

# JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY held its Spring Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama, on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, commencing at 9:00 am. CDT.

## CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Presiding Chair Jones called the meeting to order. Trustee Brown opened the meeting with an invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Chairman Randall E. Jones Mr. Greg Brown Mr. Clarence Daugette, III Mr. Rusty Fuller Mr. Tony L. Ingram Mr. Drew Linn Mrs. Gale Saxon Main Mr. Randy Y. Owen Mr. Anthony Smoke

Dr. Paul Hathaway, Faculty Senate President Ms. Brooke Robinson, Student Government Association President

The Trustees listed above as present constituted a quorum for conducting business. Trustees Vivian D. Figures and Ex officio member Governor Kay Ivey were absent. Others present included University faculty, staff and students, members of the public, and media representatives.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Chairman called for a motion to approve April 20, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

Trustee Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Linn seconded the motion. The Board was unanimously in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

#### FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Dr. Paul Hathaway, the newly elected Faculty Senate President, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to address the Board and provide an update from the Faculty Senate. He is the newly elected Faculty Senate President.

Several faculty are teaching summer courses and contributing to the summer enrollment. The University has continued to provide opportunities for faculty development, which many have taken advantage of this summer. Online@JSU has offered numerous workshops on creating online courses and instruction on designing and utilizing the *Canvas* platform. Dr. Hathaway noted that the faculty is excited about returning to in-person classes this fall.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

Chairman Jones welcomed Ms. Brooke Robinson, SGA President, to her first official Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Robinson introduced the SGA executives to the Trustees and stated that the SGA has many exciting activities planned for the fall semester.

#### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Owen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, made the following motions for the Board's approval.

**MOTION # 1**: Continue with Test-Optional admissions at the undergraduate level for the 2022-2023 academic year.

**MOTION #2** To continue with Test-Optional admissions at the graduate level through summer 2022 for all programs except for the Doctor of Science and Emergency Management and the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis.

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

#### **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Main, Chair of the Advancement Committee, reported that the Committee met and approved three gift naming opportunities. The Committee recommended that the proposed resolutions be approved by the full Board of Trustees.

# RESOLUTION # 634 FLOYD WESLEY & KATHERINE T. KIRBY TEAM ROOM

**Whereas**, Mr. Floyd Wesley Kirby ('68) and Mrs. Katherine T. Kirby ('71/'93) are both proud Alumni of Jacksonville State University.

Whereas, the Kirby family have generously supported the University and the College of Business and Industry's new Merrill Hall through their contributions.

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**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that a team room on the first floor of the new Merrill Hall shall henceforth be named the "Floyd Wesley & Katherine T. Kirby Team Room."

**Be it further resolved** that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to the Kirby family for their generous support of the University.

This Resolution was presented on July 20, 2021.

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

Randall E. Jones

President *Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Committee

#### **RESOLUTION # 635**

## BATES KING TEAM ROOM

Whereas, Mr. Dan King ('81/83) and Mrs. Amanda Bates King ('83) are both proud Alumni of Jacksonville State University.

**Whereas**, the King family have generously supported the University and the College of Business and Industry's new Merrill Hall through their contributions.

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that a team room on the second floor of the new Merrill Hall shall henceforth be named the "Bates King Team Room."

**Be it further resolved** that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to the King family for their generous support of the University.

This Resolution was presented on July 20, 2021.

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

Randall E. Jones

President *Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Committee

## RESOLUTION # 636 MARC, MARY & DARBY ANGLE TEAM ROOM

Whereas, Mr. Marc Angle ('82) and Mrs. Mary Angle ('88), along with their daughter Darby Angle ('20), are all proud Alumni of Jacksonville State University.

Whereas, the Angle family have generously supported the University and the College of Business and Industry's new Merrill Hall through their contributions.

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that a team room on the second floor of the new Merrill Hall shall henceforth be named the "Marc, Mary, & Darby Angle Team Room."

**Be it further resolved** that the entire Jacksonville State University family extends its deepest gratitude to the Angle family for their generous support.

This Resolution was presented on July 20, 2021.

Den C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.) President Jacksonville State University

Randall E. Jones

President *Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Committee

Coming from the Advancement Committee, the motion did not require a second. The Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the Resolutions, separately and collectively.

### ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Trustee Ingram, Chair of the Athletic Committee, stated that the Committee met but, had no action items to bring before the Trustees.

### AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, stated that the Committee had no action items to bring before the Trustees. Trustee Brown announced that Warren Averett was awarded a three-year contract by JSU to provide annual financial audits, single audits, and NCAA financial audit services.

### **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Smoke, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met and reviewed three action items, which the Committee unanimously approved. Trustee Smoke moved for their approval by the Board.

- Request a capital outlay project be approved for the South Complex Renovations. Updated request from \$10.4M - \$12.3M to \$10M -\$15M. All were in favor. Motion carried. Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion does not require a second.
- Request a capital outlay for the Randy Owen Center for Performing Arts for \$45M -\$50M for the capital project. The expected date of completion is October 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried. Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion does not require a second.
- Request a capital outlay project be approved for a new Stadium, Residence Hall, and Cafeteria. The tentative budget is set for \$70M - \$80M. This request is also to authorize the President to work with the JSU Foundation on this project. All were in

favor. Motion carried. Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion does not require a second.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Killingsworth informed the trustees that the Diligent site contains detailed updates on all activities and highlights from each division.

