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**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
*of*  
**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
*of*  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

*November 21, 2025*

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**SCHEDULE AND AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 21, 2025 BOARD MEETING  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks
- II. Committee Meetings
  - A. Property and Facilities Committee | Chairperson Zeke Smith

Project Approvals:

- 1. East Thach Residence Hall, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
- 2. Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
- 3. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Bobby Woodard)
- 4. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/Janaki Alavatapati)
- 5. Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval (Jim Carroll/John Cohen)
- 6. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Architect Selection (Jim Carroll/Carl Stockton)
- 7. Bee Lab – New Building, Project Initiation and Architect Selection (Jim Carroll/Art Appel)
- 8. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Project Initiation (Jim Carroll/Vini Nathan)
- 9. Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement, Authority to Execute (Jim Carroll/Art Appel)

Real Estate Approvals:

- 10. Authority to Execute Lease: Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, Montgomery, Alabama (Jim Carroll/Mark Stirling)

Informational Reports:

- 11. Status Updates – *For Information Only* (Jim Carroll)
  - a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater

- b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025
    - c. Project Status Report
  - B. Academic Affairs Committee | Chairperson B.T. Roberts
    - 1. Proposed Restructuring and Renaming of Agriscience Education Courses in the College of Education (Vini Nathan)
    - 2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only* (Vini Nathan)
  - C. Audit & Compliance Committee | Chairperson Billy Ainsworth
    - 1. Revisions to Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy Departmental Charter (Kevin Robinson)
  - D. Executive Committee | Chairperson Quentin Riggins
    - 1. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy (Jim Carroll)
    - 2. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct (Steve Taylor)
    - 3. Proposed Awards and Namings (Quentin Riggins)
  - E. Trustee Reports
- III. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- IV. Proposed Executive Session
- V. Reconvened Meeting of the Board of Trustees
  - 1. Approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2025 Board Meeting
  - 2. Awarding of Degrees for Fall 2025
  - 3. AUM Chancellor’s Report
  - 4. President’s Report
  - 5. Action Items and Committee Meeting Reports

A. Property and Facilities Committee

1. East Thach Residence Hall, Final Approval
2. Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue, Final Approval
3. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls, Final Approval
4. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Final Approval
5. Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval
6. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Architect Selection
7. Bee Lab – New Building, Project Initiation and Architect Selection
8. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Project Initiation
9. Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement, Authority to Execute
10. Authority to Execute Lease: Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, Montgomery, Alabama

B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Proposed Restructuring and Renaming of Agriscience Education Courses in the College of Education

C. Audit & Compliance Committee

1. Revisions to Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy Departmental Charter

D. Executive Committee

1. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy
2. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct
3. Proposed Awards and Namings

VI. Recess Meeting

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford convened a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Auburn University on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then called upon Board Secretary Waggoner to call the roll. The following voting board members were deemed to be in attendance:

Ms. Caroline M. Aderholt; Mr. William P. Ainsworth; Mr. Michael A. DeMaiores; Mr. Robert W. Dumas; Ms. Elizabeth H. Huntley; Mr. James R. Pratt, III; Mr. James W. Rane; Mr. Quentin P. Riggins; Mr. B.T. Roberts; Mr. M. Clark Sahlie; Mr. James H. Sanford; Mr. Wayne T. Smith; Mr. Zeke W. Smith; Mr. Timothy Vines; and Mr. Walter S. Woltosz.

Governor Kay Ivey, President of the Board, was absent from the meeting.

The individuals listed above represent all persons recognized as voting board members at the time of the meeting.

Also sitting with the Board were the following persons: Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, Auburn University President; and Mr. Jon G. Waggoner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Board Secretary Waggoner welcomed those serving on the Board *ex officio* as follows: Dr. Lori Eckhardt, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University campus; Dr. Gil Duenas, Faculty Advisor to the Board of Trustees from the Auburn University at Montgomery campus; Mr. Owen Beaverstock, President of the Auburn University Student Government Association; and Mr. Samuel Alford, the President of the Auburn University at Montgomery Student Government Association.

Board Secretary Waggoner also welcomed the following persons that serve Auburn University and AUM in various capacities: Dr. Virginia Davis, Academic Affairs Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kira Bowen, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kimberly Pyszka, AUM Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Kerry Inger, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. William Lyle, Finance Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Jason Bryant, Institutional Advancement Committee Faculty Representative; Professor Lauren Redden, Property and Facilities Committee Faculty Representative; Dr. Karen Hopkins, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Dr. Paul Fox, Student Affairs Faculty Representative; Mr. Thomas Sawyer, Chair of the Auburn University Administrative & Professional Assembly; Ms. Kimberly McCadden, Chair of the Auburn University Staff Council; Ms. Susan Cashwell, President of the AUM Faculty Senate; Ms. Amy Ingram, President of the AUM Staff Council; Ms. Beth Stukes, Chair of the Auburn University Foundation Board of Directors; Mr. Jeffery Moore, President of the Auburn Alumni Association; and Ms. Ester Akinrinde, President of the Graduate Student Council.

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Vini Nathan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Kelli Shomaker, Senior Vice President for Business & Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Bobby Woodard, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs; Ms. Jaime Hammer, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs and

General Counsel; Mr. Jim Carroll, Vice President for Facilities Management; Dr. Carl Stockton, Chancellor of AUM; Mr. Mark Stirling, Director of Auburn University Real Estate; Dr. Joffrey Gaymon, Vice President for Enrollment; Mr. Kevin Robinson, Vice President for Audit, Compliance & Privacy; Dr. Jared White, Vice President for Governmental Affairs; Mr. Jim O'Connor, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Jennifer Adams, Executive Director of Public Relations.

The Board then met in various committees, each discussing the items which would later appear on the Reconvened Board Meeting Agenda, as follows:

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 8:50 A.M.**

Chairperson Z. Smith convened a meeting of the Property and Facilities Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 8:50 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Z. Smith called upon Mr. Carroll for discussion of the following Property and Facilities Committee agenda items:

**1. East Thach Residence Hall, Final Approval**

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs proposed the renovation of Cambridge Residence Hall. He reminded everyone that on April 3, 2025, the Board adopted a resolution that approved the project initiation and the selection of Williams Blackstock Architects of Birmingham, Alabama as the project architect. He shared that upon analysis and review of short- and long-term student housing opportunities associated with Cambridge Residence Hall, in conjunction with potential revenue associated with total replacement, it is recommended that Cambridge Residence Hall be replaced with a new building. He added that the project will demolish the existing building and construct a new six-story, 170,000-square-foot building that will provide 680 new beds for on-campus living. He noted that the new building will be referred to as East Thach Residence Hall.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$100 million, to be financed by bond funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the East Thach Residence Hall project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

