

MINUTES OF SPECIALLY CALLED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

MARCH 20, 2017

**AGENDA**  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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BALLROOM OF THE STUDENT CENTER  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

1. Roll Call
  
2. Action Items and Committee Reports  
    Potential Appointment of Nineteenth President
  
3. Recess Meeting

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The Board of Trustees of Auburn University convened for a meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 in the Ballroom of the Student Center, Auburn University. President Pro Tempore Charles McCrary convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Upon roll call by Board Secretary Grant Davis, the following named members of the Board of Trustees were deemed to be in attendance:

Lloyd Austin (via telephone), Mike DeMaiores, Bob Dumas, Elizabeth Huntley, Raymond Harbert, Charles McCrary, Gaines Lanier, Sarah B. Newton, Jim Pratt, Jimmy Rane, Quentin Riggins, B.T. Roberts (via telephone), Clark Sahlie, Jimmy Sanford, and Wayne Smith.

Trustee Not in Attendance: Robert Bentley.

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as members of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University at the time of the meeting. Also sitting with the Board were Larry Teeter, Faculty Advisor (AU); AUM SGA President, Ethan Gregory and AU SGA President Jacqueline Keck. Other persons in attendance at the meeting included the following:

Jay Gogue, President; Don Large, Executive Vice President; Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Lee Armstrong, General Counsel; Bobby Woodard, Vice President and Associate Provost for Student Affairs; Jane Parker, Vice President for Development; Gretchen VanValkenburg, Vice President for Alumni Affairs; Kelli Shomaker, Vice President for Business and Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Brian Keeter, Director of Public Affairs; Sherri Fulford, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Dan King, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Royrickers Cook, Vice President and Associate Provost for Outreach; Larry Fillmer, Executive Director of External Engagement and Support; Mike Clardy, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing; Jim O'Conner, Chief Information Officer; Beau Byrd, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; James Goldstien, Chair, Auburn University Senate, and AU Faculty Representative, Academic Affairs Committee; Pia Knigge, President, AUM Faculty Senate; Dennis Devries, AU Faculty Representative, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Elizabeth Woodworth, AUM Faculty Representative, AUM Committee; Beverly Marshall, AU Faculty Representative, and Richard Turpen, AUM Faculty Representative, Finance Committee; Rebecca O'Neal Dagg, AU Faculty Representative, Property and Facilities Committee; and James Witte, AU Faculty Representative, Student Affairs Committee.

Mr. McCrary called upon Mr. Harbert, Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for comments on the first item, appointment of Dr. Steven Leath as Auburn University's Nineteenth President.

Mr. Harbert thanked Trustee McCrary and then recognized the invaluable work of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. He informed everyone that these individuals are dedicated men and women who volunteered countless hours of their time to help the Auburn University Board ensure that Auburn identified and recruited the right person to serve as

Auburn's 19th president. He then introduced each member of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and asked them to stand as follows:

- Beau Byrd, President of the Auburn Alumni Association
- Mike DeMaioribus, member of the Auburn Board of Trustees
- Deacue Fields, chair and professor of the Department of Agricultural Economics
- Thom Gossom, former chair of the Auburn University Foundation
- Sharon Haynes, county coordinator with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System
- Rhea Ingram, Dean of the College of Business at Auburn University at Montgomery
- Timothy Jones, Chair of the Auburn Administrative & Professional Assembly
- Sarah Newton, member of the Auburn Board of Trustees
- Laura Plexico, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders
- Chris Roberts, Dean of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering
- Althea Tate, Chair of the Auburn Staff Council
- Larry Teeter, Professor in the School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences
- Jesse Westerhouse, former president of the Auburn Student Government Association

He then informed everyone that the Committee represents a broad section of the Auburn family, and, in fact, every campus constituency group was represented. With executive searches such as the one just conducted, complete confidentiality is necessary for top-tier candidates. He explained that while the Search Advisory Committee would have preferred for the campus and local communities to have had the opportunity to meet the candidate prior to the Board's vote, it simply wasn't possible in order to move forward with the selected top candidate. The Search Advisory Committee relied on the student, faculty, staff, and alumni representatives on the committee to act in the best interests of those they represent. In this case, they certainly did so.

Mr. McCrary thanked Trustee Harbert for his service as Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and asked for a motion to approve the resolution naming Steven Leath as the nineteenth President of Auburn University. A motion was received from Trustee Newton, seconded by Trustee Pratt, and the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

#### APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Steven Leath be appointed as the nineteenth President of Auburn University effective no later than July 16, 2017.

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Mr. McCrary then asked Dr. Leath to come forward for comments. Dr. Leath began with a "War Eagle," and informed everyone that he looked forward to working with them and hopes to leave Auburn in an even better position than he will receive it from Dr. Gogue. He then thanked both Dr. and Mrs. Gogue for an outstanding job of serving Auburn University in such a great manner.

There being no further items for review, Mr. McCrary recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grant Davis". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Grant Davis  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees