



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

The Winter Meeting of the Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** was held in Jacksonville, Alabama, on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 9:00 am CST.**

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Randall E. Jones, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Greg Brown, Trustee, to offer the invocation.

The Chairman asked Dr. Don Killingsworth, Acting President, and Secretary to the Board to call the roll, and the following members were present:

Mr. Randall E. Jones, Chairman
Mr. Greg Brown
Mr. Clarence Dauge, III
Senator Vivian Davis Figures
Mr. Rusty Fuller
Mr. Tony L. Ingram
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main
Mr. Anthony A. Smoke
Mr. Ulises Herrera, Student Government Association
Dr. Michael Boynton, Faculty Senate President

A quorum was present. Absent was Trustee, Mr. Randy Y. Owen and ex officio member Governor Kay Ivey. Others present included University faculty, staff, and students, members of the general public, and media representatives.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Killingsworth presented the following Resolution to Mr. William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith naming him Trustee Emeritus.

RESOLUTION # 614

WILLIAM RONALD SMITH RESOLUTION

Whereas, William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith had a distinguished career with Alabama Power Company, retiring as Vice President of the Eastern Division; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Smith has been at the forefront of expanding the region's economic growth and the well-being of its citizens through his leadership on the McClellan Development Authority, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, and various other civic organizations; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Smith has been an exceptional supporter of Jacksonville State University through his generosity, presence, and advocacy; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Smith provided Jacksonville State University with distinctive and dedicated service as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2004 - 2019; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Smith served as Chair of the Building and Finance Committee of the Board from 2012 - 2016; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Smith served as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee to select the University's twelfth president, Dr. John M. Beehler; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Smith served as the Chairman of the Board from 2016 - 2019, during which time he exemplified steadfast, devoted and inspiring leadership during the aftermath of the tornado of March 19, 2018,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University and the entire Jacksonville State University family extend thanks and gratitude to Ronnie Smith for his extraordinary service to Jacksonville State University, and,

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that Jacksonville State University hereby designates William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith as Trustee Emeritus.

This Resolution presented the 28th day of January 2020.


Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D
Acting President


Mr. Randall Earlie Jones
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Smith graciously accepted the Resolution and expressed his appreciation for the recognition. He stated that it was a privilege to have served on the JSU Board of Trustees for ten years.

Trustee Figures made a motion that the Board adopt the Resolution presented to Mr. Smith. Trustee Brown seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 22, 2019, Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Smoke made a motion to adopt the minutes. Trustee Daugette seconded the motion. The Board was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Chairman Jones welcomed Mr. Ulises Herrera, SGA President, to the Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Herrera stated that the students are very excited about the upcoming activities and events planned for this semester and encouraged everyone to attend as many events as possible. The next Town Hall meeting for the student body will be February 5, 2020. He noted that SGA elections are underway and that April will be his last meeting.

Dr. Michael Boynton, Faculty Senate President, invited the Trustees to the March Faculty Senate meeting as well as the Student Symposium and the Faculty Research Symposium that will be held in April. He announced that his last meeting would be in April.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Jones reported on the Board Retreat. Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), was the facilitator. Chairman Jones stated that the Trustee lunches with students have been delightful. A celebratory dinner was held Monday night with several individuals that worked diligently on the Department of Education's Report, which had a successful outcome. Trustee Smoke recommended that the Board consider hosting a dinner on Monday's after the Committee meetings with administrators and faculty.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Figures, Vice-Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee had one action item for the Board's consideration.

Motion #1 Request to increase the University's budget by \$300,000 to support the Alabama Public Television (APT) Documentary Project. (APT will pay JSU \$300,000 to produce two documentaries about the Freedom Riders and Jim Folsom.)

Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Main, Chair of the Advancement Committee, stated that the Committee did not have any action items. Trustee Main called upon Dr. Charles Lewis to introduce Mr. Brody Jones. Mr. Jones is the Development Coordinator for University Development and a recent JSU graduate in Finance.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Trustee Ingram, Chair of the Athletic Committee, stated that the Athletic Committee did not have any action items.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Dauge, III, Chairman of the Building and Finance Committee, stated that the Committee had several action items to bring before the Board for approval. The Building and Finance Committee recommended the following:

Motion# 1

An outlay to rebuild the Welcome Center and Alumni Offices for \$4 million, with \$250, 000 as the initial outlay to design the plans for the building.

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion. (*Mr. Daugette recused himself from voting due to a conflict-of-interest.*)

Motion # 2

The purchase of Brookstone Medical Building for \$2.6 million.

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Motion #3

South Campus additions. (Pending the purchase of Brookstone Medical Building, the University will begin design and plans for renovation to the facility as part of the New School of Nursing.) The total cost is \$5 million. The total project cost may change and will be presented after the design is complete (before construction begins).

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Jones noted that by purchasing the Brookstone Medical Building, this would replace the \$23 million construction project for the new School of Health & Professional Wellness Building, previously approved.

AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee made a motion that an update to the Transaction Authorization Matrix is adopted as presented.

Coming from the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Killingsworth noted that highlights from all divisions of the University are included in the board packages. Going forward, he will present significant accomplishments to highlight students and their work.