**2. Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out of New Dining Venue, Final Approval**

Mr. Carroll reported that Student Affairs proposed the renovation of the Central Dining Commons (The Edge) to fit out a new dining venue on the ground floor of the facility to enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body. He explained that the project will build out the existing one-story, 2,400-square-foot shell space to provide a mini-food hall dining experience, providing three new health dining options for students and staff as well as creating an engaging atmosphere that activates the Academic Classroom and Laboratory Complex and Legacy Plaza Courtyard.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus dining funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. DeMaioribus and seconded by Mr. Pratt. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

### **3. Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls, Final Approval**

Mr. Carroll reported that the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs proposed a project to renovate the Quad Residence Halls. He explained that the proposed project would renovate the halls in five phases, each consisting of two buildings, until all ten residence halls are updated. He indicated that the University is proposing to start the next project in the plan, Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls. He remarked that Phase III will renovate approximately 47,000 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Keller and Owen Halls. He stated that the project will begin in May 2026, and completion is planned prior to the 2027 fall semester.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$28.5 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus housing funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. Riggins. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

### **4. Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement, Final Approval**

Mr. Carroll reported that the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment proposes the construction of new housing at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center located near Andalusia, Alabama, to replace two existing facilities containing 57 beds originally constructed in 1979. He shared that the project will construct an approximately 12,000-square-foot, two-story, 64-bed residential facility providing suites with two double-occupancy rooms connected by a shared bathroom.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$5.7 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds and College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Sahlie and seconded by Mr. Woltosz. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

#### **5. Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval**

Mr. Carroll reported that the Athletics Department proposed the renovation of the Woltosz Football Performance Center multipurpose room fit out for a new kitchen to support the Athletics Department. He added that the project will renovate and fit out approximately 5,500 square feet to provide a support kitchen, training table, nutrition, and beverage stations.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.5 million, to be financed by gift funds.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution providing final approval of the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Riggins and seconded by Mr. Sahlie. The committee approved the motion by voice vote. Mr. Rane abstained from the vote.

#### **6. Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room, Architect Selection**

Mr. Carroll reported that Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) has proposed the construction of a new, single-story, 14,000 gross square foot Locker Room facility to provide satellite locker rooms, administrative space, laundry facilities, and a multi-purpose for multiple athletics teams including women's and men's soccer, women's softball, and others.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees is to adopt a resolution approving the selection of Caldwell Architects of Pensacola, Florida as architect for the project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. Riggins. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

#### **7. Bee Lab – New Building, Project Initiation and Architect Selection**

Mr. Carroll reported that the College of Agriculture proposes the construction of a new support building for the Bee Center. He noted that the project will improve the overall

operations of the Center by providing a new lab and shop building to expand the operations that are currently held in the 2,7000-square-foot building off Lem Morrison Drive.

Mr. Carroll added that, in an effort to facilitate a more timely and efficient design process, the University Architect recommends the previous approval of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama as the architect for the project.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the project is expected to be financed by the College of Agriculture.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the Bee Lab – New Building project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Ainsworth and seconded by Mr. Woltosz. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

#### **8. Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation, Project Initiation**

Mr. Carroll reported that the Office of the Provost has proposed a comprehensive evaluation of the Haley Center to address whether the facility will undergo a comprehensive renovation, or will be razed, allowing for the construction of a new building on all or a portion of the existing site.

Mr. Carroll noted that the existing Haley Center requires all major building systems to be replaced, all instructional academic areas to be aligned with other major Auburn University academic buildings including classroom size and technology, as well as collaboration areas to be significantly expanded in support of the student experience. He explained that the project will evaluate and propose an appropriate design and construction path forward to both resolve the long-term maintenance issues in the existing facility and develop a new or renovated building as the best-in-class of Auburn University's academic facilities.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution approving the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project and authorizing the commencement of the architect selection process.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Riggins and seconded by Mr. Woltosz. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

#### **9. Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement, Authority to Execute**

Mr. Carroll reported that the College of Agriculture proposes to replace the existing Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn with a new 12,800-square-foot structure. He noted that the scope of work includes demolition of the existing open-air, wooden structure with a new metal building. He stated that the barn will include a new pen and feed system to support

the ongoing beef cattle research, teaching, extension programs, and continued operations of the Department of Animal Sciences.

Mr. Carroll indicated that the estimated total project cost is \$1.5 million, to be financed by the College of Agriculture.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement project.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Aderholt and seconded by Mr. Sahlie. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

#### **10. Authority to Execute Lease: Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, Montgomery, Alabama**

Mr. Carroll indicated that in 1935, the State Department of Toxicology was formed in the state of Alabama and located on the Auburn University campus, where it still exists today. He added that the Department is now recognized as one of the nation's premier forensic sciences service providers and one of the United States' oldest crime laboratory systems. He explained that in 1987, Auburn University approved the lease of property on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery to the State Department of Toxicology (which was renamed the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in 1980), to build and house a new state-of-the-art laboratory facility, requiring an expansion of the lease and an extension of the term. He shared that the new facility is expected to be completed before the end of 2027.

Mr. Carroll stated that the request before the Board of Trustees was to adopt a resolution to take such action as is necessary to execute a lease of approximately 6.38 acres at 1860 Auburn University at Montgomery Drive, Montgomery, Alabama to the Department of Forensic Sciences for nominal rent not to exceed forty years. He remarked that all documents consummating the lease of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

#### **11. Status Updates – *For Information Only***

Mr. Carroll presented the following items to the Board:

- a. Current Status of New Construction/Renovation/Infrastructure Projects with Budgets of \$1,000,000 and Greater**

**b. Quarterly Report for Projects Costing More than \$500,000 but Less than \$1,000,000 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025**

**c. Project Status Report**

Mr. Carroll shared that this item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Z. Smith thanked Mr. Carroll for his reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:20 A.M.**

Chairperson Roberts convened a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:20 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Roberts called upon Dr. Nathan for discussion of the following Academic Affairs Committee agenda items:

**1. Proposed Restructuring and Renaming of Agriscience Education Courses in the College of Education**

Dr. Nathan stated that it is proposed that the Board approve the restructuring of current agriscience education courses in the College of Education and approval of a new program, the Agriscience Education, Leadership and Communications (CIP 01.0801), offering both undergraduate and graduate degree options.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. Z. Smith. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

**2. Agenda Item for the Board of Trustees – *For Information Only***

Dr. Nathan reported that the following academic items have been approved for implementation by the Provost's Office:

New Formal Options (2):

- *Parks and Recreation Management – Leadership and Planning Option*; College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment
- *Pre-Health and Nutrition Science Option*, College of Human Sciences

New Certificates (3):

- *Emergency Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate*, College of Nursing
- *Graduate Certificate in Environmental Law*, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment
- *Undergraduate Certificate in Hospitality Service*, College of Human Sciences

Dr. Nathan indicated that the item is included for information only and does not require a vote.

Chairperson Roberts thanked Dr. Nathan for her reports, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:25 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:25 A.M.**

Chairperson Ainsworth convened a meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:25 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Ainsworth called upon Mr. Robinson for discussion of the following Audit and Compliance Committee agenda item:

**1. Revisions to Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy Departmental Charter**

Mr. Robinson reported that it is proposed that the Board approve an updated departmental charter for the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy. He stated that the proposed revisions reflect required changes mandated by the Global Internal Audit Standards, which became effective January 9, 2025.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The committee approved the motion by voice vote.

