

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
JULY 20, 2018**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2018 in the Founders Hall Chapel to consider University matters.

PRESIDING: MS. CATHY DICKENS

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Ms. Cathy Dickens.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Professor Debra Vaughn, Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate, addressed the Board to thank them for their service and indicated faculty's commitment to becoming more engaged in shared governance with the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Crystal Brown	Ms. Maxine Randolph
Mr. Ronnie Chronister	Mr. Clint Shelton
Ms. Cathy Dickens	Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried
Mr. Macke Mauldin	Ms. Missy Ming Smith
Senator Arthur Orr	

Also present were Dr. Ron Ingle, Interim 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 Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the minutes of the May 18, 2018 Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTION

Chairwoman Dickens updated the Board on the progress of the presidential search process.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Adoption of Resolution 1-07-20-2018 (Attachment A)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board approved the Resolution 1-07-20-2018 which authorizes the Executive Committee of the Athens State University Board of Trustees to retain a professional search firm to assist in the identification of qualified candidates for the position of University President. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

ACHE Information Item (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Board approved an information only item for department restructure in the College of Arts and Sciences to be sent to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

AY 2018-2019 Budget (Attachment C)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Board approved the AY 2018-2019 budget as presented. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

Review and Affirmation of University Mission Statement (Attachment D)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board affirmed the University's mission statement as presented. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

2019 Board Meeting Dates (Attachment E)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the Board meeting dates for 2019. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

2018-2019 Board of Trustees Committee Structure (Attachment F)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Board approved 2018-2019 Committee structure as presented. As per the Board of Trustee By-laws, Chairwoman Dickens will be making the additional appointments within the next week. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

Executive Committee Appointment (Attachment G)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Ms. Brown, the Board appointed the 2018-2019 Executive Committee membership as Chair *Pro Tempore*, Vice Chair *Pro Tempore*, Cathy Dickens, Clint Shelton, Macke Mauldin and Dr. Ron Ingle. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Results (Attachment H)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board accepted the 2018 Board self-evaluation results as presented. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

Board of Trustees Nominating Committee Board Representative

Chairwoman Dickens opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Chronister was nominated by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried. No other nominations were received. On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and

seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the nomination of Mr. Chronister to be the Board representative on the Nominating Committee. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

Election of Chair *Pro Tempore* and Vice Chair *Pro Tempore*

Chair *Pro Tempore*

Chairwoman Dickens opened the floor for nominations for Chair *Pro Tempore*. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried nominated Mr. Chronister. No other nominations were received. On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board elected Mr. Chronister as Chair *Pro Tempore* for 2018-2020. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

Vice Chair *Pro Tempore*

Chairwoman Dickens opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair *Pro Tempore*. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried nominated Mr. Mauldin. No other nominations were received. On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board elected Mr. Mauldin as Vice Chair *Pro Tempore* for 2018-2020. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

OTHER BUSINESS

Revisions to Board of Trustee By-laws (Attachment I)

Dr. Belle Wheelan, SACSCOC President, requested that each of Alabama's public universities review its enabling legislation and Board bylaws and seek to resolve SACSCOC concerns related to conflicts of interest that result from the Governor serving in the role of Board Chair. As a result of the review, recommended revisions to the current bylaws were presented to the Board for consideration. Pursuant to the current bylaws, amendments shall not be voted upon in the same meeting in which they are introduced to allow for proper review. On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Ms. Brown, the Board introduced a motion to approve the bylaw revisions, to be brought forward at the October 2018 Board meeting for approval.

Recognition of Service

Dr. Ron Ingle presented a token of appreciation and thanked Ms. Dickens for her service as Chair *Pro Tempore* of the Athens State University Board of Trustees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No additional report.

REPORT AND CLOSING COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

Enrollment and Student Services – chaired by Ms. Dickens

Academic Affairs – chaired by Mr. Chronister

Finance and Facilities – chaired by Mr. Shelton

Development – chaired by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried

On a motion made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Board accepted the Enrollment/Student Services Board Committee report, the Academic Affairs Committee report, the Development Committee report, and the Finance and Facilities Committee reports as presented. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (9-0) of members present.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, Ms. Dickens adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:19 pm.