out-of-state county bordering Georgia, enrolling in a program offered at a location approved by the Board of Regents, and for which the offering institution has been granted permission to award Border County waivers; (BoR Minutes, October 2008) or

2. Students domiciled in another state bordering Georgia subject to the following conditions. Each year, the Chancellor shall review the enrollment levels at each USG institution to determine whether any USG institutions have sufficient excess capacity to increase recruitment of students from neighboring states. Should the Chancellor determine that cause exists to activate the Border Residents waiver, the Chancellor or his designee will present the list of institutions to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents for approval. If an institution is given permission to award the Border Residents waiver, it will be allowed to do so for the next three academic years.

Any students receiving the Border Residents waiver will remain qualified for the waiver, so long as they are continuously enrolled at the institution that awarded the waiver.

**Institutional Name Change, Revised Mission Statement, and Institutional Sector Change:  
Middle Georgia State College**

*Approved Mission Statement*

Middle Georgia State University educates and graduates lifelong learners whose scholarship and careers enhance the region through professional leadership, innovative partnerships and community engagement.

*Approved Institutional Name*

Middle Georgia State University

**Mission Statement Change: Georgia State University**

*Approved Mission Statement of the Consolidated Institution: Georgia State University*

Georgia State University, an enterprising public research university, transforms the lives of students, advances the frontiers of knowledge and strengthens the workforce of the future.

The university provides an outstanding education and exceptional support for students from all backgrounds. Georgia State readies students for professional pursuits, educates future leaders, and prepares citizens for lifelong learning. Enrolling one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation at its urban research campus, at its vibrant branch campuses, and online, the university provides educational opportunities for tens of thousands of students at the graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and certificate levels.

Georgia State's scholarship and research focus on solving complex issues ranging from the most fundamental questions of the universe to the most challenging issues of our day. The scholarly work and artistic expression of the university's faculty create new knowledge, extend the boundaries of imagination, and enhance student learning.

The university's presence in the Atlanta metropolitan area provides extraordinary experiential learning opportunities and supports the work of faculty tackling the challenges of an urbanizing nation and world.