

**Tennessee State University Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting – March 11, 2021  
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 9:45 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. Chair Walker indicated that 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2020, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Walker introduced the first order of business — the approval of the November 19, 2020, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Chair Walker informed the Committee that the minutes for the Executive Committee’s November 19, 2020, meeting are included in the Board materials for the March 11, 2021, 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 she had solicited and received confidential written comments from Board members on the President's confidential written self-assessment. Vice Chair Cole indicated that she expected to complete the annual performance evaluation document and submit to the Board members shortly.

#### **VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Chair Walker asked Secretary Pendleton to provide a report to the Board. Secretary Pendleton indicated that Governor Lee had reappointed Trustees Walker and McKenzie and appointed Trustee Pinnock to serve a new six-year term on the TSU Board of Trustees.

Secretary Pendleton also noted that the TSU Faculty Senate was undertaking a process to select a new Faculty Trustee, and he expected the election to occur in April 2020. Secretary Pendleton also indicated that the President and her designees would soon be undertaking the process for recommending to the Board the next Student Trustee.

Secretary Pendleton also commented on President Glover's appearances before the General Assembly, including appearing before the House and Senate Government Operations Committees to discuss the Performance Audit, and appearing before the Senate Education Committee to address TSU's budget requests.

Finally, Secretary Pendleton addressed a letter sent by some members of the General Assembly to the University Presidents expressing their concerns regarding student kneeling during the National Anthem. Secretary Pendleton commented that some of the Presidents commented during General Assembly hearings and noted First Amendment protections. President Glover also noted comments made by Sen. Akbari on social justice and the experiences of some of the student athletes.

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 10:12 a.m.