

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2012**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held its organizational meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 12, 2012 in the Chapel of Founders Hall to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: GOVERNOR ROBERT BENTLEY
 PRESIDENT/CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Governor Bentley. After opening remarks, he indicated how the meeting would proceed. Governor Bentley gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Governor Robert Bentley
Dr. Mark Heinrich
Ms. Cathy Dickens
Mr. Garth Lovvorn
Mr. Macke Mauldin
Senator Arthur Orr
Ms. Maxine Randolph
Mr. Clint Shelton
Mr. Tazewell Shepard
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried

Also present was Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University and Mr. Mike Cole, Legal Counsel for the University. Ms. Mary Scott Hunter was absent due to circumstances beyond her control.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals registered to speak to the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as recommended.

ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Mr. Tazewell Shepard, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the By-Laws for the Athens State University Board of Trustees.

ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

A motion was made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Mr. Macke Mauldin, to adopt the Athens State University Board of Trustees Rules of Procedure.

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried and Dr. Robert Glenn noted some language should be modified to make terminology consistent with the Board's By-Laws. Dr. Robert Glenn reviewed the proposed amendment.

On a motion made by Mr. Tazewell Shepard and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, the Board voted unanimously to amend the Athens State University Board of Trustees Rules of Procedure as recommended.

The Board then voted unanimously to adopt the Athens State University Board of Trustees Rules of Procedure as amended.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Governor Robert Bentley requested nominations for Chair *pro tempore*. Senator Arthur Orr nominated Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried for Chair *pro tempore*. Ms. Cathy Dickens nominated Mr. Tazewell Shepard. Mr. Shepard declined the nomination. The Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried as Chair *pro tempore* of the Athens State University Board of Trustees.

Governor Bentley requested nominations for Vice Chair *pro tempore*. Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried nominated Mr. Tazewell Shepard. No other nominations were made. The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Tazewell Shepard as Vice Chair *pro tempore* of the Athens State University Board of Trustees.

Senator Orr expressed his appreciation to the Governor for attending the meeting. Governor Bentley turned the gavel over Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried and exited the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Meetings from October 2012 until June 2013

Dr. Robert Glenn recommended a two-day Board Retreat for January, a regular board meeting in April and begin the regular meeting rotation in June. Senator Orr recommended January 10-11, 2013 for the Board Retreat. All Board members were requested to check calendars and respond to Dr. Glenn of their availability for January 10-11, 2013.

Meeting Dates for Board of Trustees

After discussion, it was determined by consensus to change meeting dates as allowed under Act 2012-497 from the first Monday to a Thursday/Friday meeting schedule. Definite dates were not decided.

Committee Structure and Assignments

Dr. Glenn recommended postponing committee assignments for the first several meetings while the Board is learning about Athens State University. Board members agreed by consensus.

Job Description/Letter of Appointment for President

Dr. Glenn recommended that the Board develop a contract for the President of the University. Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried requested volunteers to assist with contract development. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Shelton and Mr. Lovvorn volunteered to research and develop a contract for the President of the University.

Beaty-Mason Home

Dr. Glenn provided a background on the Beaty-Mason Home. Dr. Glenn would like for the Board have further discussion and to make a recommendation regarding how the University should proceed with the Beaty-Mason renovation/restoration and how the home could be used by the University.

Needs Assessment/EBO

Mr. Mike McCoy presented the Needs Assessment/EBO for 2013-2014 for Board review.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of the President (Attachment A)

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Robert Glenn as President of Athens State University.

Approval of University Budget (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the 2012-2013 Budget for the University.

Approval for Purchase of Fidelity Bonds for Board Members (Attachment C)

On a motion made by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Mr. Maudlin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of Fidelity Bonds for Board members.

Bond Resolution/Receiving of Property and Deeds from SBE (Attachment D)

On a motion made by Ms. Dickens and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board voted unanimously to approve the process for Bond Resolution/Receiving of Property and Deeds from SBE.

Approval of Interim Authority for University Policies (Attachment E)

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the interim authority for University Policies.

Affirmation of Beaty-Mason Project, Phase I (Attachment F)

On a motion made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board voted unanimously to approve Phase I renovation/restoration for the Beaty-Mason home.

ORIENTATION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Presentations were made by the following faculty and staff members to provide a brief overview of University operations.

Briefing by the President – Dr. Robert Glenn

Briefing by the Provost – Dr. Ronald Cromwell

Briefing by the Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate – Dr. Amanda Branscombe

Briefing by the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services – Mr. Jim Hutto

Briefing by the Vice President for University Advancement – Mr. Rick Mould

Briefing by the Vice President for Business and Finance – Mr. Mike McCoy

Briefing by the Presiding Officer of the Staff Senate – Ms. Lynn Frank

Briefing by the Chief Information Officer – Ms. Belinda Krigel

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Athens State University Board of Trustee meeting.