



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees' Summer Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, commencing at 9:00 am. The meeting was held in-person and remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic guidelines issued by Governor Kay Ivey.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Presiding Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He welcomed all present, and Trustee Brown gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The Chairman directed Dr. Killingsworth, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. The following members were present:

In-person

Mr. Randall E. Jones, Chairman
Mr. Greg Brown
Senator Vivian Davis Figures
Mr. Tony Smoke

Via ZOOM

Mr. Clarence Daugette, III
Mr. Rusty Fuller
Mr. Tony L. Ingram
Mr. Drew Linn
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main
Mr. Randy Y. Owen

There was a quorum represented for conducting business. Ex officio member Governor Kay Ivey was absent.

Dr. Russell Hammack, Faculty Senate President, and Mr. Jerod Sharp, Student Government Association President, were recognized by Chairman Jones. Mr. Sharp was not present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the minutes of April 21, 2020, and June 23, 2020, Emergency Board of Trustees meetings.

Chairman Jones called for a vote: with all in favor; the minutes were approved. The Board was unanimously in favor of adopting the minutes as presented.

Dr. Hammack reported that the faculty continued to teach courses delivered on-line, and many have continued their professional development through several on-campus opportunities. He announced that the faculty senate would have its first meeting in September.

Mr. Jerod Sharp sent a report to the Board that was uploaded to Diligent, announcing that during the academic year 2019-2020, the SGA Student Senate established a structure for the SGA Presidential Cabinet. The report described the design and specifications of the Presidential Cabinet.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Owen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee had one action item. The Committee voted in its meeting to recommend the approval of the extension of the test requirement waivers for spring, summer, and fall 2021 to the full Board of Trustees.

Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion did not require a second and was unanimously approved.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Main, Chair of the Advancement Committee, stated that the Committee did not have any action items for consideration.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Trustee Ingram, Chair of the Athletic Committee, stated that the Committee did not have any action items to present to the Board for consideration.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Smoke, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee, announced four action items to bring before the full Board of Trustees.

1. MOTION for the Adoption of FY21 Tuition & Fees

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority to approve tuition and fees, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the increasingly important role that revenue from tuition and fees plays in ensuring educational excellence and innovation, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining access to and affordability of its high quality programs:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the student tuition and fees as presented.

The Board of Trustees voted not to increase Tuition and Fees for the 2020-2021 academic year.

2. MOTION for the Adoption of the Interim FY21 Budget

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority to approve the annual budget, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining a balanced budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves FY2021 interim budgets as presented.

The Board of Trustees approved the FY2021 interim budget as presented. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

(Mr. Jim Brigham, Sr VP of Finance and Administration, stated that he would present the final budget at the October Board of Trustees meeting.)

3. MOTION for the Adoption of the FY21 Housing Rates

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority to approve the rates of University Housing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining affordable housing rates:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the FY21 proposed increase to university housing as presented.

The Board of Trustees approved the proposed FY21 increase to university housing as presented. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.

4. MOTION for the Adoption of the Regions Bank Line of Credit

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University (the "University"), a body corporate duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Alabama, is authorized by Chapter 52 of Title 16 of the Code of Alabama 1975 (the "Enabling Law") to incur indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the University hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable, and in the public interest for the University to establish a revolving line of credit for the general educational purposes of the University, including, without limitation, working capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the University proposes to authorize, pursuant to, and for the purposes of, the Enabling Law, the incurrence of certain indebtedness pursuant to that certain Line of Credit Agreement dated the date of delivery (the "Line of Credit Agreement") by the University and Regions Bank, as lender (the "Lender"); and

WHEREAS, the essential terms of the Line of Credit Agreement are expected to be as follows: (i) principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, (ii) interest payable monthly, principal due at maturity; (iii) term not to exceed 12 months; (iv) floating interest rate equal to 30-day

LIBOR plus 200 bps, provided, however, that 30-day LIBOR cannot be less than 25 bps; and (v) an unused line of credit fee of 10 bps (the "Credit Terms").

