

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2022**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022 in the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom to consider University matters.

PRESIDING: MR. MACKE MAULDIN

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

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
Mr. Bill Dunnavant
Mr. Macke Mauldin
Senator Arthur Orr
Mr. Goodrich 'Dus' Rogers - electronically
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith

Also present were Dr. Philip Way, President of Athens State University, Shane Black, University Legal Counsel and Barbara Ferguson (Recorder). Governor Kay Ivey, Chancellor Jimmy Baker, Mr. Ronnie Chronister and Ms. Cathy Dickens were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the agenda by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich 'Dus' Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 20, 2022 meeting with one revision, Dr. Sims-deGraffenried attended in-person and not electronically for that meeting. The minutes were approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTION

None.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1-07-15-2022

(Attachment A)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 1-07-15-2022, recognizing the Sister City agreement between Stonehaven Scotland, and Athens, AL and the University. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

Resolution No. 2-07-15-2022

(Attachment B)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 2-07-15-2022, amending the Board of Trustees’ existing Contract Management Policy. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes

Mrs. Missy Ming Smith Yes

**2023 Board Meeting Dates
(Attachment C)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board approved the 2023 meeting dates. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**Statement on Inclusion and Civility (Reaffirmation)
(Attachment D)**

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board reaffirmed the University’s Statement on Inclusion and Civility with no revisions. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**2022 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Results
(Attachment E)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board accepted the 2022 Board Self-Evaluation Results as presented. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**Board of Visitor Appointments
(Attachment F)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the appointment of Karl Fernandez, Dr. Jon Smith and Dr. John Wilson to the College of Education Board of Visitors. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**FY 2022-2023 Budget
(Attachment G)**

On a motion made by Mr. Dunnivant and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the request to table the vote on the budget and to send the budget to the Audit Committee for review and then to the Executive Committee for final approval. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**Election of Chair *Pro Tempore* 2022-2024
(Attachment H)**

Mr. Mauldin called for nominations for Chair *Pro Tempore*. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried nominated Senator Orr. The Board approved Senator Orr as the Chair *Pro Tempore* for 2022-2024. This nomination was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Abstain
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**Election of the Vice Chair *Pro Tempore* 2022-2024
(Attachment I)**

Mr. Mauldin called for nominations for Vice Chair *Pro Tempore*. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried nominated Mr. America. The Board approved Mr. America as the Vice Chair *Pro Tempore* for 2022-2024. This nomination was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

**Resolution No. 3-07-15-2022 Audit Committee
(Attachment J)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. America, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 3-07-15-2022, establishing an Audit Committee for the Board of Trustees. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

Mr. Mauldin appointed Mr. Dunnivant to serve in the at-large position on the Audit Committee. Mr. Dunnivant accepted.

**Resolution No. 4-07-15-2022 Macke Mauldin Service Commendation
(Attachment K)**

On a motion made by Mr. America and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 4-07-15-2022, commending Mr. Mauldin for his service on the Board of Trustees. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Abstain
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith Yes

**Resolution No. 5-07-15-2022 Ronnie Chronister Service Commendation
(Attachment L)**

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 5-07-15-2022, commending Mr. Chronister for his service on the Board of Trustees. This motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Mr. Jim America Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnavant Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin Yes
Senator Arthur Orr Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith Yes

Senator Orr also provided resolutions for Mr. Mauldin and Mr. Chronister from the Alabama Senate.

OTHER BUSINESS

Quarterly Financial Update

The Board received the quarterly financial update.

Board of Trustees ByLaws-Introduction of Revisions

Mr. Shane Black, University Legal Counsel, reviewed the recommended revisions to the Board of Trustee Bylaws. This revision consolidates the previous ByLaws and Rules of Procedure and Legislative requirements into one document. Official vote of these revisions will occur at the October 2022 Board meeting.

Alabama Commission on Education (ACHE) Update

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

October 21, 2022 Board Meeting

The October 2022 Board meeting will be held in McCandless Hall Auditorium.

2022 Fact Book

The Board received the 2022 Fact Book.

President’s Report/Update

Dr. Way provided the following updates:

1. Credit hours are up 8%.
2. Graduate hours are double.
3. University is in solid financial position with 5.17 months in reserve.

4. Encouraged all to attend the upcoming Bicentennial Celebrations.
5. Thanked Mr. Mauldin and Mr. Chronister for their service on the Board as their term ends on September 30, 2022

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

Finance and Facilities Committee – Mr. Mauldin

Mr. Mauldin 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 provided the Development Committee update.

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

Mr. Jim America	Yes
Mr. Bill Dunnivant	Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Yes
Senator Arthur Orr	Yes
Mr. Goodrich ‘Dus’ Rogers – electronically	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes
Mrs. Missy Ming Smith	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mauldin adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:55 pm.