

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(via Telephone Conference Call)

JULY 8, 2019

AGENDA

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Telephone Conference Call Instructions

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1. Roll Call
2. Action Items and Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 1. Approval of Recommendations Regarding Presidential Transition
3. Recess Meeting

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.

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The Auburn University Board of Trustees met via telephone conference call on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. President Pro Tempore Smith began by welcoming members of the public and the news media joining in on the call. He then reminded everyone that the dial-in number provided is listen-only so that the members of the Board could both hear and be heard for discussion and a subsequent vote. He also reminded everyone that the materials for this meeting were available online in the Board of Trustees' section of the Auburn website.

He then called upon Secretary Waggoner to call the roll. Board Members present on the meeting telephone conference call included: Governor Kay Ivey, President Pro Tempore Wayne Smith, Trustee Mike DeMaioribus, Trustee Bob Dumas, Trustee Raymond Harbert, Trustee Elizabeth Huntley, Trustee Gaines Lanier, Trustee Charles McCrary, Trustee Sarah Newton, Trustee James Pratt, Trustee Jimmy Rane, Trustee Quentin Riggins, Trustee B.T. Roberts, Trustee Clark Sahlie, and Trustee Jimmy Sanford. Others joining in the meeting via telephone conference call were Dr. Aaron Cobb, AUM Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees (ex-officio, non-voting), and Ms. Mary-Margaret Turton, Auburn SGA President (ex-officio, non-voting).

Secretary Waggoner indicated that a quorum was present. President Pro Tempore Smith called on Chairperson McCrary, Chairman of the Executive Committee who discussed the following:

1. Approval of Recommendations Regarding Presidential Transition

Chairperson McCrary indicated that there was one item for consideration, approval of the recommendation from the Executive Committee accepting the resignation of Dr. Steven Leath, effective July 21 and naming Dr. G. Jay Gogue as Interim President of Auburn University, effective immediately. He then indicated that everyone had previously reviewed the motion and second to report this item favorably from the Executive Committee to the Board which would adopt the recommendations of the Executive Committee. He then asked if there were any other individuals the Board would like to consider as Interim President and there being none, Chairperson McCrary moved for approval of the resolution. A second was received from Trustee B.T. Roberts and the Board unanimously approved the resolution below naming Dr. Gogue as Interim President, effective immediately.

RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

WHEREAS, the Auburn University Board of Trustees is charged pursuant to law, policy, and other guidelines and regulations with the appointment and supervision of the President of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Leath resigned his office as President of Auburn University, by correspondence to *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith delivered on June 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee met via telephone conference call on June 23, 2019, to consider recommendations regarding the presidential transition in leadership necessitated by Dr. Leath's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation from the Executive Committee by resolution of June 23, 2019, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the resignation of Steven Leath, effective as of June 21, 2019, and that Dr. Leath is thanked for his service to Auburn University and its students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, also upon recommendation from the Executive Committee by resolution of June 23, 2019, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dr. G. Jay Gogue as Interim President of Auburn University with all rights, authority and duties prescribed by the Code and Constitution of the State of Alabama, as well as Auburn University Policy and Board Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and affirms that *President Pro Tempore* Wayne Smith, be and is hereby empowered to prepare and execute any and all notices and documentation required to effectuate the actions contemplated by this resolution, each and as reviewed by General Counsel for Auburn University, and to take any and all other actions necessary to create a smooth transition for the Office of the President from Dr. Leath to Dr. Gogue.

Chairperson McCrary then indicated to President Pro Tempore Smith that this concluded the Executive Committee meeting items for reporting. With there being no further action items, President Pro Tempore Smith recessed the committee meeting at 9:03 a.m.



Jon G. Waggoner
Secretary to the Board of Trustees