

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ALABAMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

A called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Alabama A&M University took place beginning at 12:00 PM, September 9, 2020, pursuant to Notice given in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings law set forth in section 36-25A-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama as modified by the emergency proclamations of the Governor of the State of Alabama. The deliberations which were conducted, and the actions taken, are necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Board of Trustees on behalf of the University as a result of the present, exigent circumstances. The meeting was conducted in a fashion which permitted members of the public to listen to or participate in the meeting. The following members of the Executive Committee were present and participating by zoom conference in which all persons could simultaneously hear and respond, trustees Dr. Jerome Williams, Chris Robinson, John Hackett, Jr. and Kevin Ball. University president Dr. Andrew Hugine and members of his cabinet were also present and participated, including Attorney Angela Debro, Dr. Daniel Wims, Dr. Malinda Swoope, Mr. Clayton Gibson, Dr. Gary Crosby, Dr. Archie Tucker, and others.

A quorum of the Executive Committee was declared present, and the meeting was called to order. An agenda identifying the action items was adopted. A copy of the agenda is attached to this Report as Exhibit 1. Information for action item one pertained to the proposed deferment under the CARES Act, of loans obtained by the University in 2015 through the HBCU Capital Financing Program, and was presented by Mr. Clayton Gibson, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration. As proposed, various principal and interest payments due during the period April to September 2020, would be deferred and become payable by the University over the six month period starting at the maturity of the existing loans. As the payments for the period April to Sept 2020 were already made by the University, the U.S. Department of Education would be refunding those payments.

After presentation of the factors supporting this action, Trustee Robinson moved, seconded by Trustee Ball, that the University take action to approve the resolution to defer payments as permitted, and authorize the execution of any required documentation concerning the Deferment Program. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve this motion.

At the request of President Hugine, Attorney Angela Debro addressed and presented the second proposed action item – that the Board of Trustees adopt and formalize the proposed Free Speech Policy for the University in the form presented consistent with the provisions of Alabama law established in Act 2019-396 (the “Act”) and that the President Pro Tempore, in coordination with the President of University be authorized to create and present all reports specified in and required by the Act. Based upon a motion made to this effect by Trustee Robinson, seconded by Trustee Ball, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposed Free Speech Policy.

Based upon a motion made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Hackett, the Executive Committee also set the October meeting of the Board of Trustees to occur on October 23, 2020, and the Board Subcommittee meetings to occur on October 22, 2020. Whether the meetings will occur physically on campus or virtually will be announced at an appropriate time in the future

based upon health updates and Proclamations of the Governor concerning the form in which such meetings may occur.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was properly adjourned.

EXHIBIT 1

ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
(www.aamu.edu-BOT)
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Roll Call of Members
 - 1. Trustee Jerome Williams
 - 2. Trustee Chris Robinson
 - 3. Trustee Kevin Ball
 - 4. Trustee Ginger Harper
 - 5. Trustee John Hackett, Jr.

- B. Adoption of Agenda

- C. Reports and Committees
 - 1. Permanent Committees
 - **Business and Finance**
 - A. Action Item
 - 1. 2020 HBCU Deferment Program

 - 2. Special Committees
 - **Governance Committee**
 - A. Action Items
 - 1. Free Speech Policy

- D. Board of Trustees October Meeting

- E. Adjournment