

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama met on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in Banquet Hall A of the Guillot University Center in accordance with Section 6 of Act No. 773 of the 1967 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama. A letter from three Trustees (dated February 22, 2017) was sent to Governor Robert Bentley in care of his Director of Constituent Affairs, requesting that the Governor call the March 14 quarterly meeting. Proposed letters calling the Board to the meeting also were sent for the Governor's signature as per standard practice, and the same were mailed to the Trustees from the Governor's office in advance of the meeting under the date of February 27, 2017.

On March 7, 2017, Board members were advised via email that the agenda, proposed resolutions, and supporting documents for items of discussion were available for individual electronic access in the Canvas software system.

In the absence of Governor Robert Bentley (the President of the Board), the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board President Pro Tempore Marty Abroms.

I. INVOCATION

Mr. Mark Linder offered the opening invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by President Kenneth D. Kitts, and the following members were present:

Trustee Marty Abroms	Trustee Libby Jordan	Trustee Todd Ouellette
Trustee Joel Anderson	Trustee Marcus Maples	Trustee Steve Pierce
Trustee Rodney Howard	<i>(via speakerphone)</i>	

Absent were Trustees Simpson Russell and Will Trapp, and ex officio members Governor Robert Bentley and State Superintendent of Education Michael Sentance.

Others present for all or part of the meeting:

- Ms. Amber Fite-Morgan, University Attorney and Chief Diversity Officer
- Mr. Mark Linder, Athletics Director
- Mr. Ron Patterson, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
- Dr. Debbie Shaw, Vice President for University Advancement
- Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
- Mr. Evan Thornton, Acting Chief Financial Officer
- Dr. Carmen Burkhalter, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Greg Carnes, Dean of the College of Business
- Dr. Melvin Davis, Dean of Library and Educational Technology Services
- Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dean of the Anderson College of Nursing
- Dr. Joy Borah, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Dr. Vince Brewton, Director of the Honors Program
- Dr. David Brommer, President of Faculty Senate
- Ms. Cindy Conlon, Assistant Vice President for Business Services
- Ms. Johnette Davis, College Development Gift Officer
- Mr. Michael Gautney, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Administration and Planning
- Ms. Sarah Green, President of Student Government Association and *ex officio* non-voting member of the Board
- Dr. Scott Infanger, Chair of the Shared Governance Executive Committee
- Ms. Tammy Irons, Legal Counsel
- Dr. Kevin Jacques, President of Staff Senate
- Dr. Christopher James, Director of Kilby Laboratory School
- Ms. Audrey Mitchell, Director of Environmental Services and Housing Facilities Mgmt.
- Ms. Gwen Patrick, Director of Financial and Database Services for University Advancement
- Mr. Nathan Pitts, Senior Research Analyst
- Mr. Bryan Rachal, Director of University Communications and Marketing
- Mr., Jake Russell, University Events Conference Coordinator
- Mr. Jarrod Russell, Network Engineer
- Ms. Regina Sherrill, Senior Assistant to the President for Administration
- Dr. Molly Vaughn, Associate Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment
- Mr. Jimmy Waddell, Asst. Director of Environmental Services and Housing Facilities Mgmt.
- Ms. Jennifer Edwards, *TimesDaily* Reporter

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Abrams submitted the meeting agenda for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Pierce, the agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

IV. PRESENTATION FROM KILBY SCHOOL

Dr. Thornell introduced Dr. James, who gave an overview of Kilby's mission and current initiatives. He then shared a video presentation featuring several Kilby student and teachers.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 19, 2016, Quarterly Board Meeting**
- B. February 2, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting**
- C. February 27, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting**

Mr. Abrams submitted the minutes collectively for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Ouellette, the minutes were approved, separately and severally, by unanimous vote as presented.

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Kitts gave a brief summary on the state of the University. His remarks included:

- Spring 2017 enrollment snapshot (record spring enrollment);
- Notation that early indicators for fall 2017 enrollment are strong;
- Report that new governance model for the Foundation Board of Directors is working well; and
- Summary of continued work with Montgomery lawmakers on achieving equity funding for UNA (still below the median in per-student state funding).

VII. REMARKS FROM CONSTITUENCY GROUP LEADERS

Mr. Abrams called on Dr. Brommer, Ms. Green, and Dr. Jacques for brief remarks on behalf of their respective groups.

