

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2024**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024 in the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom to consider University matters.

PRESIDING: **Senator Arthur Orr**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Senator Orr. Senator Orr welcomed the three new Board members, Dr. Denver Betts, Mr. Tommy Coblentz, and Ms. Donna Coleman.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following Board members were present and constituted a quorum to conduct business:

Mr. Jim America
Dr. Denver Betts
Mr. Tommy Coblentz
Ms. Donna Coleman
Senator Arthur Orr
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers

Also present were Dr. Catherine Wehlburg, President of Athens State University, and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Secretary to the Board. Governor Kay Ivey, Chancellor Jimmy Baker, Bill Dunnivant, Mac McCutcheon, and Mike Underwood were absent. Approximately 30 faculty/staff attended in-person and electronically.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the agenda by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES	Donna Coleman - YES
Denver Betts – YES	Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES	Dus Rogers – YES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Dr. Betts, the Board approved the minutes from the July 19, 2024 Board meeting by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES	Donna Coleman - YES
Denver Betts – YES	Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES	Dus Rogers – YES

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one officially registered for public comment.

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTION

None.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Reaffirmation: Athens State University Board of Trustees Conflict of Interest (Attachment A)

On a motion made by Mr. America and seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board reaffirmed the Athens State University Conflict of Interest. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Denver Betts – YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES

Donna Coleman - YES
Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Dus Rogers – YES

Reaffirmation: Athens State University Board of Trustees Roles and Responsibilities (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. America, the Board reaffirmed the Athens State University Board of Trustees Roles and Responsibilities. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Denver Betts – YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES

Donna Coleman - YES
Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Dus Rogers – YES

New Academic Program: UG Certificates (Attachment C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K)

On a motion made by Dr. Betts and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the following undergraduate certificates for the College of Arts and Sciences:

Pre-Law
Health Information Technology
Web Development
Software Development
Computer Networking

Game Design
Game Development
Artificial Intelligence
Human Computer Interaction

This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Denver Betts – YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES

Donna Coleman - YES
Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Dus Rogers – YES

New Academic Program: Audio Engineering and Music Production Concentration in BA in Music Industry Studies (Attachment L)

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Dr. Betts, the Board approved the Audio Engineering and Music Production Concentration in the BA in Music Industry Studies for the College of Arts and Sciences. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Denver Betts – YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES

Donna Coleman - YES
Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Dus Rogers – YES

New Academic Program: Bachelor's in Applied Management (Attachment M)

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Dr. Betts, the Board approved the Bachelor's in Applied Management for the College of Business. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Denver Betts – YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES

Donna Coleman - YES
Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Dus Rogers – YES

Election of Board of Trustees Representative to serve on the Foundation Board (Attachment N)

Senator Orr opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Donna Coleman was nominated. On a motion by Dr. Betts and seconded by Mr. America, the Board elected Ms. Donna Coleman to serve as the Board of Trustee Representative on the Foundation Board. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Denver Betts – YES
Tommy Coblentz - YES

Donna Coleman - YES
Senator Arthur Orr - YES
Dus Rogers – YES

OTHER BUSINESS (No Action Required)

Quarterly Financial Update

The Board received the quarterly financial update.

Learning Partnerships

Dr. Keith Ferguson provided an update on Learning Partnerships.

Foundation/Endowment Update

Dr. Keith Ferguson provided an update on Foundation and Endowments.

Family Relationship Disclosures

Alabama Commission on Education (ACHE) Update

The Board received a handout on actions taken by the Commission.

President's Report/Update

Dr. Wehlburg also provided a written report including but not limited to the following:

1. Welcomed the three new Board members.
2. Enrollment Update
3. Provided data on marketing efforts.
4. Announced upcoming Alumni Mixer – Thursday, October 24, 2024 in Florence, AL.
5. Announced upcoming ribbon cutting on CASELab.

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

Finance and Facilities Committee – Mr. Rogers

Mr. Rogers provided the Finance and Facilities Committee update.

Enrollment and Student Affairs Committee – Ms. Sallie McMullin

In the absence of Mr. Bill Dunnavant, Ms. Sallie McMullin provided the Enrollment and Student Affairs Committee update.

Academic Affairs Committee – Dr. Betts

Ms. Dickens provided the Academic Affairs Committee update.

External Affairs Committee – Mr. America

Mrs. Smith provided the External Affairs Committee update.

On a motion made by Mr. America and seconded by Ms. Coleman, the Board accepted the committee reports as presented.

CLOSING COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. America, Senator Orr adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:10 pm.