Chairperson Ainsworth thanked Mr. Robinson for his report, and with there being no further items, recessed the committee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.**

Chairperson Riggins convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Auburn University Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

After calling the committee meeting to order, Chairperson Riggins called upon Mr. Carroll for discussion of the first Executive Committee agenda item.

**1. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy**

Mr. Carroll reported that the administration recommends revising the current Board Policy D-3: Capital Projects Policy in order to adjust the cost threshold for requiring Board approval of projects (from \$1 million to \$5 million). He stated that the request before the Board is to approve the revisions to the policy, as shown in Exhibit A.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Rane. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Riggins thanked Mr. Carroll for his report and then called upon Dr. Taylor for discussion of the second agenda item.

**2. Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct**

Dr. Taylor reported that the administration seeks Board approval to update Board Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct to ensure full compliance with recent federal regulations (42 CFR Part 93) and guidance from the U.S. Public Health Service, Office of Research Integrity. He noted that the revisions would align Auburn's policy with current federal and agency requirements and must be implemented by January 1, 2026 to maintain eligibility for federal research funding.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Ms. Huntley. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeMaioribus, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

Chairperson Riggins thanked Dr. Taylor for his report and then discussed the third and final agenda item.

**3. Proposed Awards and Namings**

Chairperson Riggins asked for a motion to move consideration of the item, a list of proposed awards and namings, to the reconvened meeting.

A motion to report the item favorably to the full Board during the reconvened meeting was received from Mr. Dumas. The motion was seconded by Ms. Huntley, and the committee approved the motion by a voice vote.

With there being no further items, Chairperson Riggins recessed the committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then called upon Chairperson Rane for a report from the Governmental Affairs Committee.

### **Governmental Affairs Committee**

Chairperson Rane began his report by sharing that the Alabama Legislature will convene for its final session of the quadrennium on January 13, 2026 in Montgomery. He added with an early start, the Governmental Affairs team anticipates a quick session centered on the passing of budgets before the legislature adjourns.

Chairperson Rane then reported that the federal government reopened after a 43-day shutdown, the longest government showdown in U.S. history. He remarked that the legislation that ended the shutdown included temporary funding for most federal agencies through January 30, and it provided full-year funding for the Department of Agriculture and Veterans Affairs. He concluded by noting that the agriculture funding bill rejected proposed cuts to academic research and the formula funding that Auburn and other land-grant universities receive, and the bill included \$6 million for other Auburn-specific research priorities.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford thanked Chairperson Rane for his report and indicated that the committee meetings and trustee reports were complete.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 9:40 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford convened a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 9:40 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford asked General Counsel Hammer if there was any pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session. General Counsel Hammer indicated that there was pending litigation that needed to be discussed in an executive session.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then asked for a motion for the Board to enter an executive session. A motion was received from Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Dumas. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:45 a.m.

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE  
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 AT 11:10 A.M.**

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 11:10 a.m. in the Legacy Ballroom of The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting. A motion was received from Ms. Huntley and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees have been distributed to all members of this Board for review; and

WHEREAS, the members have reviewed the minutes and determined that they constitute a true and correct recitation of the business of the respective meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees are hereby approved as distributed.

Following the approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2025 Board Meeting, President *Pro Tempore* Sanford asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the awarding of degrees for the Fall 2025 semester. A motion was received from Mr. W. Smith and seconded by Mr. Sahlie. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

## RESOLUTION

### AWARDING OF DEGREES

WHEREAS, Auburn University confers appropriate degrees upon those individuals who have completed requirements previously approved by this Board of Trustees and stated in University Catalogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That all degrees to be awarded by the faculty of Auburn University and Auburn University at Montgomery at the end of the Fall 2025 semester, complying with the requirements heretofore established by the Board of Trustees, be and the same are hereby approved.
2. That a list of the degrees awarded be filed and maintained in the records of the University and hereby made an official part of this resolution and of these minutes.

**PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Chairperson Z. Smith indicated that the Property and Facilities Committee met earlier and discussed 10 action items and one item of information. Chairperson Z. Smith moved for approval of a consent agenda for the Property and Facilities Committee's 10 action items. A motion to approve a consent agenda for the committee's 10 action items was received from Chairperson Roberts and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote. Mr. Rane abstained from Item #5: Woltoz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation, Final Approval.

The following resolutions were approved in the consent agenda:

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

EAST THACH RESIDENCE HALL

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposed the renovation of Cambridge Residence Hall; and

WHEREAS, upon analysis and review in conjunction with potential revenue associated with total replacement, it is recommended that Cambridge Residence Hall be replaced with a new building; and

WHEREAS, the new building will be referred to as East Thach Residence Hall, until a permanent name has been determined; and

WHEREAS, the project will demolish Cambridge Residence Hall and construct the new East Thach Residence Hall that will maximize the opportunity for student housing in this prime location; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 12, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Cambridge Residence Hall Replacement project and approved the recommendation of Williams Blackstock Architects of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the East Thach Residence Hall project is \$100,000,000 to be financed by bond funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the East Thach Residence Hall project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the East Thach Residence Hall project in the amount of \$100,000,000 to be financed by bond funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

CENTRAL DINING (THE EDGE) BUILD-OUT FOR NEW DINING VENUE

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Student Affairs proposed the renovation of the Central Dining Commons (The Edge) to fit out a new dining venue on the ground floor of the facility to enable Campus Dining to better serve campus and the student body; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on April 3, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project, and at its meeting on June 6, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture of Atlanta, Georgia, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the project will build out an existing one-story, 2,400-square-foot shell space providing a mini-food hall dining experience with multiple concepts for students, faculty and guests; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project is \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus dining funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Central Dining (The Edge) Build-Out for New Dining Venue project in the amount of \$3.0 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus dining funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

QUAD RESIDENCE HALLS RENOVATION  
PHASE III: KELLER AND OWEN HALLS

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the University is undertaking a project to renovate and update the Quad Residence Hall complex; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project is being executed in five phases, each consisting of two buildings, until all ten residence halls are renovated; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on July 9, 2020, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation project, and at its meeting on September 4, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved Davis of Birmingham, Alabama, as the architect selection for the five-phase renovation program.

