

**Tennessee State University
Board of Trustees**



**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

9:30 a.m. CST
Thursday, March 11, 2021

Tennessee State University – Via Zoom Link:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum
- III. Approval of the November 19, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- IV. Discussion of President's Annual Performance Review Process
- V. Secretary's Report
- VI. Adjournment

**Tennessee State University
Board of Trustees**



**Approval of the
November 19, 2020
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACTION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021

ITEM: Approval of the November 19, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

PRESENTED BY: Chair of the Executive Committee,
Board Chair Joseph Walker, III

The document reflecting the minutes from the November 19, 2020, Executive Committee meeting is included in the March 11, 2021, Board materials.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees' November 19, 2020, Executive Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the Board's March 11, 2021 meeting.

**Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting – November 19, 2020
Via Zoom Link**

MINUTES

Executive Board Members Present: Trustees Joseph Walker, III, Deborah Cole, Pam Martin, and Steve Corbeil.

Other Board Members Present: Trustees Johnson, Sekmen, Simpson, McKenzie and Lewis.

University Staff Present: President Glenda Glover, and Mr. Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Chair Walker moved to make certain findings on the record regarding the necessity for conducting the meeting electronically without a physical quorum present due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Board is scheduled to take up important and timely matters. Participation by electronic means is necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying guidance from the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) and the State of Tennessee to limit face-to-face contact whenever possible. Electronic participation for the Board meeting is necessary for the safety of Board members, staff, and guests. Trustee Martin seconded. Secretary Pendleton called the roll and the motion carried unanimously.

II. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Walker asked the Board Secretary, Mr. Laurence Pendleton, to call the roll. The following Executive Committee Trustees were noted as present: Trustees Walker, Cole, Martin, and Corbeil.

Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

Chair Walker asked the committee members to state now if any of the committee members cannot hear or speak with each other. No committee members answered in the affirmative. Chair Walker also asked the committee members to indicate if someone is present with them from the location in which they are calling. No committee members indicated there was anyone present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2020, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Chair Walker introduced the first order of business — the approval of the September 24, 2020, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Chair Walker informed the Committee that the minutes for the Executive Committee's September 24, 2020, meeting are included in the Board materials for the November 19, 2020, Board meeting.

Chair Walker moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the September 24, 2020, Executive Committee meeting minutes, as contained in the Board materials for the November 19, 2020, Board meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. With there being no discussion, Chair Walker called for a roll call vote. Secretary Pendleton called the roll. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Chair Walker asked Vice Chair Cole to provide a report on the President's annual performance review process.

Vice Chair Cole provided information to the Committee on the performance evaluation procedures. She noted that the President had created a confidential written self-assessment reflecting the progress and achievement of her goals and that she had met with the President regarding the goals. Vice Chair Cole also noted that she would be soliciting comments from Board members soon to obtain their confidential written comments on the President's confidential written self-assessment.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chair Walker asked Secretary Pendleton to provide a report to the Board. Secretary Pendleton indicated that understands that Governor Lee will soon announce reappointments and appoints to several state boards, including the TSU Board of Trustees.

Secretary Pendleton noted that during the 111th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the General Assembly created the General Assembly Study Committee on Land-grant Institution Funding. The purpose of the committee is to study inequities of prior years' federal and state funding for land-grant institutions of higher education, including Tennessee State University, and the effects and impacts of such funding, including as it relates to the maintenance and operation of such institutions.

Secretary Pendleton commented that the appointees from the House are Rep. Harold M. Love, Jr. (Co-Chair), Rep. Gary Hicks, and Rep. Chris Todd, and the appointees from the Senate are Sen. Richard Briggs (Co-Chair), Sen. Janice Bowling, and Sen. Brenda Gilmore.

Secretary Pendleton noted that the Committee will have several meetings between November 2020 and June 2021. The Committee has scheduled Dr. Glover, AG Dean Chandra Reddy, a UT equivalent to Dr. Reddy, TN Higher Education Commission's Director of HBCU Success, and other individuals as part of its review. Secretary Pendleton indicated that Dr. Glover will be discussing the benefits that land-grant funding has had on Tennessee State University and what

impact the shortages have had on the University. He also stated that Leah Dupree, our Government Relations Officer, is monitoring these meetings and providing updates.

Trustee Lewis commented on the need to be fully engaged in this matter, including engaging the Governor's office and utilizing other individuals to promote the University's position on land grant funding. Trustee Martin noted the relationship between several board members and the Governor and implored President Glover to utilize these relationship as this matter proceeds through the Land Grant Study Committee.

President Glover stated that TSU is currently working to determine the total amount owed to the University associated with land grant match funding. She also noted her efforts to work through the Committee's proceedings and believes this approach is advisable for now.

