

**Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – March 12, 2020
Tennessee State University – Main Campus – Hankal Hall.
3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Trustee Deborah Cole, Obi McKenzie (joined late by on phone), Braxton Simpson, Richard Lewis, Andre Johnson, Pam Martin, and Dr. Ali Sekmen.

University Board Staff Present: President Glenda Glover; Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary; Ms. Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, Board Liaison.

University Staff Present: Dr. Alisa Mosley, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Curtis Johnson, Chief of Staff; Dean Frank Stevenson, Assoc. Vice President of Student Affairs; Horace Chase, Vice President of Business and Finance; Dr. Frances Williams, Assoc. Vice President of Research & Sponsored Programs; Terrence Izzard, Assoc. Vice President of Enrollment Management.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., CST on March 12, 2020.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Board Chair welcomed the attendees. Chair Walker introduced and welcomed the new board member Trustee Andre Johnson. Chair Walker expressed condolences and prayers to Trustee Corbiel who was not present. Dean Stevenson gave the invocation.

III. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Walker asked the Board Secretary, Laurence Pendleton, to call the roll. The following Trustees were present during roll call: Deborah Cole, Andre Johnson, Richard Lewis, Pam Martin, Ali Sekmen, Joseph Walker, and Braxton Simpson. Board Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair Walker introduced the first action item – the approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2019, board meeting. Trustee Cole moved to approve the November 21, 2019 board meeting minutes and Trustee Martin seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE RICHARD LEWIS TO SERVE ON AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair Walker introduced the second action item- the approval of Trustee Richard Lewis to serve on the Audit Committee. Trustee Cole moved to approve, and Trustee Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Cole informed the board that the audit committee met to take action on one item, received a report on three other items, and voted to go into executive session to discuss items deemed confidential under state law.

Trustee Cole said that the Audit Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the November 21, 2019, Audit Committee meeting minutes. Trustee Cole added that the Audit Committee heard reports from President Glover and her team, including Dr. Adrian Davis, on the completed internal audit, outstanding audit issues, and the University's risk assessment process.

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019, AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Cole moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019, Audit Committee meeting as contained in the board materials for the March 12, 2020, board meeting. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Trustee Cole concluded the Audit Committee report.

D. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance and Budget Committee Vice Chair Lewis stated that the Finance and Budget Committee met this morning.

The Finance and Budget Committee heard reports from President Glover and her team on the TSU's finances and budget, enrollment, an update on the institution's enrollment, marketing and student recruitment plan, and a report on the University's strategic plan process.

E. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin reported that the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee met to consider and vote on two agenda items and received reports on four other agenda items.

Trustee Martin stated that the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the November 21, 2019, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes, and the approval of a Ph.D. in Agricultural Science and Natural Resources academic program.

Trustee Martin added that the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee received reports on the accreditation matters, nursing school, academic affairs, and student affairs.

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Martin moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the March 12, 2020, Board meeting. Trustee Cole seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Martin moved to approve the Ph.D. in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, as contained in the Board

materials for the March 12, 2020, Board meeting. Trustee Johnson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walker stated that the Executive Committee met today to discuss and vote on two committee agenda items. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the November 21, 2019, Executive Committee meeting minutes, and the approval of the Board Self-Assessment Tool.

Chair Walker also stated that the Executive Committee heard a report on the President's Annual Performance Review and heard a report from Secretary Pendleton.

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chair Walker moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019, Executive Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the March 12, 2020, Board meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD'S SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chair Walker moved to approve the Board Self-Assessment Tool, as contained in the Board materials for the March 12, 2020, Board meeting. Trustee Cole seconded the motion and it was approved.

V. STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS REPORT

Chair Walker asked President Glover to present the report on the student development and success report and any other related issues.

Trustee Simpson thanked the President for the opportunity to speak. Trustee Simpson gave a personal account of her experience and opportunities at TSU. She has had a positive experience and many opportunities for leadership roles. She has had opportunities to intern over the past two summers with fortune 500 companies. Trustee Simpson expressed her gratitude for her experience at TSU. She then introduced three classmates.

Tiara Thomas is a sophomore studying for her degree in political science. She is a presidential scholar. She discussed her positive experience at TSU and her future professional aspirations, including how her experience at TSU will hopefully set her up to work with the US Department of Education. She volunteers in the area of voter education and registration. She thanked TSU for investing in her future.

Coreyontez Martin is a freshman in Health Sciences. He has greatly enjoyed his first year and experience at TSU. He stated that opportunities are always available and TSU student life provides students with many great opportunities. He has two paid internships for the upcoming summer. He shared his professional plans to become a physician assistant.

Donald Thompson III is a senior in Finance and Economics. He is a legacy student and has taken the many opportunities to "Think, Work, and Serve." He has interned every summer. He shared that he has a professional position at Target in Minnesota after graduation.

In closing, Trustee Simpson thanked the three students for coming and speaking. President Glover and then Chair Walker thanked the students for the presentation and their service.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Trustee McKenzie joined by phone.

Chair Walker recognized President Glover to present the President's Report.

President Glover provided reports on various items contained in the board materials for the March 12, 2020, Board Meeting. She provided reports on: the SACSCOC accreditation process, including updates on both the probationary status process and decennial review; the tornado that hit last week with great damage especially to the Agricultural Complex at about \$60 million in damage to rebuild; the coronavirus and plans to go on-line starting Monday; the Million Dollar in One Month Campaign in February which raised approximately \$1.8 million; recruitment and enrollment; budget and finance with three year fiscal plan with conservative approach; and campus safety.

In summary, President Glover thanked everyone.

VII. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Walker thanked President Glover for her leadership during these uncertain times. The Board and school finds confidence in her leadership. Chair Walker is grateful for the student body and wants to ensure their safety and confidence in the leadership.

Chair Walker thanked the members of the Board for their work.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The chair called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Lewis. The motioned carried unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. CST.