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 11, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution providing final approval of the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase I: Harper and Broun Halls project, and this project was completed in August 2022, and at its previous meeting on August 25, 2023, the Board adopted a resolution for final approval of Phase II: Teague and Little Halls; and

WHEREAS, the University is proposing to commence the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls (‘Phase III’) project, which will renovate approximately 47,000 square feet of existing interior and exterior space located in Keller and Owen Halls; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost for Phase III renovation is \$28.5 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus housing funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Quad Residence Halls Renovation-Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls project is approved, and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Quad Residence Halls Renovation – Phase III: Keller and Owen Halls renovation project in the amount of \$28.5 million, to be financed by Student Affairs campus housing funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the project budget approved above.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

SOLON DIXON DORM REPLACEMENT

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment proposed the construction of a new dormitory at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center located near Andalusia, Alabama, to replace two existing dormitories housing 57 beds originally constructed in 1979; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on February 2, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project, and at its meeting on April 12, 2024, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the selection of Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects of Montgomery, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct an approximately 12,000-square-foot, two-story, 64-bed residential facility and a stand-alone storm shelter to account for the additional beds at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project is \$5.7 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds and College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Solon Dixon Dorm Replacement project in the amount of \$5.7 million, to be financed by a combination of gift funds and College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

WOLTOSZ FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE CENTER KITCHEN RENOVATION

FINAL PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Athletics Department proposed the kitchen build-out of the Woltosz Football Performance Center multipurpose room; and

WHEREAS, the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project will renovate and fit out approximately 5,500 square feet to provide a support kitchen, training table, nutrition, and beverage stations; and

WHEREAS, at its previous meeting on September 12, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project and approved the selection of Goodwyn Mills Cawood of Auburn, Alabama, as the architect for the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost of the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project is \$1.5 million, to be financed by gift funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the final approval of the project must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Establish a budget for the Woltosz Football Performance Center Kitchen Renovation project in the amount of \$1.5 million, to be financed by gift funds; and
2. Direct the consultants to complete the required plans for the project; and
3. Solicit bids and award a contract for construction conditioned upon the lowest responsible and responsive bid being consistent with the approved project budget.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY LOCKER ROOM

APPROVAL OF PROJECT ARCHITECT

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 6, 2025, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution that approved the initiation of the Auburn University at Montgomery Locker Room project and authorized the commencement of the architect selection process; and

WHEREAS, the University Architect, after conducting interviews with four (4) candidate firms, determined the architectural firm Caldwell Architects of Pensacola, Florida, was best qualified to provide design services on this project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the selection of the project architect must be submitted to the Auburn University Board of Trustees through the Property and Facilities Committee for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage the firm Caldwell Architects of Pensacola, Florida, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BEE LAB – NEW BUILDING

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND  
PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture has proposed the construction of a new support building for the Bee Center; and

WHEREAS, the Bee Lab – New Building project will improve the overall operations of the Center by providing a new lab building to expand the operations currently held in the 2,700-square-foot building; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate an accelerated design process, the University Architect recommends JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, to design the project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Board of Trustees policy, “D-3, Capital Projects Approval,” the initiation of this project and the architect selection must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the initiation of the Bee Lab – New Building project is approved and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to perform the following tasks:

1. Engage of JMR+H Architecture of Montgomery, Alabama, as project architect to consult in the development of the facility program and project design; and
2. Limit the project planning and design development to the schematic design phase until the program requirements, budget, funding plan, and site are approved by the Board.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

HALEY CENTER COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION

APPROVAL OF PROJECT INITIATION AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO COMMENCE THE PROJECT ARCHITECT SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Office of the Provost has proposed a comprehensive evaluation of the Haley Center to address whether the facility will undergo a comprehensive renovation, or will be razed, allowing for the construction of a new building on all or a portion of the existing site; and

WHEREAS, the project will evaluate and propose an appropriate design and construction path forward to both resolve the long-term maintenance issues in the existing facility and develop a new or renovated building as the best-in-class of Auburn University's academic facilities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Board of Trustees policy, "D-3, Capital Projects Approval," the initiation of this project must be submitted to the Board, through the Property and Facilities Committee, for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Haley Center Comprehensive Evaluation project is approved; and Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to commence the project architect selection process.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BEEF CATTLE EVALUATION CENTER BARN REPLACEMENT

PROJECT APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE WORK

WHEREAS, the College of Agriculture proposes to replace the existing Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn; and

WHEREAS, the Scope of Work includes demolition of the existing open-air, wooden structure and replacing it with a new 12,800-square-foot metal building that will include a new pen and feed system to support the ongoing beef cattle research, teaching, extension programs and continued operations of the Department of Animal Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of the project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, to be financed by the College of Agriculture funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the Beef Cattle Evaluation Center Barn Replacement project is approved; and that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such other person as may be acting as President, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the project.

## RESOLUTION

### REAL ESTATE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE LEASE: ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, in the early 1920's and 30's, the State Chemist for the State of Alabama was both the Director of the State Department of Agriculture's feed and fertilizer assay laboratory as well as served as the Dean of the School of Chemistry at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, upon the death in 1930 of Dr. Bennett Ross, API's Dean of Chemistry, the combined duties passed to Professor Cliff Hare, who assigned the toxicology duties to Hubert W. Nixon, an employee of the Agricultural Laboratory. Nixon enlisted the services of his friend and young member of the API faculty, Carl J. Rehling, to assist with difficult cases; and

WHEREAS, arising from the unique challenges and requirements of criminal prosecutions and the sanctity of the rights of individuals established by the U.S. Constitution, then State Attorney General, Tom Knight lamented that Alabama needed an agency to assist law enforcement in the adjudication of certain cases; and

WHEREAS, In 1935, legislation was introduced forming the State Department of Toxicology and signed into law on July 17, 1935, thus forming the new agency; and

WHEREAS, the Department is now recognized as one of the nation's premier forensic sciences service providers, and one of the United States' oldest crime laboratory systems, having been formed through a close partnership with Auburn University and the State of Alabama, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Auburn University leased property on Auburn University Montgomery's campus to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences to build and house a medical examiners' facility; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to expand the current site which would facilitate the construction of a new building for the Department's use and extend the term as provided in the original 1987 lease; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Industries proposes to increase the lot size at the existing AUM Drive location, and Auburn University Montgomery has no alternative use for the property; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University wishes to lease the new AUM Drive site to the Department of Forensic Sciences, for nominal rent and a term not to exceed forty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that Christopher B. Roberts, President, or such person as may be acting as President, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such action as is necessary to execute a lease of approximately 6.38 acres at 8160 AUM Drive, Montgomery, AL to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for nominal rent and a term not to exceed forty years. All documents consummating the lease of the property shall be reviewed, as to form, by legal counsel for Auburn University.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Chairperson Roberts indicated that the Academic Affairs Committee met earlier and discussed one action item and one item of information. A motion to approve the single action item was received from Chairperson Roberts and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING AND RENAMING OF  
AGRISCIENCE EDUCATION COURSES IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the College of Education offers courses in agriscience education leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees currently classified under Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, the current agriscience education classification does not align with the curriculum and degree outcomes, creating challenges for graduates such as employer confusion regarding academic credentials and the recruitment of Alabama students by other institutions into graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, faculty within the college have proposed a restructuring of courses and subsequent creation of a new degree program for existing agriscience education courses, the Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications, in a new CIP code that reflects Agricultural and Extension Education Services (CIP 01.0801); and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will offer undergraduate and graduate degrees and teacher licensure and non-licensure options leading to the Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy in Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree more accurately reflects the program's focus on agricultural education, leadership, extension, and communication and foster interdisciplinary collaboration between the College of Education and the College of Agriculture to meet the evolving needs of agricultural education in Alabama and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program ensures a more accurate degree representation, and will enhance graduate employability, and align Auburn's program with peer land-grant institutions and national standards; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes in terminology for the program itself and its four concentrations have been approved by the Dean of the College of Business, the Graduate Council, the Interim Provost, and the President; and

WHEREAS, the proposed a restructuring of courses and subsequent creation of the Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications has been approved by the University Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council, Dean of the College of Education, the Provost, and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn University Board of Trustees that the proposed restructuring of courses and creation of the Agriscience Education, Leadership, and Communications be forwarded to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as an item of information.

**AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

In Chairperson Ainsworth's stead, Mr. Dumas delivered the committee meeting report.

Mr. Dumas indicated that the Audit and Compliance Committee met earlier and discussed one action item. A motion to approve the single action item was received from Mr. Dumas and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolution was approved:

AUDIT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

REVISIONS TO OFFICE OF AUDIT, COMPLIANCE & PRIVACY DEPARTMENTAL  
CHARTER

**WHEREAS**, the Institute of Internal Auditors released its new Global Internal Audit Standards effective January 9, 2025 which mandated changes to the charter; and

**WHEREAS**, professional standards and best practices require a Board approved department charter reflecting these changes; and

**WHEREAS**, revisions to the departmental charter are recommended by the Vice President of Institutional Compliance & Security and approved by the President.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the departmental charter for the Office of Audit, Compliance & Privacy attached as Exhibit A is approved.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Chairperson Riggins indicated that the Executive Committee met earlier and discussed three action items.

A motion to approve the first item, Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy D-3: Capital Project Approval Policy, was received from Chairperson Riggins and seconded by Mr. W. Smith. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

A motion to approve the second item, Proposed Revisions to Board of Trustees Policy C-7: Policy on Research Misconduct, was received from Chairperson Riggins and seconded by Ms. Huntley. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

A motion to approve the third item, Proposed Awards and Namings, was received from Chairperson Riggins and seconded by Mr. Rane. The Board approved the motion by voice vote.

The following resolutions were approved:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL REVISION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees establishes the policies which guide and direct its actions and those of Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the administration recommends revising the current Capital Projects Approval Policy in order to adjust for inflation the cost threshold for Board of Trustees approval of certain projects; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the cost threshold revision, the proposed policies otherwise update and reorganize the original policies to reflect changes in the Facilities Management organizational structure and similar matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the following policy be approved:

- D-3 Capital Project Approval Policy attached as Exhibit A to replace the existing D-3 Capital Projects Approval Policy

## EXHIBIT A

### D-3. CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVAL POLICY

This policy establishes the process by which the Board of Trustees will approve capital projects at Auburn University.

#### **Capital Project Approval Threshold**

The following capital projects shall require Board of Trustees approval: new construction, renovation, or adaptation projects on Auburn University property, regardless of funding source, with a total project cost of over **\$5,000,000**.

#### **Process For Capital Project Approval**

The process for approving capital projects by the Board of Trustees is detailed below:

1. Project Initiation and Architect & Construction Manager Selection: The Board of Trustees shall approve the initiation of a project. This approval will authorize the University staff to begin to develop the project through the preliminary stages of the project programming and design process. The Board of Trustees shall also authorize the commencement of the architect selection process to determine the architectural firm most capable of providing design services on the proposed project. The Board of Trustees shall also authorize the commencement of the construction manager selection process, when such services are appropriate for the proposed project, to determine the construction management firm most capable of providing construction management services on the project.
2. Approval of Architect and Construction Manager Selections: The Board of Trustees shall approve the selections of the project architect and construction manager, as required, on the project under consideration. Once this approval is obtained, Auburn University Facilities Management is authorized to engage both the architectural and construction management firms contractually to begin development of the project program and design.
3. Final Project Approval: Once a project has been initiated, and the architect and construction manager, if applicable, have been approved, the University Architect will commence the project design. This design effort will progress up to the point where the project program, siting, architectural design, and cost are sufficiently determined to obtain final approval by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall approve the following elements of the project at the final project approval stage:

- a. Project Program: The size, scope, and nature of the work to be performed under the project.
- b. Site: The location of the project on campus.
- c. Budget: The amount of funds authorized by the Board of Trustees for expenditure on the project under consideration.
- d. Funding Plan: The proposed plan for how the project will be funded.
- e. Image and Character: The proposed architectural design and layout of the facility.

The University Architect shall advise the Board of Trustees whether or not the proposed project architectural design meets Auburn University's "Character and Image" standards for buildings.

Once the Board of Trustees approves the project program, site, budget, funding plan and schematic design, Auburn University Facilities Management will then complete the project design, bid the project, award the necessary construction contracts, and construct the project.

### **Expedited Projects**

Upon recommendation by the President, a project may be designated by the Board of Trustees as an expedited capital project to accelerate the project execution process. Upon designation of a capital project as an expedited project by the Board of Trustees, the Property and Facilities Committee of the Board shall have the authority to take all actions requiring full Board of Trustee approval, other than approval of the budget and site.

A review of any actions of the Property and Facilities Committee shall be a regular order of business at each meeting of the Board, and such actions shall be subject to revision and alteration by the Board, provided that no rights of third parties shall be affected by any such revision or alteration.

ADOPTED: April 11, 2014

REVISED: November 21, 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY C-7: POLICY ON  
RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

WHEREAS, the Public Health Service (PHS) Final Rule (42 CFR Part 93), the National Science Foundation (NSF) Final Rule (45 CFR Part 689), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Final Rule (2 CFR Part 422), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Final Rule (14 CFR Part 1275), the Department of Energy (DOE) Final Rule (2 CFR 910.132) require that institutions receiving or requesting funds from PHS, NSF, USDA, NASA, and DOE establish policies for reporting and responding to allegations of research misconduct; and

WHEREAS, PHS, NSF, USDA, NASA, and DOE require that institutions receiving or requesting funds from PHS, NSF, USDA, NASA, and DOE bear responsibility for the integrity of the research process and for prevention and detection of research misconduct; and

WHEREAS, PHS Final Rule 42 CFR Part 93 was updated September 17, 2024 and requires Auburn University to adopt the updated Final Rule 42 CFR Part 93 no later than January 1, 2026 and renew its research misconduct assurance no later than April 30, 2026 to remain eligible to apply for or receive PHS funds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Senior Vice President for Research & Economic Development subsequently proposed revisions to Board Policy C-7 which incorporate the PHS required changes for reporting and responding to allegations of research misconduct, and is recommended by the President; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it to be in the best interest of the institution that the proposed revisions to the policy be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Auburn University that the existing Board Policy C-7 is hereby revised as attached hereto in Exhibit 1, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and reaffirm that, with the approval of the President, the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development has the authority to establish the necessary procedures pursuant to this Board Policy C-7.

