

**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.