

# 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 19, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m. CDT.

### CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Presiding Chair Jones officially called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. 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:

Randall E. Jones, Chairman Mr. Greg Brown Mr. Clarence Daugette, III Mr. Rusty Fuller Mr. Tony L. Ingram (via conference call) Mr. Drew Linn Mrs. Gale Saxon Main Mr. Anthony Smoke

The Trustees listed above constitute a quorum for conducting business. Trustee Vivian Figures, Trustees Owen, and ex-officio member Governor Ivey were absent. Others present included Dr. Wendy Stephens, Faculty Senate President; Ms. Jewelishia Johnson, Student Government Association President; university faculty, staff, and students; members of the public; and media representatives.

Chairman Jones acknowledged reporters from the Anniston Star, The Chanticleer, and the Gadsden Times that were in attendance for today's meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft copy of April 19, 2022, minutes was provided to the Board members before the meeting. Chairman Jones called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Brown and seconded by Trustee Daugette, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved April 19, 2022, meeting minutes.

## THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Proceedings of the Board committee meetings are contained in the respective committee meeting minutes, which are on file in the Office of the President.)

### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Linn, Vice-chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee had **two action items** to bring before the Board for consideration. Following are the action items from the Academic Affairs Committee.

Motion #1 To return to pre-Covid testing requirements for graduate admissions with continued evaluations of requirements.

Motion #2 To approve the Bachelor's in Public Health Program and the Master's in Public Health Program.

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

### **ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Main, Chair of the Advancement Committee, reported that the Committee met and reviewed **two naming resolutions**, which the Committee unanimously approved. Trustee Fuller moved for their approval by the Board, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, separately and collectively.

### **RESOLUTION 646**

**WHEREAS** The late Mr. Kenneth "Maurice" Edwards was a longtime biology instructor for over 40 years and will be remembered for "Teaching others the importance of science, nature, and preservation in Appalachia."

**WHEREAS** Mr. Edwards will also be remembered for his dedication to students and his love for the Little River Canyon National Preserve.

**RESOLVED** That the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that a tree at The Little River Canyon Center in Mr. Edward's memory shall henceforth be named the "Maurice Edwards Memorial Tree."

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

This Resolution was presented on July 19, 2022.

Don C Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D

Mr. Randall E. Jone

### President Jacksonville State University

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

### **RESOLUTION 647**

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Perry Savage and the late Ms. Judith "Kay" Savage, both class of 1964 of Birmingham, Alabama, are proud alumni of Jacksonville State University.

**WHEREAS:** The Savage's have generously supported the University and the College of Science and Mathematics through their contributions throughout the years.

**RESOLVED:** The Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that the new Ecology Lab in Martin Hall, Room 111, shall henceforth be named the "Savage Lab."

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

This Resolution was presented on July 19, 2022.

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

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

#### Coming from the Advancement Committee, the motion does not require a second.

## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

The Athletic Committee's Co-chair, Trustee Fuller, reported that the meeting went very well and that there were **no action items** to report. He highlighted key points from the meeting.

A full report was given to the Trustees.

### AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee reported that the Committee met and reviewed **one action item**, which the Committee unanimously approved.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the 2020-2021 audited Annual Financial Report.

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

Chairman Jones appointed Trustee Clarence Daugette, III, to serve on the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee.

## **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Smoke, Chair of the Building and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met and reviewed **four action items**, which the Committee unanimously approved. Trustee Smoke moved for their approval by the full Board. The following are recommendations from the

Committee for the Board's approval.

Motion # 1	Resolution to the approval of Regions Bank Line of Credit Extension.
	<ul> <li>\$5,000,000 operating line</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>\$30,000,000 construction line of credit.</li> </ul>
Motion #2	Resolution for refund: Public Education Building Authority (PEBA)
	expenses
Motion #3	Improvement to College of Education: Relocation to Kitty Stone
Motion #4	Resolution: Approval of TAP Grant Pedestrian Walkway

Upon a motion by Trustee Smoke, the Board considered the following: Approval to move forward with the Stadium Expansion Project by pursuing option 5 which has separate housing, dining, and football operations.

There were no questions or discussions. All members voted aye, none opposed, and the motion passed.

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

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Killingsworth presented retiring university counsel, Mr. Sam Monk, with the following Resolution.

### Resolution Naming Samuel H. Monk "University Counsel Emeritus"

**WHEREAS** Samuel H. Monk grew up in Calhoun County, Ala., where he graduated from Anniston High School in 1964;

**WHEREAS** Samuel H. Monk attended Jacksonville State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1969;

WHEREAS Samuel H. Monk was commissioned into the US Army through JSU ROTC, having been named a Distinguished Military Student and a Distinguished Military Graduate;

WHEREAS Samuel H. Monk served his country in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot, achieving the rank of Captain and receiving a Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Army Commendation Medal;

**WHEREAS** Samuel H. Monk attended the University of Alabama School of Law, graduating in the top 10 percent of his class in 1975;

WHEREAS Samuel H. Monk dedicated his legal career to serving the people of Alabama as a circuit judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, presiding over many landmark cases;

**WHEREAS** Samuel H. Monk, upon retiring from the bench in 2007 after 28 years of service, began sharing his legal expertise with Jacksonville State University – first as a visiting professor and then as University Counsel;

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**WHEREAS** Samuel H. Monk served his alma mater with distinction as general counsel for nearly a decade; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees recognizes Samuel H. Monk's dedication to the university and bestows upon him the title of "University Counsel Emeritus" in gratitude for his distinguished service to the institution.