# Policy on Research Misconduct

## Policy on Research Misconduct

AUBURN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

C-7

### POLICY ON RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

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#### C-7. POLICY ON RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

##### I. Policy Statement

Auburn University supports an environment of research integrity committed to honesty, transparency, and the highest ethical standards in all research endeavors. All members of the University ~~engaged in research~~ must adhere to these standards and follow these policies and procedures to protect the accuracy and reliability of the research record and published research results.

With this policy the University confirms its culture of accountability, honesty, and trust to ensure researchers work toward rigorous research that promotes scientific advancements for the greater good of society and maintains trust in research.

This policy provides a framework to resolve allegations of research misconduct as timely as possible while protecting the rights and integrity of all individuals involved. The policy is governed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations, which provide the regulatory authority for this policy. As a recipient of federal research funds, the University considers prevention and detection of research misconduct a priority and must have policies and procedures compliant with federal regulations that address allegations of research misconduct. Should any conflict between this document and any Federal research misconduct regulation(s) or requirement arise, the regulation(s) or Federal authority will prevail. See section II. B. 1. and section VI. for the definition of Research Misconduct.

##### II. Policy Principles

###### A. Allegations

1. All members of the University community have a responsibility to report observed, suspected or apparent research misconduct.
2. Allegations of research misconduct may be filed by anyone internal or external to the University.
3. Allegations of research misconduct must be filed with ~~the appropriate University officials and should be directed to~~ the Research Integrity Officer. Any member of the University who receives an allegation of research misconduct must promptly notify the Research Integrity Officer. If unsure whether an incident(s) is or may be research misconduct, the Research Integrity Officer should be consulted.
4. Allegations of research misconduct are preferred to be filed in writing, however, may be filed verbally. Allegations of research misconduct may be reported on the University's secure anonymous electronic reporting system.
5. Anonymous allegations of research misconduct may be made, however must include sufficient details and evidence to determine whether an inquiry should be made into the allegation.
6. Allegations of research misconduct should be based on facts and provide credible, specific evidence including the name of the Respondent(s), details of the allegation(s) and any evidence.
7. Should allegations be made against more than one individual, these will be considered as separate allegations and separate decisions will be reached regarding each person.
8. Allegations of research misconduct are serious charges and are expected to be made in good faith. Allegations not made in good faith may result in disciplinary action under other University policies.

## B. Scope

1. This policy only applies to research misconduct, not other forms of misconduct. Research misconduct is fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or reporting research results. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.
2. This policy applies to all research conducted under the auspices of the University by faculty, visiting faculty and scientists, post-doctoral candidates, graduate and undergraduate students, and staff. See section X. Exclusions.
3. This policy applies regardless of funding source including unfunded research.
4. The University shall diligently pursue all significant issues related to the allegations throughout all phases of the research misconduct proceedings.
5. Should additional related allegations arise during any portion of the research misconduct proceedings the scope may be broadened beyond the initial allegation. Appropriate parties will be notified of the additional allegations according to procedures.

## C. Duty to Cooperate

1. All members of the University community, including Complainants, Respondents and Witnesses, shall cooperate in all phases of research misconduct proceedings.
2. All members of the University community, including Complainants, Respondents and Witnesses, shall promptly provide all requested materials related to all research misconduct proceedings.
3. Research records resulting from research awarded and/or conducted at the University are the property of the University and employees cannot interfere with the University's right to access these records.

## D. Safeguards

### *1. Confidentiality*

- a. To the extent possible as allowed by law and to conduct thorough and fair proceedings, the identity of Complainant(s), Respondent(s) and Witnesses shall be limited to those persons who need to know. The University may disclose the identity of the Respondent and Complainant to federal agencies as required by regulations.
- b. Written materials, evidence and information regarding all research misconduct proceedings shall be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law and necessary to conduct thorough and fair proceedings.
- c. All members of the University community, including Complainant, Respondent, Witnesses, and committee members shall maintain strict confidentiality of all research misconduct proceedings.
- d. The University may be required to release information about the alleged research misconduct and will release such information according to applicable laws and after consultation with General Counsel.
- e. The University may communicate information about the alleged research misconduct to individuals outside the University to conduct a thorough investigation and secure experts in the field to assist in the research misconduct proceedings. Outside experts obtained by the University will be held to the same confidentiality standards as members of the University community regarding the alleged research misconduct.
- f. The University is not prohibited from disclosing information regarding the alleged research misconduct on a need-to-know basis to those individuals responsible for oversight of Respondent's research or to other University officials such as supervisors, department chairs and deans. The Research Integrity Officer may determine when the release of information regarding the alleged research misconduct is necessary or appropriate.
- g. If confidentiality is breached by the University, the University shall take such reasonable steps as are requested to minimize the damage to reputations that may result from unsupported allegations.

### *2. Conflicts of Interest*

- a. All individuals involved in research misconduct proceedings must disclose to the Research Integrity Officer

- any potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest that exist or arise at any point in the proceedings.
- b. A conflict of interest exists in a research misconduct proceeding when an individual involved in the proceedings or resolution of the allegation has a potential, actual or perceived financial, personal, or professional interest.
    - i. Examples of conflicts of interest may include but are not limited to family members including children, stepchildren, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews first cousins; spouses or partner relationships to the fourth degree of affinity or consanguinity, meaning by marriage or by blood. Other examples of conflicts of interest may include but are not limited to other close personal relationships; supervisors or subordinates; co-authorships; collaborators; intellectual property interests; and other financial interests.
    - ii. The dean or department chair of a Respondent or Complainant does not in and of itself constitute a conflict of interest under this policy.
  - c. The Research Integrity Officer in consultation with the Office of Research [Integrity & Compliance](#) evaluates all potential, actual or perceived conflicts of interest in research misconduct proceedings and designates a replacement if needed.

### *3. Retaliation*

- a. The University does not tolerate any form of retaliation against any individual participating in a research misconduct proceeding.
- b. The University makes every reasonable and practical effort to protect the reputations and positions of Complainants who submit good faith allegations, Witnesses, committee members, Respondents, others involved in processing allegations from any retaliation by other members of the University community.
- c. The University will take reasonable and practical steps to protect or restore the position and reputation of any Complainants, Witnesses, committee members, or others involved in processing allegations upon finding of retaliation by Respondent or other members of the University community.
- d. Retaliation by members of the University community will be referred for appropriate disciplinary action.