Dr. Tim Lindholm, Dean of the School of Science, acknowledged Dr. Lori Hensley, Department Head, and Professor of Biology. Dr. Hensley received national attention for the work she's doing to innovate science education. She recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation to create the Cell Biology Education Consortium.

Students in cell biology lab used resources from the Cell Biology Education Consortium to design semester-long research projects in their course-based lab. For this project, the presenting students chose to test the effects of commercially available cannabidiol (CBD) oil on viability and metastatic potential of a melanoma cancer cell line *in vitro*. Data obtained from MTT and Boyden chamber transwell assays demonstrate a dose-dependent effect on both cell viability and migration in the skin cancer cell line with the medically-reputable oil. Because enhanced abilities of cells to both proliferate and survive, as well as to migrate, are hallmark

characteristics of cancer cells, these results suggest that some over-the-counter CBD products may be effective therapeutic agents, prompting the need for more intensive studies on the topic.

Dr. Hensley, students Ellie Thamert, Emma Schaffer, and Andrew Kirk presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Cannabidiol and Cancer: Adventures in Cell Biology to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Jones presented a statement from Mr. Sam Monk, University Council, who certified the Executive Session necessary to discuss the good names of individuals, or pending litigation and controversies not currently being litigated, but likely to be litigated if the Board takes a proposed course of action.

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session for approximately one hour. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.

The Chairman called for a Roll Call vote. Dr. Killingsworth called roll for voting to approve the executive session. The following persons voted:

Chairman Randall E. Jones	Yes
Mr. Greg Brown	Yes
Mr. Clarence Daugette, III	Yes
Senator Vivian Davis Figures	Yes
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Yes
Mr. Tony L. Ingram	Yes
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main	Yes
Mr. Anthony Smoke	Yes

Chairman Jones reported a unanimous vote for the Executive Session and stated that the Board members would return for a public vote on any actionable items.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chairman Jones reported that the Board has several action items to consider.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Trustee Figures made a motion to accept the JSU Organizational Chart as submitted by Dr. Killingsworth. Trustee Fuller seconded the motion, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved it.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Trustee Main announced that Jim and Cindy Schoeneck made two generous gifts to the University and presented the following Resolutions to be adopted by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLUTION #615

Whereas, Dr. Jerryl Davis was a leader and mentor to students throughout his career as a faculty member in music at Jacksonville State University; and,

Whereas, Jim and Cindy Schoeneck have made a generous outright gift of \$15,000 to Jacksonville State University for the *Deeply Rooted. Future Driven.* Campaign to honor Dr. Jerryl Davis,

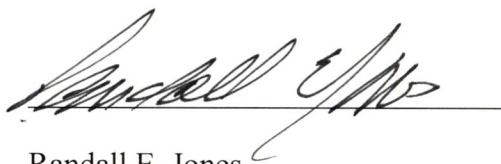
Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the double reed studio in Mason Hall be named the **Dr. Jerryl Davis Double Reed Studio**.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to Jim and Cindy Schoeneck for this generous gift to Jacksonville State University.

This Resolution presented the 21st day of January, 2020.



Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.
Acting President, Jacksonville State University



Randall E. Jones
President *Pro Tempore* of the
Board of Trustees and Chairman
Of the Executive Committee

RESOLUTION #616

Whereas, the mission of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity "*shall be for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; the advancement of music in America and a loyalty to the Alma Mater*",

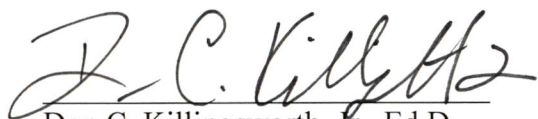
Whereas, the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity at Jacksonville State University has created many cherished fraternal bonds since the chapter was founded in 1950; and,

Whereas, Jim and Cindy Schoeneck have made a generous outright gift of \$50,000 to Jacksonville State University for the *Deeply Rooted. Future Driven.* Campaign to honor those fraternal bonds,

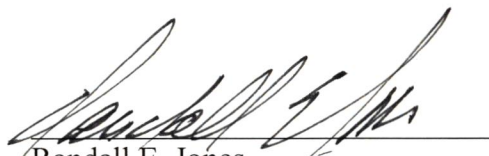
Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the stage of the recital hall in Mason Hall be named the **Sinfonia Stage**.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its thanks and gratitude to Jim and Cindy Schoeneck for this generous gift to Jacksonville State University.

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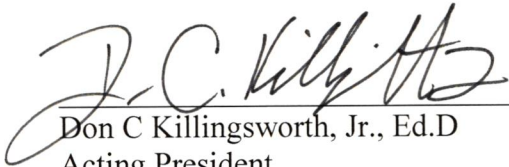
Randall E. Jones
President *Pro Tempore* of the
Board of Trustees and Chairman
of the Executive Committee


Trustee Main made a motion to adopt the Resolutions. Trustee Fuller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Figures made a motion to approve the two Resolutions that were presented at the October 22, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting to Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Sr., and Mr. Jim Folsom. Trustee Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones declared that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees would be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 9:00 am on the 5th Floor of Stadium Towers.


Don C Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D
Acting President
Jacksonville State University


Mr. Randall E. Jones
Chairman
Board of Trustees