

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON JUNE 26, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alabama A&M University took place beginning at 10:00 A.M., June 26, 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, expressly relate to matters which are necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the Board of Trustees on behalf of the University using communication equipment which allowed all persons participating in the meeting to hear one another at the same time, and which allowed the members of the public to listen to and observe the meeting contemporaneously with the conduct of the meeting.

The meeting proceeded as set forth on the agenda published in advance of the meeting in accordance with applicable legal requirements. This agenda was adopted and followed by the Board. Board members in attendance included: Dr. Jerome B. Williams (President Pro Tempore), Mr. Kevin Ball, Dr. Scherrie Banks Pickett, Mr. Richard Crunkleton, Ms. Tiffany Johnson-Cole, Ms. Nichelle Gainey, Mr. John Hackett, Jr. Ms. Ginger Harper, Dr. Roderick (Wayne) Watts, Mr. Frank Williams and Ex-Officio Member, Dr. Jeanette Jones. University President Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. and members of his cabinet were also present and participated, including, Dr. Daniel Wims, Dr. Gary Crosby, Dr. Malinda Swoope, Mr. Clayton Gibson, Dr. Archie Tucker, Attorney Angela Debro, Dr. Damian Clark, Bryan Hicks, Attorney Rod Steakley and others. A quorum of the Board was declared present and the Board proceeded with its meeting.

Upon motions properly made and seconded, the Board approved Minutes and Recommendations of the Sub-Committee Meetings of February 20, 2020, and the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 21, 2020. The Board took the following actions

relating to the University based upon the review and recommendation of permanent and standing committees of the Board of Trustees (Business and Finance, Academic Affairs and Research, Development and Technology and Governance Committee, each of which met on June 25, 2020, and recommended the actions reported below), and, upon further motion properly made and seconded by Members of the Board at the meeting itself:

- A. Business and Finance. The Board unanimously: (1) approved the proposed fee schedule for the Bulldog Life Program; (2) approved the tuition, fees and board for academic year 2021 as proposed by the Administration without increase from the prior Academic year; (3) approved the proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget in the amount of \$192,040,000; (4) approved the removal of the Old Shop Building as identified in the proposal; (5) approved the funding of specified Capital Projects pursuant to the terms of the State Bond and State Advancement and Technology Funds; and, (6) approved the proposed easement located at North Memorial Parkway and Stallworth Drive, between the University and the City of Huntsville.

- B. Academic Affairs and Research. The Board unanimously approved the deletion of the following “tracks” from the Forestry Program of the University: (1) Wildlife Track; (2) Ecology Track; (3) GIS/Remote Sensing Track; (4) Forestry Business Track; and, (5) the Tailor-Your-Own-Track.

- C. Development and Technology. The Board approved the following Building Naming Recommendations: (1) Henry and Nell Lane Bradford Auditorium; (2) the George O. McCalep McIntosh, Sr. Hall (renaming McCalep Hall); (3) naming the dining hall in the Knight Center the Felicia Wilson Dining Hall; and (4) renaming Bibb Graves Hall to the Walter S. Buchannan Hall.

- D. Governance. After publication and consideration of proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees and the conduct of Self-Evaluation by the Board of Trustees, the Board:
 - (1) approved the proposed amendments to its Bylaws establishing a new position of Vice-President Pro Tempore and making the

proposed changes throughout the Bylaws attendant thereto; and,

- (2) approved the retention of a consultant to assist and help direct the Board in the conduct of its Self-Evaluation in conformance with SACSCOC requirements.

In addition to taking the foregoing actions, the Board received informational reports from the President Pro Tempore of the Board (Dr. Jerome B. Williams), the President of the University (Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.), the Faculty Senate President (Dr. Jeanette Jones), and the Vice President of Student Affairs (Dr. Gary Cosby) speaking on behalf of AAMU'S Fall 2020 Reopening Task Force. Various members of the Board complimented the President and the Administration for the manner in which the difficult problems created by extra-ordinary current affairs are being addressed, and for the planning and foresight embodied in the University's reopening plan. All committed to working together to achieve the best results under difficult circumstances for our students, faculty and staff as well as all related constituencies of the University.

The Board approved and set the dates for its next meetings, establishing October 28 and 29, 2020, for the Board Committee meetings and October 30, 2020, for the annual meeting of the Board. As has been the past practice of the Board, these meetings are targeted to be in Birmingham, but final decisions will be dependent upon circumstances at that time. Notice of these meetings will be published as required.