## E. Corrective Actions and Sanctions

1. Corrective actions may be implemented by the University at any stage of the research misconduct proceedings. Corrective actions may include but are not limited to counseling, training, oversight of research and data monitoring.
2. The University may take appropriate action at any stage of the research misconduct proceedings to protect the health or safety of humans, welfare of animals, integrity of the research, research funding, equipment, the environment, or to mitigate other real or potential adverse effects, as necessary.
3. The University may impose sanctions upon a finding of research misconduct. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to verbal reprimands, written reprimands, monitoring of work, removal from a project or projects, reassignment of duties or privileges, suspension, and termination of University employment. Disciplinary action will be implemented in accordance with the University policies and procedures applicable to the Respondent's position.
4. At the conclusion of the University investigation process, Respondent(s) may appeal a finding of research misconduct to the Research Integrity Officer (RIO). See Auburn University Research Misconduct Policy Procedures.
5. Funding agencies may impose administrative actions and or sanctions apart from the University's actions and or sanctions at any point in the research misconduct proceedings.

## F. Correction of the Research Record

1. It is the University's responsibility to ~~determine whether correction or retraction of submitted or published work is required~~ [report concerns or findings related to published works](#) to maintain the integrity of the research.
2. The Respondent will cooperate with University officials, publishers, and sponsors to withdraw, correct or retract submitted or published works that are found to be falsified, fabricated, or plagiarized.
3. The University may request withdrawal, correction, or retraction of submitted or published work at any time during the research misconduct proceedings where there is clear evidence of falsification, fabrication, or plagiarism.

4. If there are no research records found or made available to the University to support the submitted or published research, the correction or retraction may occur before a final finding of research misconduct against the respondent has been determined.

### G. Restoring Reputation

1. In publicizing the findings of no misconduct, the University shall be guided by whether public announcements shall be harmful or beneficial in restoring any reputation(s) that may have been damaged. Usually, such decision shall be made in conjunction with the person(s) who was innocently accused.

### H. Termination of Affiliation with the University

1. In the event a Respondent terminates affiliation with the University before the research misconduct is resolved, the research misconduct proceedings will continue according to this policy to the extent possible until a final decision is reached.

### I. Research Misconduct Records

1. All records and sequestered evidence relating to research misconduct proceedings shall be maintained securely under the supervision of the Research Integrity Officer for a minimum of seven (7) years from the final completion of the research misconduct proceedings by the University or federal agency or longer as required under the applicable University data and record retention policies or other relevant policies or federal or state regulations.

### J. Notification to Funding Agencies

1. The Research Integrity Officer shall at any time during research misconduct proceedings notify the appropriate funding agency immediately if there is reason to believe any of the following:
  - a. Health or safety of the public is at risk including the need to protect human or animal subjects;
  - b. A reasonable indication of possible violation of civil or criminal law exists;
  - c. Funding agency resources or interest are threatened;
  - d. Funding agency action may be necessary to safeguard evidence and protect the rights of those involved; or
  - e. The research community or public should be informed.
2. The Research Integrity Officer shall:
  - a. notify the applicable funding agency(ies) if inquiry determines an investigation is warranted;
  - b. when an investigation is complete, forward to the agency a copy of the evidentiary record, the investigative report, recommendations made to the ~~institution's adjudicating official~~ Institutional Deciding Official (IDO), and the subject's written response to the recommendations (if any); and
  - c. when the adjudication phase is complete, forward the ~~adjudicating official~~ IDO's decision and notify the agency of any corrective actions taken or planned.

### K. Reopening Allegations

1. An allegation of research misconduct that closed with a finding of no research misconduct may be reopened if potential significant evidence or information of research misconduct not previously presented is presented.

### L. External Research Misconduct Proceedings

1. Should the University receive a report of an external inquiry or investigation that was conducted by another institution or agency, the Research Integrity Officer will assess the report and may adopt the findings in whole or in part or initiate the University's own research misconduct proceedings.

### M. Time Limitations

1. This policy applies to research misconduct occurring within six (6) years of the date the University or agency receives an allegation of research misconduct.

2. The time limit does not apply if:
  - a. The Respondent continues or renews any incident of alleged research misconduct that occurred before the six-year limitation through citation, republication, or other use for the potential benefit of the respondent of the research record that is alleged to have been fabricated, falsified, or plagiarized; or
  - b. The alleged research misconduct would possibly have a substantial adverse effect on the health or safety of the public.

#### N. Admissions

1. If admitting to research misconduct, the respondents will sign a written statement specifying the affected research records and confirming the misconduct was falsification, fabrication, and/or plagiarism; committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly; and a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community.
2. If the respondent admits to research misconduct, the University will not close the case without concurrence from any applicable Federal agency.

### III. Effective Date

~~April 14, 2023~~ January 1, 2026

### IV. Applicability

All members of the Auburn University community ~~conducting and involved with any form of research activities including research proposals~~ are required to comply with this policy. This policy and the associated procedures are intended to provide the framework for reporting and conducting research misconduct proceedings. It is not intended to substitute for compliance with the Alabama code of ethics for public officials and employees (Code of Alabama 1975 Title 36, Chapter 25). Further, this policy supports Auburn University's compliance with state and federal regulations including but not limited to those from the Public Health Service, National Science Foundation and United States Department of Agriculture.

### V. Policy Management

Responsible Office: Office of the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Responsible Officer: Research Integrity Officer

Responsible Executive: Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development

### VI. Policy Definitions

**Allegation:** A disclosure of possible research misconduct through any means of communication.

**Preliminary Assessment:** An initial review to determine if each allegation fits within the definition of research misconduct and if each allegation is credible and specific so that potential evidence of research misconduct may be identified.

**Complainant:** A person who in good faith makes an allegation of research misconduct.

**Conflict of Interest:** A divergence between a University member's interests and professional obligations to Auburn University, such that an independent observer might reasonably question whether the University member's professional actions or decisions are determined by considerations other than the best interests of the University.

**Evidence:** Any document, tangible item or testimony offered or obtained during a research misconduct proceeding.

**Fabrication:** Making up data or results and recording or reporting them.

**Falsification:** Manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.

**Good Faith Allegation:** Allegations of research misconduct that a Complainant or Witness believes to be true and that a reasonable person in that position would believe to be true based on the information known at the time.

**Inquiry:** Preliminary information gathering and preliminary fact finding that meets the criteria of this policy and the procedures of the University's Office of the Senior Vice President for Research.

**Institutional Deciding Official:** The University official who makes final determinations on allegations of research misconduct and any institutional actions. The same individual cannot serve as the Institutional Deciding Official and the Research Integrity Officer.

**Intentionally:** To act with a specific purpose in mind. Intentionally is synonymous with purposefully or willfully.

**Investigation:** The formal development of a factual record and the examination of that record leading to a decision not to make a finding of research misconduct or to a recommendation for a finding of research misconduct which may include a recommendation for other appropriate actions, including administrative actions.

**Knowingly:** To act with an awareness of actions. Knowingly is essentially synonymous with consciously.

**Plagiarism:** The appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit. (a) Plagiarism includes the unattributed verbatim or nearly verbatim copying of sentences and paragraphs from another's work that materially misleads the reader regarding the contributions of the author. It does not include the limited use of identical or nearly identical phrases that describe a commonly used methodology. (b) Plagiarism does not include self-plagiarism or authorship or credit disputes, including disputes among former collaborators who participated jointly in the development or conduct of a research project. Self-plagiarism and authorship disputes do not meet the definition of research misconduct.