A motion was made and properly seconded to renew the line of credit with Regions Bank. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, reported that the current contract with outside auditors is expiring, and the committee will be looking at taking proposals on a three, four - and five-year basis, going forward. He stated that the committee had no action items to bring before the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Capital Planning and Facilities made substantial strides in preparing buildings for occupancy for the fall semester. Each campus building was disinfected, and equipment was purchased to disinfect facilities routinely.
- Mason Hall is ready for occupancy, and faculty and staff will be moving in over the next few weeks.
- Merrill Hall is approximately 22% complete and scheduled to open in spring 2022.
- Minor remodeling to accommodate the Student Success Division is underway in the basement and on the first and second floors of the Houston Cole Library. Some of the library's collections are now located in McClellan Library.
- The Enrollment Management Team has been working diligently to contact students regarding the fall semester.
- Cost-savings initiatives have been introduced over the summer, and a sweeping of budgets occurred to ensure a solid ending to the 2020 fiscal budget year. The University was able to secure a funding increase from the State Legislature in the amount of \$1.1 million for a total appropriation of \$43,764.287. JSU received 100% funding in all of the line item requests again for the 2021 fiscal year.
- The COVID-19 Task Force, chaired by Dr. Jeff Ryan, Dr. Oye Okinsanya, and Dr. Phyllis Waits, are doing a tremendous job of educating, tracking and implementing policies and procedures as we progress through the summer and plan for an opening in the fall. All students will be tested upon returning to campus. The University of Alabama (UAB) has agreed to coordinate testing for all 4-year public universities and the entire 2-year college system and 4-year private institutions.
- The Division of Information Technology (IT) has completed additional Wi-Fi hotspots on campus to provide a drive-up opportunity to connect to Wi-Fi for on-line education assistance; it is also available to the public. IT has distributed over 60 laptops to support those who work and study remotely.

President Killingsworth stated that overall, the University is in a good state. He thanked the COVID 19 Task Force and the Academic Affairs Reopening Committee for their hard work and commitment to achieving this task.

President Killingsworth expressed that he is extremely proud of the University, faculty, staff and students for their contribution to ensuring the safety of everyone during the pandemic.

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 approved unanimously.

The Chairman called for a Roll Call vote. President 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
Mr. Randy Y. Owen	Yes
Mr. Drew Linn	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 had several action items for approval.

A motion was made and properly seconded to accept President Killingsworth's recommendation to remove "Acting" from Mr. Terry Casey's title. Mr. Casey will serve as the Vice President for Student Affairs. **All were in favor, and none opposed. Motion carried.**

Trustee Smoke made a motion to authorize President Killingsworth to pursue an agreement for naming rights for the Athletic Performance Center. Trustee Figures seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously by the Board.**

RESOLUTION #620

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to recognize and pay tribute to individuals who, by achieving outstanding success, bring honor, glory, and pride to Jacksonville State University; and

WHEREAS, Riley Green was born on October 18, 1988, in Jacksonville, Alabama, and is a Country Music Singer raised on the sounds of traditional Country, Bluegrass and Southern Gospel music; and

WHEREAS, Riley Green learned the spirit of songwriting and performing at a young age while spending time with his grandfather, Mr. Bufford Green, who ran the Golden Saw Music Hall; and

WHEREAS, Riley Green shared the stage with Mr. Green and other men of his generation, laying a foundation for the songs he would craft in the years to come, and Riley has been writing music since he was 14-years old; and

WHEREAS, Riley Green released his first full-length debut album in September of 2019, "Different 'Round Here," which produced a No. 1 hit "There Was This Girl" and another Top 10 single in "I Wish Grandpas Never Died"; and

WHEREAS, Riley Green was also a football player for the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks, and began touring the college campus scene while he was a student; and

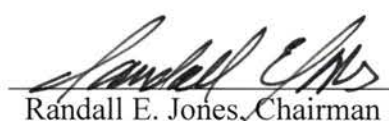
WHEREAS, Riley Green hasn't forgotten where he came from and hosted a "Coming Home" benefit concert for the Jacksonville State University Athletic Department in November of 2019, and helped generate more than \$150,000, in addition to a tornado relief concert that generated \$50,000 in May of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the achievements and generosity of Riley Green reflect immense credit upon Jacksonville State University and the entire State of Alabama, and he is truly deserving of special recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University that the new athletic training center located in Stephenson Hall will now be called the Riley Green Athletics Sports Performance Center.

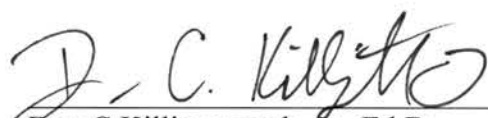
Adopted this 21st day of July 2020.



Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., President
Jacksonville State University


Randall E. Jones, Chairman
Jacksonville State Board of Trustees

Trustee Smoke made a motion to grant authority to the Board Chair to finalize President Don C. Killingsworth, Jr.'s employment contract. Trustee Figures seconded the motion. **The Board of Trustees accepted the motion unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Presiding Chair Jones declared that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 9:00 am on the 5th Floor of Stadium Towers.


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


Mr. Randall E. Jones
Chairman
Board of Trustees