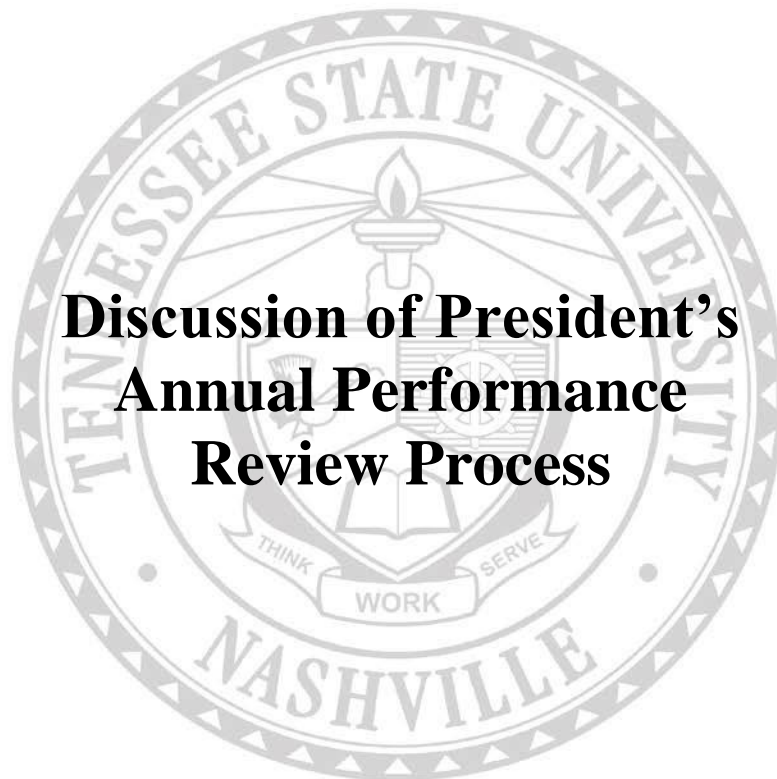
Chair Walker thanked Secretary Pendleton for his report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walker opened the floor for any additional business. With no further business, Chair Walker moved for adjournment. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

With there being no discussion, Chair Walker called for a roll call vote. Secretary Pendleton called the roll and the motion carried unanimously. Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**Tennessee State University
Board of Trustees**



**Discussion of President's
Annual Performance
Review Process**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DISCUSSION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021

ITEM: Discussion of President's Annual Performance Review
Process

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Chair of the Executive Committee,
Board Chair Joseph Walker, III

The Board Chair or his designee will provide a report for discussion of the President's Annual Performance Review Process.

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Secretary's Report

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021
ITEM: Secretary's Report
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None
PRESENTED BY: Chair of the Executive Committee,
Board Chair Joseph Walker, III

Secretary Pendleton will provide a report.

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TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021

ITEM: Report on Tennessee State University's Research Funding

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information

PRESENTED BY: Chair, Board of Trustees, Joseph Walker, III

President Glover and/or her designee will provide a report on the TSU's Research Funding.

Status of Research at Tennessee State University

Frances Williams, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored
Programs



Agenda

- Research Update
- Highlights
- Past Research Awards
- Current Status of Research Funding
- Current Activities



Research Update

- Faculty and staff are engaged in a number of scholarly activities and have increased their grantsmanship activities
- Such efforts demonstrate the university's research competitiveness and focus on faculty and staff scholarship
- Also evidenced by TSU's Carnegie Classification as an R2: Doctoral University – High research activity



Highlights

- Dr. Karla Addesso received grant from USDA-NIFA to lead nationwide team of researchers (from 11 institutions) in development of new tools to manage a woodboring beetle that attacks trees
- Dr. Swastik Brahma awarded prestigious National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award (CAREER)
- Dr. Jerri Haynes received grant from TN Department of Education (Aspiring Assistant Principals Network (AAPN)) which provides funding for teachers to receive master's degrees and licenses to be assistant principals
- Drs. Margaret Whalen and Venkataswarup Tiriveedhi received continuation award from NIH through consortium with Meharry & Vanderbilt to support partnership in eliminating cancer health disparities



Past Research Awards



DIVISION OF RESEARCH
& SPONSORED PROGRAMS



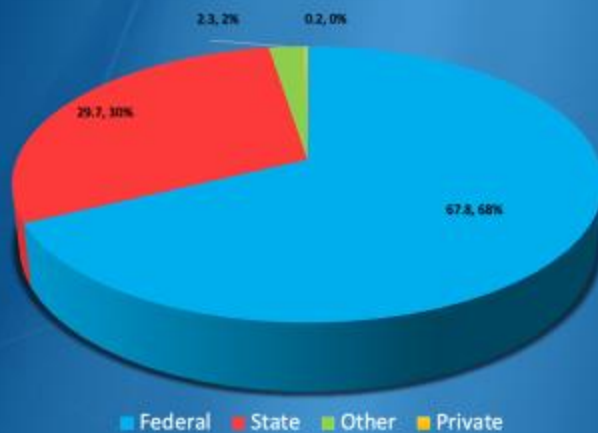
Current Status of Research Funding

YTD	Total amount of grants awarded to-date	Number of grants awarded	Proposals submitted (dollar amount)	Number of proposals submitted
2021 (currently)	\$60,060,909	119	\$102,353,136	120

DIVISION OF RESEARCH
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Current Awards By Source



Top Funding Agencies

- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- U.S. Department of Education

Current Activities

- Number of proposals in preparation for submission to various RFPs/solicitations
- Pending Proposals
- Faculty Research Development Seminars
- Virtual Research Symposium (March 22-26, 2021)
- Virtual Summer Writing Retreat
- New proposal and grants administration software deployment

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021

ITEM: President's Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Glenda Glover, President

To be presented by President Glover at the March 11, 2021, Tennessee State University Board of Trustees meeting.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: March 11, 2021

ITEM: Board Chair's Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Board Chair Joseph Walker, III

To be presented by Board Chair Joseph Walker, III, at the March 11, 2021, Tennessee State University Board of Trustees meeting.