

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON MARCH 26, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alabama A&M University took place beginning at 10:00 A.M., March 26, 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, 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), Dr. R. Wayne Watts (Vice President Pro Tempore), Mr. Chris Robinson (Secretary), Mr. Kevin Ball, Dr. Scherrie Banks Pickett, Mr. Richard Crunkleton, Attorney Tiffany Johnson-Cole, Ms. Nichelle Gainey, Mr. John Hackett, Jr., Ms. Ginger Harper, Mr. Frank Williams and Ex-Officio Members, Dr. Jeanette Jones, and Mr. Japhe Jelks. 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 Roslyn Crews, Dr. Damian Clark, Mr. Bryan Hicks, and others. Board Counsel Rod Steakley was also present. A quorum of the Board was declared present and the Board proceeded with its meeting.

Upon motions by Trustee Robinson properly made and seconded by Trustee Frank Williams, the Board approved Minutes and Recommendations of the Sub-Committee Meetings of

October 22, 2020, and the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 23, 2020. The Board received the Report of the Executive Committee Meeting held on February 26, 2021, which had previously been published in compliance with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and approved the action taken.

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 (Audit and Investment, and Academic Affairs and Research, each of which met on March 25, 2021, and recommended the actions reported below), and, upon further motion properly made and seconded by Members of the Board at the meeting itself:

A. Audit and Investment: The Board upon motions by Trustee Harper and seconded by Trustee Hackett, unanimously received and accepted the University FY20 Audit Report.

B. Academic Affairs and Research: Upon motions made and seconded and upon unanimous consent, the Board unanimously:

- (1) approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of South Alabama;
- (2) approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of North Alabama;
- (3) approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Telecommunication Information Agency;
- (4) approved the Extension and Revision of Memorandum of Understanding with J.F. Drake State Technical and Community College;
- (5) approved the request to review the Distance Education Policies and Procedures Statement;
- (6) approved adding a New Literature and Writing Track to the Bachelor of Arts in English Program;
- (7) approved adding a New Literacy and Cultural Studies Track to the Bachelor of Arts in English Program; and,

- (8) approved adding a New Professional/Creative Writing Track to the Bachelor of Arts in English Program

The following Board of Trustees Committees did not have action items nor did they provide informational reports or updates: Business and Finance; Marketing, Communications, and Advancement; Information Technology Services; Athletics; and Student Affairs.

In addition to receiving the foregoing reports and taking the reported actions, the Board received informational reports from the President Pro Tempore of the Board (Dr. Jerome Williams), the President of the University (Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.), the Faculty Senate President (Dr. Jeanette Jones), Dr. Gary Crosby, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Student Government Association President (Mr. Japhe Jelks), and informational reports from the Governance Committee concerning Board evaluations, Board training and the Presidential Search Committee. The Board recognized and commended Dr. Gary Crosby for his work and achievements on behalf of the University and expressed best wishes as he assumes the Presidency of St. Elizabeth University. All committed to continuing to work together to achieve the best results under challenging 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 June 17, 2021, for the Board Sub-Committee meetings and June 18, 2021, for the June meeting of the Board subject to any executive orders issued by Governor Ivey, or different date, time and location deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee in the event of COVID-19 related or other extenuating circumstances. Notice of these meetings will be published as required.