**Preponderance of the Evidence:** Proof by information that, compared with that opposing it, leads to the conclusion that the fact at issue is more probably true than not.

**Recklessly:** To use materials with a lack of proper caution and/or show indifference to the risk that the materials may be false, fabricated, or plagiarized. Taking a risk with materials without thinking or caring about the consequences of the action, even if the risk is not fully realized.

**Research:** A systematic experiment, study, evaluation, demonstration or survey designed to develop or contribute to general knowledge (basic research) or specific knowledge (applied research) relating broadly to public health by establishing, discovering, developing, elucidating or confirming information about, or the underlying mechanism relating to, biological causes, functions or effects, diseases, treatments, or related matters to be studied.

**~~Research Integrity Officer (RIO):~~** ~~The responsible official at the University with the primary responsibility for implementing the research misconduct policy and assuring to federal agencies that the research misconduct policies and procedures of the University comply with federal regulations. The Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development serves as the Research Integrity Officer, or the individual as otherwise designated by the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development to serve as Research Integrity Officer.~~ The University official responsible for administering the University's written policies and procedures for addressing allegations of research misconduct. The RIO is designated by the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

**Research Misconduct:** means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. A finding of research misconduct requires that (1) there be a significant departure from accepted practices of the relevant research community; (2) the misconduct be committed intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly; and (3) the allegation be proven by a preponderance of the evidence. Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.

**Research Misconduct Proceeding:** Any actions related to alleged research misconduct taken under this policy and associated procedures, including but not limited to, allegation assessments, inquiries, and investigations.

**Research Record:** The record of data or results in any media or format that embody the facts resulting from scientific inquiry, including but not limited to, research grant or contract proposals or applications whether funded or unfunded; laboratory records, both physical and electronic; progress reports; abstracts; theses; oral presentations; internal reports; notes; correspondence; manuscripts, publications and journal articles; videos; photographs; slides; biological materials; computer files; human and animal subject protocols; consent forms; and any documents and materials provided by a Respondent or other individual in the course of the research misconduct proceedings.

**Respondent:** The person against whom an allegation of research misconduct is directed or who is the subject of a research misconduct proceeding.

**Retaliation:** An adverse action taken against any individual because of participation in a research misconduct proceeding.

**University Community:** All faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate, and undergraduate students, visiting faculty and scientists and volunteers.

**University Officials:** The University President, Vice Presidents, Provost, Deans, Associate Deans, Department Chairs/Heads, Directors, Supervisors and Research Integrity Officer.

**Witness:** An individual who personally sees or perceives research misconduct or has relevant information related to the research misconduct proceedings and is called to testify to what has been seen, heard, or otherwise observed.

## VII. Policy Procedures

Auburn University Office of the [Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development](#) develops and manages procedures for handling research misconduct allegations and the process. These procedures include but are not limited to the following: Preliminary Assessment of Allegations; Sequestration; Notification of Respondent; Inquiry Procedures; Investigation Procedures; Admissions; Appeals; Sanctions; Reports to Funding Agencies; and False Accusations. See Auburn University Research Misconduct Policy Procedures.

## VIII. Appeals

At the conclusion of the investigation process, Respondent(s) may appeal a finding of research misconduct to the Research Integrity Officer (RIO). See Auburn University Research Misconduct Policy Procedures.

## IX. Sanctions

Following a finding of research misconduct the University may impose sanctions on the Respondent. Temporary measures, such as suspension of specific research activities, may be taken by the University during an investigation if warranted. Sanctions will be commensurate with the severity of the research misconduct. Sanctions may include but are not limited to verbal or written reprimand, reassignment of duties or privileges, or termination of affiliation with the University. [The Institutional Deciding Official \(IDO\) will invoke this section to initiate institutional actions whereby Disciplinary-disciplinary](#) action will be implemented in accordance with the University policies and procedures applicable to the Respondent's position.

## X. Exclusions

This policy does not cover honest error, differences of opinion or authorship disputes unless they involve plagiarism. This policy does not apply to research undertaken in fulfillment of course requirements unless there is an expectation of publication or dissemination outside the University of such results.

## XI. Interpretation

The authorized institutional representative is, for the purposes of this policy, the Senior Vice President for Research and

Economic Development.

## **XII. Regulatory Authority**

Including, but not limited to: 42 CFR Part 93; 45 CFR Part 689; 2 CFR Part 422; 2 CFR 910.132; 14 CFR Part 1275; 65 FR 76260

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPHER BEAUDET LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Christopher Beaudet is a distinguished alumnus and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaudet has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaudet's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beaudet's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Beaudet Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
FRED BLATCHFORD WAR EAGLE LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Fred Blatchford is a distinguished alumnus and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blatchford has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blatchford's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blatchford's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Fred Blatchford War Eagle Locker in recognition of his generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
CREEL FAMILY LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Creel is a distinguished and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creel has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creel's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Creel's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named The Creel Family Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
CAROL & GARY GODFREY LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Carol and Gary Godfrey are distinguished alumni and long-time supporters of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for their philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, The Godfrey's have demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Godfrey's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, The Godfrey's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Carol & Gary Godfrey Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND & ELEANOR LOYD LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Raymond and Eleanor Loyd were long-time supporters of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for their philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, The Loyd's have demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Loyd's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, The Loyd's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the In Memory of Raymond & Eleanor Loyd Locker to honor their memory and generous support of Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
BILL AND TERRI NIX FAMILY LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, William H. Nix is a distinguished alumnus and long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for his philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nix has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nix's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nix's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Bill and Teri Nix Family Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
TERRY & KATHLEEN STEIGELMAN LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Terry and Kathleen Steigelman are long-time supporters of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics, known for their philanthropic leadership and commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steigelman have demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steigelman's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Steigelman's gift represent a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the Terry & Kathleen Steigelman Locker in recognition of their generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

NAMING A LOCKER IN THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LOCKER ROOM  
IN NEVILLE ARENA AS THE  
IN HONOR OF GRACELYN ROSE TOWN LOCKER

November 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town is a long-time supporter of Auburn University and Auburn Athletics with a philanthropic commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience; and

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town has demonstrated a deep and enduring dedication to Auburn through generous gifts and service, including support for facilities that promote excellence in athletic performance as well as student well-being; and

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town's gift to Auburn Athletics will support the mission of Auburn Basketball through philanthropic giving; and

WHEREAS, Gracelyn Rose Town's gift represents a significant investment in the future of Auburn Athletics and the holistic development of its student-athletes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a locker in the Auburn Men's Basketball locker room in Neville Arena be named the In Honor of Gracelyn Rose Town Locker in recognition of the generous support and enduring commitment to Auburn University.

President *Pro Tempore* Sanford then indicated that with there being no further items for review, the meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon G. Waggoner", written over a horizontal line.

Jon G. Waggoner  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees