

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
10 a.m., Friday, December 15, 2023**

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Alabama met in The Loft of the Governor's Center in accordance with the 1967 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature. A letter from the Governor (dated November 21, 2023) was sent via email requesting that the Board call the quarterly meeting in practice, and the same meeting under the agenda via email that the agenda discussion were available for individual electronic access to the Governor's office on December 4, 2023. On December 30, 2023, the Board received resolutions, and supporting information in the form of a software system.

Board President Professor William Trapp called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. INVOCATION

Mr. Trapp offered the invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

President Kenneth D. Pitts called the roll, and the following members were in attendance:

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| Trustee Marty Abramson | Trustee Jim Payne |
| Trustee Joel Ancerson | Trustee Steve Farris |
| Trustee Kyle Buchanan | Trustee Nancy Riddle |
| Trustee Wendell Gunter | Trustee Will Trapp |

Trustee Simpson Russell will be absent at roll call, but joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Ex-officio member Governor Kay Ivey, and Trustees Anthony Smith and Anne Whitaker were absent. A quorum of the Board members was in attendance.

Others present for a portion of the meeting:

- Mr. Jason Cochran, Executive Director of Government Relations
- Ms. Minnette Ellis, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Chief Diversity Officer
- Ms. Amber Fite-Morgan, General Counsel
- Mr. Kevin Haslam, Vice President for University Advancement
- Dr. Katie Kirney, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Josh Looney, Interim Director
- Mr. Evan Thornton, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
- Dr. K.C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Mr. Duell Aldridge, Coordinator of University Central
- Ms. Jen Awwad, Interim Instructional Designer

- Vince Brewton, Dean of College
- Sheena Burgreen, Executive Director of Health and Well-Being
- Greg Carnes, Dean of School of Business and Technology
- Cindy Conlon, Associate Director of Facilities Administration and Planning
- Brian Ford, 2023-2024 Student Government President
- Matt Green, Interim Director of Education and Human Sciences
- Lauren Killen, 2023-2024 Student Government President
- John McGee, Executive Director of International Technology Services
- Michelle Nelson, Associate Director of the Jackson College of Nursing & Health Professions
- Amber Paulk, Deputy Director of Trustees Parliamentarian
- Amber Sandvig, 2023-2024 Student Government Association President
- Regina Sherrill, Senior Director of Administration
- Julie Taylor, Assistant Director of Enrollment Management
- Ryan Zayac, Interim Director of College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering

Also present: *TimesDaily* reporter

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. [Name] proposed and submitted the agenda items. Upon motion by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. [Name], the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE ITEMS

Mr. [Name] proposed and submitted the following items for collective approval:

- Minutes of September Board Meeting
- Minutes of October Executive Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Buchanan and second by Mr. [Name], the consent agenda items listed above were approved separately and by unanimous vote.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. [Name] gave a brief summary of the President's report to the Board of Trustees. Topics included:

- Commendation of the Executive Director and Senior leadership team
- Recent notice of SACS accreditation for another 10 years with no monitoring or follow-up
- Launch of public phase of comprehensive campaign
- Enrollment update (recruitment, headcount, credit hour production, retention rate, and graduation rate)

- BEST Robotics Competition and Trumbauer Theater Festival hosted on campus on week end of December 2-3: potential enrollment impact to be determined; local economic impact of \$1 million
- Continued push with Progress 208 efforts as 2024 legislative session approaches
- Recognition of Dr. Carnes with his announcement of plans to step down in August 2024

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Page presented items from this committee's December 14 discussion that were on the agenda for the full Board at today's meeting:

A. Resolution Approving an Accelerated Master's Program (AM) Master of Health Administration (MHA) Degree

Following summary comments by Mr. Page, with the recommendation of the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee and upon motion by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Pierce, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Accomplishments with Regard to 2019-2024 Strategic Plan

Dr. Kinney gave summary comments as part of this twice-yearly update of the current strategic plan. There are many signal accomplishments to celebrate and conclude this guiding document and look to a new plan for the coming five years. This information item required no action by the Board.

C. Resolution Adopting 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

Mr. Page commended the Strategic Plan Steering Committee that has worked over many months to bring forward a proposed draft of a new plan. He recommended the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee recommends Mr. Page made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Anderson (a member of the Steering Committee) made additional comments and seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Page expressed appreciation to the Steering Committee for its hard work, pointing out that the institutional strategic plan document is published on the UNA website, and the Board receives periodic updates as to progress with each Plan.

Mr. Page also shared some other notes of interest from the preceding afternoon's meeting:

- UNA's selection as part of the Alabama Space Grant Consortium
- Significant rise in the UNA retention rate over the past decade

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VII. ADVANCEMENT AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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VIII. CAMPUS LIFE, ATHLETICS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MATTERS

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IX.	FINANCIAL	E, FACILITIES, AND	SPECIAL COMMITTEE	MATTERS
Committee discussion	The committee discussed the	Abromowitz highlighted	this committee's	November 1
•	Implementation	of the	208 effort	finances
•	University	continues	as the	diversity in the state
•	Workshop	on the	General	Intelligence Task Force
•	Leveraging	economic	activity from the	two weekend and
Mr. Abramowitz	presented	the	items from	meeting the previous
A	review of	financial	information	for the year ending
The	FY 2023	budget	was only \$2.5 million	available for
B	budgeting	Additional	information	during the 2023
Mr. Abramowitz	briefed	the	committee	on the
C	solution	authorizing	the	Stevens Hall
Mr. Abramowitz	noted	that	the	renovation

X.	OFFICE	BUSINESS	SPECIAL	MATTERS
There were	no	items of	business	before the Board.

XI. THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Trautman and the Executive Committee of the Alabama State Board of Health discussed matters relating to the practice of these laws. It allows legal representation of the Board of Health to be entered in the minutes.

At approximately 10:10 a.m. the Board of Health met in a closed executive session. Ms. Fite-Morgan, Mr. Haslam, and Dr. Kitts remained in the room with Dr. Kitts and the following external legal counsel joined the session:

- W. J. Blair, Attorney at Law, Birmingham, AL;
- Blair with Ogletree Deakins law firm in Birmingham, AL;

The Board of Health discussed the following action items from the Executive Committee that were considered in executive session:

Resolution of the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions regarding Dr. Frenesi P. Wilson

Upon unanimous vote, the resolution was approved by the Board of Health.

Resolution of the "Healthcare Heroes Plaza" on the University of Alabama

Upon unanimous vote, the resolution was approved by the Board of Health.

Mr. Trautman discussed the addition of The 1830 Foundation as a Nonprofit Corporation in which an initiative would be initiated by the University of North Alabama. Following summary comments from legal entity in support of University of North Alabama, the resolution was approved by Mr. Russell, the resolution was approved by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health discussed its discussions in executive session.

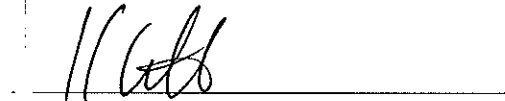
MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Buchanan, second by Mr. Russell, and a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Approved March 15, 2024



President Pro Tempore



Secretary