A properly called and noticed meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Alabama A&M University took place beginning at 12:00 PM, April 9, 2021, 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, Wayne Watts, and Kevin Ball. Other trustees were present for observational purposes only but did not participate in the meeting itself. Members of the President’s cabinet were also present, including Attorney Angela Debro, Dr. Malinda Swoope, Dr. Daniel Wims, Dr. Gary Crosby and others. Board counsel Rod Steakley was also present.

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 selection of a consultant firm to assist in performing a presidential search and was presented by Trustee Jerome Williams.

After presentation of the factors supporting this action, Trustee Ball moved, seconded by Trustee Watts, (1) to approve the retention of Academic Search, Inc. to provide executive search services for Alabama A&M University for the recruitment and selection of a new president for the University in a not to exceed ceiling amount of $80,000 plus agreed upon expenses upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon following review and advice of University and Board counsel; (2) to authorize the President Pro Tempore to execute an agreement for consulting services with Academic Services, Inc. upon such terms as are consistent with legal counsel’s review; and (3) to authorize the Executive Committee to engage as may be necessary to facilitate related Presidential Search activities. The members of the Executive Committee who were present voted unanimously to approve this motion.

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

A. Roll Call of Members
   1. Trustee Jerome Williams
   2. Trustee Wayne Watts
   3. Trustee Chris Robinson
   4. Trustee Ginger Harper
   5. Trustee Kevin Ball

B. Adoption of the Agenda

C. Presidential Search Committee
   1. Selection of a Consultant Firm

D. Adjournment