This Resolution was presented on the 19th Day of July 2022.

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Smoke and seconded by Trustee Linn to approve the Resolution presented to Mr. Monk. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:36 a.m., Chairman Jones made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for approximately forty-five 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 an exception applies to the planned discussion. Trustee Daugette seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

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

Chairman Randall E. Jones	Yes
Mr. Greg Brown	Yes
Mr. Clarence Daugette, III	Yes
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Yes
Mr. Tony L. Ingram	Yes (via conference call)
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Mr. Drew Linn	Yes
Mr. Drew Linn Mrs. Gale Saxon Main	

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.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no other business to discuss, the executive session adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** 

Upon returning from the Executive Session with a quorum present, Chairman Jones reported that the Board had **four** Resolutions to present.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO CONTINGENT AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE WEST CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING PLAN

WHEREAS, JSU is in need of additional housing as a result of the historic growth in enrollment;

**WHEREAS**, JSU has entered into preliminary discussions with a qualified developer who is interested building student housing in the area generally located between the baseball field and the track (said potential development hereinafter referred to as the "West Campus Project");

**WHEREAS,** the West Campus Project would involve: 1) a ground lease from JSU to the developer; 2) the developer constructing the student housing at its own expense without any payment from JSU; 3) the developer paying JSU to manage the student housing, and 4) the developer collecting rent from JSU students living in the student housing;

WHEREAS, the West Campus Project will not proceed until such time as all parties are satisfied that the contemplated transaction complies in all respects with Alabama law and is in the best interest of JSU;

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable for the President of JSU to have authority to negotiate and execute contracts to facilitate the West Campus Project provided that any such contracts are subject to the final approval of this Board;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the President of JSU is authorized to enter into negotiations relating to the West Campus Project and is further authorized to enter into any necessary contracts related to the West Campus Project, provided that all such agreements are conditioned on final approval of the Board of Trustees.

This Resolution was presented on July 19, 2022.

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

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### **RESOLUTION # 648**

WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville is interested in selling the land and improvements located at 230 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265 (the "Property");

**WHEREAS**, the Property is in close proximity to the JSU campus and provides numerous potential opportunities to JSU consistent with its long-range strategic plan, including potential opportunities related to the planned Randy Owen Performing Arts Center;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of JSU to purchase the Property;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that JSU's President is authorized to enter into an agreement to purchase the Property at a price not to exceed \$6,000,000 and subject to the completion of standard due diligence items associated with a purchase of this nature including, but not limited to, clear title, a satisfactory phase 1 report, satisfactory survey, and satisfactory final inspection of the property.

This Resolution was presented on July 19, 2022.

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### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR LEASE OF FORNEY HALL**

**WHEREAS**, Forney Hall is a historic structure owned by Jacksonville State University located at 280 College Street, SW, Jacksonville, AL 36265;

**WHEREAS**, Forney Hall was built in 1927 as a men's dormitory and was one of four major buildings of what was then known as the Jacksonville State Normal School;

**WHEREAS**, the campus of what is now Jacksonville State University was located at this location from 1883 to 1900 and again from 1908 up until 1930 when the campus was moved to its current location in 1930;

**WHEREAS**, Forney Hall was named in honor of Jacob V. Forney, IV the president of the institution from 1893 to 1899 and his sister, Mary C. Forney, who taught at the institution for 40 years;

**WHEREAS**, Forney Hall was used by JSU for various purpose over the intervening decades and was last used by the University for married student housing in 2013;

**WHEREAS**, Forney Hall is currently not inhabitable and in need of major renovations, particularly complete interior renovations. As a result, the University is not currently using Forney Hall and has no anticipated need for Forney Hall in the future;

**WHEREAS**, renovation of Forney Hall into a commercially viable property by a private entity may be economically feasible via the use of state and federal historic property tax credits;

**WHEREAS,** in order to facilitate the renovation and preservation of Forney Hall, JSU wishes to convey the Property, either by sale or ground lease, by sealed bid in compliance with Alabama law subject to the express restrictions that will preserve the historic nature of the building and obligate any future owner to incorporate the name Forney into any future use of the building;

**WHEREAS**, a renovation of Forney Hall which maintains the historical nature of the building is in the best interest of the University;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved: 1) that the University shall advertise the Property for sale or ground lease pursuant to sealed bid in a manner compliant with Alabama law; and 2) the University President shall be authorized to enter into either a ground lease or a contract for sale of the land,

whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the University, to the highest qualified bidder provided that such transaction is subject to the restrictions set forth above and provided that any final contract is subject to the approval of this Board.

This Resolution was presented on July 19, 2022.

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

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### **MAGNOLIA HOUSE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, certain property located at 601 Pelham Road N., Jacksonville, Alabama 36265, has expressed a desire to sell the property;

**WHEREAS**, the property is a historically significant Jacksonville, Alabama home and is directly across the street from the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the University wishes to enter into an agreement with the Owner to purchase the Property which would be subject to certain due diligence requirements and final Board approval;

**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 its appraised value provided that the contract shall be contingent upon completion of necessary due diligence requirements and the final approval of the Board of Trustees.

This Resolution was presented on July 19, 2022.

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

Chairman Jones moved for approval by the Board, and the four presented resolutions were unanimously adopted, separately and collectively.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **October 18**, **2022**, **at 9:00 a.m.**, **at the Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne**, **AL**. 1972

There was no further business to come before the Board of Trustees. By consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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

Mr. Randall E. Jones

Mr. Randall E. Jones Chairman Board of Trustees

Submitted by Catherine H. Chappell Executive Associate to the President