

**Alabama A&M University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
CLYDE FOSTER MULTIPURPOSE MEETING ROOM
4900 Meridian Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35762
Friday, June 23, 2023
10am**

MINUTES

Members Present (Attachment 1)

1. Trustee Wayne Watts, President Pro-Tempore
2. Trustee Kevin Ball, Vice President
3. Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole, Secretary
4. Trustee Richard Crunkleton
5. Trustee Nichelle Gainey
6. Trustee Ginger Harper
7. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett
8. Trustee John Hackett Jr.
9. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson
10. Trustee Jeanette Jones, Faculty Senate President

Members Not Present

Trustee Frank Williams
Trustee Ralph Williams

University Officials

- Dr. Daniel K. Wims, President, Alabama A&M University ("AAMU")

Attorney for the Board of Trustees

- Attorney Rod Steakley

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting of the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 am by Trustee Wayne Watts, PhD, President, Pro Tempore serving as the Presiding Officer per Article IV Section 3 of the Bylaws.

ECUMENICAL INVOCATION

- Trustee John Hackett gave the Ecumenical Invocation.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

- Per Board of Trustees Bylaws, Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, called the Roll at 10:02 am. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Trustee Wayne Watts requested the adoption of the agenda (Attachment 2). Trustee Tiffany Cole moved for the adoption of the published agenda. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF February 24, 2023 (ATTACHMENT 3)

- Trustee Kevin Ball moved that the Board adopt the minutes and recommendations of the last sub-committee meetings of February 23, 2023 as presented to the Board (Attachment 3). Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING February 23, 2023 (ATTACHMENT 4)

- Trustee Tiffany Cole moved that the Board approve the minutes of the last Board of Trustees Meeting of February 23, 2023, as presented to the Board (Attachment 4). Trustee Scherrie Pickett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Chairman Wayne Watts welcomed the two new Board members, Trustee Elizabeth Richardson (District 5B) and Trustee Ralph Williams (District 6) and the returning Board member, Trustee John Hackett (District 7).

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

President Daniel K. Wims called on the Board Chair of Huntsville City Schools, Mr. Carlos Matthews, to introduce the new Superintendent Dr. Clarence Sutton. Sutton acknowledged the partnership between AAMU and Huntsville City Schools and expressed his excitement. President Wims continued with an update of the following:

1. President Wims addressed the Board and noted there would be an update provided on the University's SACSCOC draft and submission to the accrediting body.
2. President Wims introduced the new Vice President for Business and Finance Mr. Carlton Spellman. The President spoke about the Student Affairs creative housing model and the largest gift of land to the University.
3. President Wims thanked the Trustees and noted their individual contributions to the University. The President gave an update on the SACSCOC team, noting Dr. Rhonda Moore-Jackson documents all efforts for SACSCOC Reaffirmation and compliance. He further noted the University's submission of the 40 standards and the reaffirmation timeline.
4. President Wims asked Associate Vice President Shannon Reeves to address the Board on Governmental Affairs with Reeves providing an update on the program including appropriations, strategic relationships, and lobbyist. Attorney Raymond Bell also spoke about the legislative session.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES

1. Permanent Committees

➤ Business and Finance

Chair: Trustee Richard Crunkleton

Committee Members: Trustees John Hackett, Wayne Watts, Frank Williams and Ginger Harper

A. Action Items

1. Approve 2024 Budget

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the 2024 Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee John Hackett, Jr. The motion passed.

2. Tuition Fee Increase with meal plan 3% increase

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the tuition increase. The motion was seconded by Trustee Scherrie Pickett. The motion passed.

B. Informational Items

1. None

➤ Academic Affairs and Research

Chair: Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett

Committee Members: Trustees John Hackett Jr., Wayne Watts, Jeanette Jones

A. Action Items

1. Request to realign Graduate Studies Enrollment Management

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve the proposal to realign Graduate Studies Enrollment Management from Graduate Studies to Student Affairs. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Compensation for Adjunct/Overload Pay

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve to standardize Adjunct/Overload pay across the colleges to \$1,000 per credit hour for doctorate and \$800 per credit hour for master level faculty. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partnering with Kumaski Technical University

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve the MOU to partner with Kumaski Technical University in Ejsu, Ghana. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Request to realign the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve the request to realign the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences into 2 distinct departments: (1) Department of Biological Sciences; and (2) Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Request to realign the College of Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences and College of Business and Public Affairs

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve the request to transfer the Bachelor of Science Program in Sport Management from the College of Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences to the College of Business and Public Affairs. Trustee Jeanette Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. Request to convert M.S. in Communications Specialist fully online

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve the Request to convert M.S. in Communications Specialist fully online. Trustee Jeanette Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Request for a Minor in Theatre

Trustee Scherrie Pickett moved to approve the Request for a minor in Theatre. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Informational Items

