

**Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Government and Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
November 22, 2024
Tennessee State University – Hankal Hall**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Trustees Trevia Chatman, Dakasha Winton, and Terica Smith (Committee Chair)

University Staff Present: Interim President Ronald Johnson, Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary; Dr. Robbie Melton, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Daarel Burnette, Senior Advisor and Interim Executive Vice President; Dr. Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, Liaison to the Board of Trustees; Sterlin Sanders, Interim Chief Information Officer; Ginette Garza Brown, Sr. Associate General Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Smith called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. (CT) on November 22, 2024.

II. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Trustee Smith proceeded with the roll call vote. Board Secretary Pendleton called the roll at the Committee Chair's request. Trustees Smith, Chatman and Winton were present. Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Trustee Smith welcomed Leah Love from the Ingram Group, who led an informational discussion on legislative matters.

Ms. Love discussed what to expect for the upcoming legislative session. She also discussed upcoming Board confirmations and the process.

Ms. Love further discussed State legislation and budget which could impact the University, as well as the importance of building and strengthening relationships.

Ms. Love stated that the legislative session starts on January 14, 2025. She stated that TSU will likely be called to do its budget presentation in early February 2025. The Ingram Group will be working with TSU to prepare for the presentation, which will be based on the Governor's budget presentation.

Ms. Love informed the Board that she will be providing weekly updates, which will include important information and legislative matters that could affect the University.

Ms. Love ended her discussion by stating that she works as a liaison between the Government, the Board, and the President. She encouraged Board members and University staff to reach out to her and use the Ingram Group to help do what is best for the University.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Smith asked if there was any additional business. There was none. Trustee Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded. Trustees Chatman, Winton, and Smith voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m. (CT).