

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2022**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2022 in the McCandless Hall Auditorium 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one officially registered for public comment.

ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Jim America
Ms. Cathy Dickens (joined electronically at 2:45 pm)
Mr. Bill Dunnavant
Speaker Mac McCutcheon
Senator Arthur Orr
Mr. Goodrich 'Dus' Rogers
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried (electronically)
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith
Mr. Mike Underwood

Also present were Dr. Philip Way, President of Athens State University and Mr. Shane Black, University Legal Counsel, and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Secretary to the Board. Governor Kay Ivey and Chancellor Jimmy Baker were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present. Ms. Dickens had not joined the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rogers identified a typo in the minutes (Shane Blank should be Shane Black). On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the minutes with typo amended of the July 15, 2022 meeting by affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTION

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board accepted the Executive Committee Minutes (July 15, 2022), the Audit Committee Minutes (July 28, 2022), and the Executive Committee Minutes (October 3, 2022).

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board affirmed and each individual member in attendance, signed the Conflict of Interest Notification and Disclosure. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Bill Dunnavant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES
Mike Underwood - 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 affirmed and each individual member in attendance, signed the Athens State University Board of Trustees Roles and Responsibilities. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Bill Dunnavant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES
Mike Underwood – YES

Board of Visitors Nomination/Appointment (Attachment C)

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board approved the appointment of Christie Finley to the College of Education Board of Visitors for a three-year term. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Bill Dunnavant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES
Mike Underwood - YES

Board Representative – Strategic Planning Committee (Attachment D)

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried nominated Mrs. Smith. On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved Mrs. Smith as the Board representative to the University's Strategic Planning Committee. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Bill Dunnavant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – ABSTAIN
Mike Underwood - YES

Weapons and Firearms on University Property (Attachment E)

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the revisions to the University's Weapons and Firearms on University Property policy. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Bill Dunnavant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES

Mike Underwood - YES

**New UG Certificate Program – Fundamentals of Software Development
(Attachment F)**

**New UG Certificate Program – Advanced Software Development
(Attachment G)**

On a motion made by Mr. Dunnivant and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the UG Certificate in Fundamentals of Software Development for the College of Arts and Sciences. Mrs. Smith amended the motion to also include the approval of the UG Certificate in Advanced Software Development for the College of Arts and Sciences. This amended motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES

Cathy Dickens - YES

Bill Dunnivant – YES

Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES

Senator Arthur Orr – YES

Dus Rogers – YES

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES

Missy Ming Smith – YES

Mike Underwood - YES

**New Academic Program – MFA – College of Arts and Sciences
(Attachment H)**

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the MFA for the College of Arts and Sciences. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES

Cathy Dickens - YES

Bill Dunnivant – YES

Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES

Senator Arthur Orr – YES

Dus Rogers – YES

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES

Missy Ming Smith – YES

Mike Underwood - YES

**New Academic Program – M.Ed. – Training and Development
(Attachment I)**

On a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the M.Ed. in Training and Development for the College of Education. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Cathy Dickens - YES
Bill Dunnivant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES
Mike Underwood - YES

**Presidential External Evaluation/President Board Evaluation
(Attachment J)**

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. America, the Board accepted the 2022 Performance Review of President Way, as prepared by AASCU Consulting, and to further adopt it as the Board’s Evaluation of President Way. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Cathy Dickens - YES
Bill Dunnivant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES
Mike Underwood - YES

**Resolution No. 1-10-21-2022 – Tazewell Shepard, III
(Attachment K)**

On a motion made by Speaker McCutcheon and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board adopted Resolution No. 1-10-21-2022 honoring Tazewell Shepard, III. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES
Cathy Dickens - YES
Bill Dunnivant – YES
Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES
Senator Arthur Orr – YES
Dus Rogers – YES
Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES
Missy Ming Smith – YES

Mike Underwood - YES

OTHER BUSINESS

Quarterly Financial Update

The Board received the quarterly financial update.

Mid-Year Budget Discussions

Senator Orr reported discussions from the Executive Committee involving a mid-year budget adjustment. The Executive Committee will review the budget at the January Executive Committee meeting and make a recommendation to the full board for consideration at the full board meeting in January concerning a budget modification/amendment. This will become routine Board practice for January.

Alabama Commission on Education (ACHE) Update

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

Family Relationship Disclosure

The Board received the Family Relationship Disclosure update.

Board of Trustees By-Laws-Introduction of Revisions

Mr. Shane Black, University Legal Counsel, reviewed the recommended revisions to the Board of Trustee Bylaws. This revision consolidates the previous By-Laws and Rules of Procedure and Legislative requirements into one document. Official vote of these revisions will occur at the January 2023 Board meeting.

Board Self-Evaluation Summary

The Board received a summary of the Board Self-Evaluation. Senator Orr reiterated that there was work to be done with improving Board participation/communication.

Commencement Activities

Senator Orr distributed a sign-up sheet for Board members to participate/bring greetings at upcoming commencement activities. Board members are to let Jackie Gooch know when they would like to participate.

Archer Update

Sarah McAbee provided handouts and a brief update on the Archer partnership. Senator Orr announced that Bill Dunnivant will be involved with the Archer discussions going forward.

Learning Partnerships

Dr. Kim LaFevor provided handouts and a brief update on the University's Learning Partnerships.

President's Report/Update

Dr. Way provided the following updates:

1. Recognized/welcomed Dr. Dave Ragsdale, Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.
2. The following individuals will be recognized at the December commencement for receiving Emeritus status:
 - Dr. Bryan Kennedy
 - Mrs. Laura Lynn Kerner
3. Great things are happening at the Center for Lifelong Learning. Thanked Andrew Dollar for his hard work.
4. Several State organizations have been on the campus over the last few weeks for various events.

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

Finance and Facilities Committee – Senator Orr

Senator Orr provided the Finance and Facilities update.

Enrollment and Student Affairs Committee – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith provided the Enrollment and Student Affairs update.

Academic Affairs Committee – Mr. America

Mr. America provided the Academic Affairs update.

Development Committee – Mr. Dunnivant

Mr. Dunnivant deferred to Dr. Ferguson for the Development Committee update.

Compensation Sub Committee – Senator Orr

Senator Orr provided the Compensation Sub-Committee update.

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. America, the Board accepted the Committee reports. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Jim America – YES

Cathy Dickens - YES

Bill Dunnivant – YES

Speaker Mac McCutcheon - YES

Senator Arthur Orr – YES

Dus Rogers – YES

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried – YES

Missy Ming Smith – YES

Mike Underwood - YES

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 3:38 pm.