1. None

a. Report of Faculty Senate - NONE

➤ **Development, Marketing, Communications, Advancement and Technology**

Chair: Trustee Wayne Watts

Committee Members: Trustees Kevin Ball, Frank Williams, Richard Crunkleton

A. Actions Items

1. NONE

B. Informational Items

1. NONE

➤ **Information Technology Services**

a. Action Items

1. NONE

b. Informational Items

1. NONE

➤ **Athletics**

Co-Chairs: Trustees Kevin Ball

Committee Members: Trustees Nichelle Gainey, John Hackett Jr., Tiffany Johnson Cole, Ginger Harper

A. Action Items

1. NONE

B. Informational Items

1. NONE

➤ **Student Affairs**

Chair: Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole

Committee Members: Trustees Wayne Watts, Kevin Ball, Scherrie Banks Pickett, Jaila Green-Mascotti

A. Action Items

1. Conditional Admittance Policy – Transfer Students

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Conditional Admittance Policy permitting transfer applicants to gain conditional admissions to the University and allow transfer applicants one semester to complete their application package. Trustee Kevin Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Request to Repurpose/Realign Community College/ Global Relations and Initiatives

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve realignment of Community College Relations Global Initiatives (CCRGI) to Department of Multicultural Affairs. Trustee Kevin Ball seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Request to Approve the MOU with the City of Huntsville

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the MOU with the City of Huntsville, establishing an operational framework for ongoing cooperative efforts with the City of Huntsville (Huntsville Police Department). Trustee Ginger Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Request to Approve the MOU with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA)

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve an agreement with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, establishing investigative authority and procedures for conducting investigations involving the use of force by AAMU officers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kevin Ball. The motion passed.

5. Request to Approve Body Camera Policy

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve a policy to support body cameras, provide officers with specific guidelines and instructions on when and how to use Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs). The motion was seconded by Trustee Kevin Ball. The motion passed.

B. Informational Items

1. NONE

Student Government Association Report – **NONE**

➤ **Audit and Investment**

Chair: Trustee Kevin Ball

Committee Members: Trustee Richard Crunkleton

A. Action Items

1. NONE

B. Informational Items

1. NONE

2. Special Committees

➤ **Buildings and Grounds**

Chair: Trustee John Hackett Jr.

Committee Members: Trustees Ginger Harper and Richard Crunkleton

A. Action Items –

1. **2015-2025 Master Plan Revisions**

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve to allow the University to update and modify the 2015-2025 Master Plan. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. **J. F. Kennedy Property**

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the University to purchase the John F. Kennedy property. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded. The motion passed.

3. **Paint Rock Valley School Acceptance**

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the University to receive the Paint Rock Valley School from the Jackson County Board of Education. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. **Paint Rock Valley School MOU**

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the University to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Jackson County Board of Education and Alabama Cooperative Extension Center regarding the acquisition of the Paint Rock Valley School property and to further implement the terms of the MOU. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. **Council Training Alumni MOU**

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve Alabama A&M University to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council Training School Alumni and work collaboratively with the alumni association on naming rights and to gather artifacts from Council Training. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. **Council Training Facility**

Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve to raze Council Training School Building and that any new structure contain a memorial tribute to Council Training School. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Informational Items

1. None

➤ **Governance Committee**

Chair: Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole

Committee Members: Trustees John Hackett Jr., Richard Crunkleton, Jeanette Jones

A. Action Items

1. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve President Wims training at Leadership Alabama. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve a change to the org chart to realign Institutional Research from Research and Development to Academic Affairs. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded and the motion passed.
3. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to accept the Mission / Vision Statement as written. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Informational Items

1. NONE

COMMUNICATIONS, APPEALS, AND PETITIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Board Training.** Chairman Wayne Watts working with President Wims to determine dates for the Board training to include in the SACSCOC report and new Trustee orientation.
2. **Board Evaluations.** Chairman Watts will take the lead on the Board evaluations for SACSCOC.
3. **Board of Trustees Subcommittee and Formal Meetings for October 2023.** Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to accept the dates for the Subcommittee and Formal Meetings of the Board of Trustees scheduled for October 25, 26, and 27. Trustee Harper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Presidential Evaluation.** Trustee Kevin Ball presented a summary assessment of the Presidential evaluation. The evaluation committee included Trustee Kevin Ball, Trustee Scherrie Pickett, and Trustee Jeanette Jones.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wayne Watts requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee John Hackett seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was received and the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

AAMU Board of Trustees meeting minutes of February 24, 2023 were approved by the Board of Trustees on June 23, 2023.



Presiding officer per Bylaws- Trustee Wayne Watts



Secretary of the Board- Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole

Attachments

1. AAMU BOT Attendance from June 23, 2023
2. AAMU BOT Meeting Agenda for June 23, 2023
3. AAMU BOT Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from February 23-24, 2023
4. AAMU BOT Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2023