Recently, approaching and managing capital projects has been problematic. President Killingsworth announced that the University had secured a contract with Birmingham-based Kemp Management Solutions (KMS) to help identify the gaps in fundamental due diligence for capital projects on campus. Overruns and change orders are understandable in some instances, he says. Still, the institution is approaching projects with due diligence occurring amid the project rather than at the start, which is costing the university unanticipated financial resources. Mr. Mike Kemp, President/CEO, and Alicia Phillips, Project Manager, were introduced to the Board by President Killingsworth. Mr. Kemp explained what his company would offer as KMS dissects the operations regarding capital projects. Mr. Kemp stated that the key focus areas would be **Process Review**, **Project Reporting, Cost Assessment, and Schedule Assessment.** A report will be provided to the trustees at the next Board meeting.

The trustees recently toured the Student Success Center located in Houston Cole Library. President Killingsworth thanked Dr. King for a great job organizing a new facility. He also thanked the Alabama Power Foundation for their generous support in helping fund the necessary changes to offer a first-class academic support center for students.

Earlier this spring, the University contracted with the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). NACADA is the primary authority on advising practices and principals, assessing where the University stands and proposing changes that benefit students. As a result of NACADA's final assessment, the University has begun implementing changes to its structure and practices to better serve students.

Dr. Janet Bavonese is now the Assistant Vice Provost for Advising and will report to Dr. Tim King, the Vice Provost for Student Success. Drs Bavonese and King will begin working with all advisements from each college to ensure that students receive the proper planning and advisement toward degree completion and career options.

International House Programs will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 7-11, 2021. Mrs. Chandi K. Walsh, Director of the International House, reported that the program started with four international students from France in 1941 as a language and cultural exchange program and has grown tremendously over the years.

The University plans to hold a Remembrance Ceremony on campus commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11, 2021 terror attacks.

Dr. Kimberly White was introduced as the new Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Jones made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for approximately fortyfive minutes to 1) discuss the general reputation and character of certain individuals, and 2) to discuss with the University counsel legal ramifications and options on certain matters as outlined in Alabama Code 36-25A-7(a)(3). A written opinion from counsel was secured for the University that such exception applies to the planned discussion. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

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
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Yes
Mr. Tony L. Ingram	Yes
Mr. Drew Linn	Yes
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main	Yes
Mr. Randy Y. Owen	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, with nine Trustees present, Chairman Jones stated that there are two resolutions for board approval.

Trustee Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of Francis Street Property. Trustee Daugette seconded the motion, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved.

#### **RESOLUTION # 637**

#### AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FRANCIS STREET PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Schools Board of Education (the "JCSBOE") has expressed a desire to sell certain property to Jacksonville State University located along Francis Street and Iola Drive (hereinafter the "Property");

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located near the Kitty Stone Campus and the University is interested in acquiring the Property if acceptable terms can be negotiated; and

**WHEREAS**, the University wishes to enter into an agreement with the JCSBOE to purchase the Property which would be subject to certain due diligence requirements;

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**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the President of the University is authorized to enter into an agreement to purchase the Property at a price not exceeding the appraised value of the Property and subject to the completion of necessary due diligence regarding the acquisition.

This Resolution presented this 20th day of July 2021.

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

ATTEST:

Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D. Secretary

Trustee Smoke made a motion to approve the following Resolution. Trustee Fuller seconded the motion, and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved.

#### **RESOLUTION # 638**

#### **AUTHORIZING JSU-JSUF MOU**

**WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville State University Foundation, Inc., is an Alabama nonprofit corporation formed for the exclusive purposes of providing support and resources to the University and is governed by a board of directors that is independent from the University's Board of trustees and whose members are selected and appointed by the existing directors upon the expiration of terms or other vacancy;

**WHEREAS**, the University desires that a multi-element project be constructed and operated on the University's existing campus consisting of a student residence hall with 340 beds, a new central dining facility (with accompanying food court), and athletic facilities improvements (collectively, the "Project");

**WHEREAS**, the University and the Foundation, possibly through a special-purpose entity, wish to cooperate in order for the Foundation to pursue bond financing (the "Bond Financing") to construct and equip the Project.

WHEREAS, the University wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to serve as the governing document between the University and the Foundation in order to allow predevelopment activities to proceed with respect to the Project while a) the Foundation pursues a firm commitment for the Bond Financing; (b) the Parties negotiate definitive terms for a ground lease between the University, as ground lessor, and the Foundation, as ground lessee, with respect to the Project site; an agreement between the Foundation and the University pursuant to which the Foundation will lease the Project to the University and the University will manage the Project for the benefit of the Foundation; and any other agreements necessary for the development and operation of the Project and (c) The Public Educational Building Authority of Jacksonville and the Foundation initiate a

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validation proceeding intended to result in a court order approving the overall financing structure for the Project.

**THEREFORE,** the President of the University is authorized, on behalf of the University, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation to accomplish the objectives outlined herein.

This Resolution presented this 20th day of July 2021.

Randall E. Jones

President *Pro Tempore* of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Executive Committee

ATTEST:

Don C. Killingsworth, Jr.,

Secretary

There was no further business to come before the Board of Trustees. 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 19**, **2021**, **at 9:00 am at Little River Canyon Center**.

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

Mr. Randall E. Jones Chairman Board of Trustees /