VIII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. Resolution Approving Revisions to Policy on Consensual Relationships

Trustees reviewed this item during the earlier morning work session. Upon motion by Ms. Jordan and second by Mr. Howard, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

B. *2017-2018 University of North Alabama Graduate Catalog*

C. Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Program

D. Update on Academic and Administrative Program Analyses

Trustees reviewed these information items during the earlier morning work session. There were no additional questions, and these items required no action by the Board.

E. Resolution Adopting Updates to the 2015 Florence-Lauderdale Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Trustees reviewed this item during the earlier morning work session. Upon motion by Ms. Jordan and second by Mr. Anderson, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

IX. AUDIT, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MATTERS

- A. Review Financial Information for Quarter Ending December 31, 2016**
- B. Review of Investments – UNA Foundation**
- C. Review of Investments – University Endowment**
- D. Status of New Nursing Building Construction Project**
- E. Status of McKinney Department of Human Sciences, Hospitality, and Design Building Renovation Project**

All of these information items were reviewed during the March 10 Finance Committee meeting and during the work session that preceded today's Trustees meeting. There were no additional questions, and these items required no action by the Board.

- F. Resolution Approving Agreement between the University of North Alabama and Collegis Education for Marketing of the College of Business Online BBA Program**
- G. Resolution Approving Agreement between the University of North Alabama and Collegis Education for Marketing of Graduate Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences**

Trustees reviewed these two action items during the earlier morning work session. Upon motion by Mr. Howard and second by Mr. Ouellette, the resolutions were approved, separately and severally, by unanimous vote.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Approving Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama: Article II, Section 1 – Annual Meetings**

Trustees reviewed this item during the earlier morning work session. Upon motion by Mr. Abrams and second by Mr. Anderson, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

- B. Resolution Approving Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama: Article IV – Committees**

Trustees reviewed this item during the earlier morning work session, where it was noted that the Board wishes to defer at this time on the proposed provision to reduce the size of its Executive Committee. Therefore, the resolution was amended to strike line 1 – “An Executive Committee consisting of five (5) rather than nine (9) members” – in the “Be it Resolved” paragraph. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Ms. Jordan, the resolution was approved as so amended by unanimous vote.

C. Format for Quarterly Board Meetings and Associated Committee Meetings

As determined in the earlier morning work session, the Board will engage the format described in Option B – i.e., individual committee meetings in advance of Board meeting day, elimination of a work session, and a 10:30 start time for official Board meetings. This item required no further action by the Board.

D. 2017 Board of Trustees Retreat

As discussed in the earlier morning work session, May 11 is the confirmed date for this annual session of professional development. A board assessment as led by an Association of Governing Boards (AGB) consultant is the theme for this year's retreat.

XI. MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Abrams noted that an executive session was needed to discuss good name and character issues related to an item from the Honorary Degrees and Building Names Committee and to discuss pending legal matters. Upon motion by Mr. Ouellette, second by Mr. Anderson, and a unanimous vote, the meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m. to enter into a brief executive session.

At approximately 11:55, the Board entered into executive session with legal counsel Amber Fite-Morgan and Tammy Irons present. Ms. Fite-Morgan and Ms. Irons are attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama and can certify that the Board's discussion of these matters in executive session is authorized under Section 3 of the Code of Alabama that allows for executive session to discuss legal ramifications of potential litigation and the general reputation and character of an individual. Therefore, the executive session was in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 12:15 p.m. immediately following the executive session. Mr. Abrams reported that the Board now had two action items to address that were presented in executive session and viewed favorably by the Board:

A. Resolution Authorizing Naming of the University's Center for Professional Selling in Honor of Alumnus Robert H. Steele

Upon motion by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. Anderson, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Resolution Ratifying Legal Actions Taken on March 7, 2017, and Authorizing the President to Act on Behalf of the University in Legal Matters related to Property Surrounding Braly Municipal Stadium

Mr. Anderson moved approval of the resolution, and Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the resolution was approved by a majority vote of 6-1 (with Ms. Jordan opposed).

The Board had no other action items to present from its discussions in executive session.

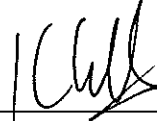
XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Anderson, second by Mr. Ouellette, and a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Approved June 7, 2017



President Pro Tempore



Secretary