



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its Annual Meeting at the Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama, on **Tuesday, October 18, 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  
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Co-chair  
 Mr. Rusty Fuller  
 Mr. Tony L. Ingram  
 Mr. Drew Linn (Via Zoom)  
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main  
 Mr. Randy Y. Owen

The Trustees listed above constitute a quorum for conducting business. Trustee Tony Smoke 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A draft copy of the July 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 Daugette and seconded by Trustee Brown, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved July 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 Owen, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee met and has **one action item** to bring before the Board for consideration.

**Motion: To increase the MBA Program's tuition from \$12,000 to \$18,000.** *(This amount covers the entire online program).*

**Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee, the motion 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 action items** to recommend to the Board.

Trustee Main stated that the Board has to annually approve the contractual agreement between Jacksonville State University and the Jacksonville State University Foundation, Inc. (JSU/JSU Foundation, Inc.). However, there are no changes other than the effective date.

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

On a motion by Trustee Fuller, which was seconded by Trustee Daugette and approved by all Trustees present, the Board of Trustees approved the following Resolution:


Whereas, Imelda Joan Weddington, class of 1984 and 1994 of Boise, Idaho, is a proud alumna of Jacksonville State University.

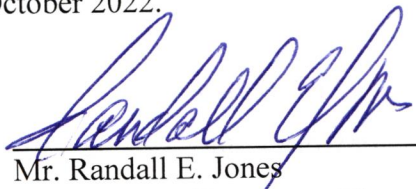
Whereas, Imelda Joan Weddington has generously supported the University and the College of Health Professions and Wellness through her contributions throughout the years.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University declares that classroom 1601, in the JSU South Complex, shall henceforth be named the Hershell E. and Winona McKeekin Weddington Classroom in honor of Imelda Joan Weddington's parents.

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

This Resolution was presented on the 18th day of October 2022.

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

  
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Mr. Randall E. Jones  
President Pro Tempore of the  
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**Coming from the Advancement Committee, the motion did not require a second.**

### **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Trustee Ingram, Chair of the Athletic Committee, reported that the meeting went very well. He said that the Committee received a thorough report from Mr. Seitz, Athletic Director. There were **no action items** to bring before the Board.

### **AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Brown, Chair of the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, reported that the Committee was brought up to date on the internal audit activities and approved the current audit plans for 2022-2023. There were **no action items** to bring before the Board.

### **BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Brown, Vice-chair of the Building and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met and reviewed **two action items**, which the Committee unanimously approved.

Trustee Brown moved for their approval by the entire Board. The following are recommendations from the Committee for the Board's approval.

### **MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF FY 2023 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 the proposed FY23 annual budget as presented.

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

Trustee Brown announced that the State of Alabama had changed the limits on the competitive bid threshold from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Any projects or expenses that exceed that amount must be competitively bid according to the State of Alabama bid law. The new limit will align the University with the limit adopted by the state. **Trustee Brown made a motion requesting approval for JSU to implement an increase from a \$15,000 bid threshold to \$25,000. There were no questions or discussions. All members voted aye, none opposed, and the motion passed.**

**Coming from the Building and Finance Committee, the motion did not require a second.**

Dr. Harmon noted that she would update the Transaction Authorization Matrix to reflect the new guidelines.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Killingsworth thanked Mr. Pete Conroy, Director of the Little River Canyon Center, and his team for their hard work preparing the facility for the Board of Trustees meeting. He thanked his staff for their hard work and dedication and the Cabinet and senior leadership of

the University. President Killingsworth also stated that we have enthusiastic faculty and staff dedicated to the student's achievement in all areas of the University. He said that it's a great time to be at JSU!

President Killingsworth complimented Mr. Vinson Houston, VP of Information Technology, and the IT staff for successfully converting the entire ID system to the OneCard Campus ID program over the summer. He stated that this was a major undertaking for the University.

President Killingsworth reported that Governor Ivey is committed to enhancing Alabama's educational system by focusing on teacher preparation. To address the teacher shortage, she will look at colleges and universities and search for ways to assist students in graduating faster. He stated that there was a demand for more students to enter the teaching profession and that funding is available for those who did. Other items noted consist of the following:

- The Budget Committee has undergone reorganization. Members will have a two-year term and serve year-round.
- An electronic version of the Fact Book is available on the JSU website.
- JSU is hosting the United Way Day of Caring on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- A video highlighting the many accomplishments made in the past year.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:50 a.m., Chairman Jones made a motion to enter into an Executive Session for 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 Fuller 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 Daugeette, III	Yes
Senator Vivian Davis Figures	Yes
Mr. Rusty Fuller	Yes
Mr. Tony L. Ingram,	Yes
Mr. Drew Linn	Yes (Via Zoom)
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main	Yes
Mr. Randy Y. Owen,	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.**

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

Trustee Ingram made a motion to approve the following Resolution for Board approval. Trustee Main seconded the motion. **All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Annual Meeting 2022**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees adopts Roberts Rules of Order, Latest Edition, to apply to and govern all debate at Board of Trustees and Committee Meetings.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees will defer formal action on any amendments to the Board's Bylaws until the January meeting.

Resolved, that the following appointments are made:

**President Pro Tempore and Board Chair: Randall E. Jones:**

**Vice-Chair: Senator Vivian Davis Figures**

**EVALUATION OF PRESIDENT**

Chairman Jones expressed that the Board is pleased with President Killingsworth's leadership. He stated that the evaluation went very well. President Killingsworth's evaluation was done over a period of a month. A community evaluation, as well as a Board evaluation, were conducted. Chairman Jones reported that President Killingsworth received high marks on his evaluation. He added that the President met the criteria for his performance review.

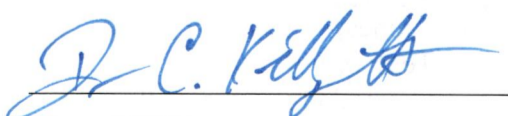
**Trustee Main made a motion to approve the following Resolution. Trustee Owen seconded, and the Board of Trustees approved the motion unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas the Board of Trustees has completed its evaluation of President Don Killingsworth, Jr., and unanimously agrees that his job performance is excellent for FY 2021-2022, which has just been completed.

Therefore, be it resolved as follows: Chairman Randall Jones is directed and authorized to meet with President Killingsworth forthwith and establish his compensation and benefits for FY 2022-2023.

This Resolution was presented on October 18, 2022.



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Committee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED**

With no other business to discuss, the executive session adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon returning from the Executive Session with a quorum present, Chairman Jones reported that the Board had several action items for approval.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZING THE  
PRESIDENT OF JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY TO EXPLORE, AND  
POTENTIALLY IMPLEMENT ACTION, REGARDING THE DONATION OF REAL  
PROPERTY**

Whereas Jacksonville State University ("University" has received a proposal for a substantial gift from The Conservation Fund, a foreign non-profit corporation ("The Fund") in the form of the donation of certain real property located in Addition 1, Block A of the Canyon View Forest subdivision in Cherokee County, Alabama, that will benefit the University; and,

Whereas the parties contemplate that the gift will be subject to the terms of a mutually agreeable gift agreement by and between the University and The Fund, and that the real property will be subject to a conservation easement deed and,

Whereas the University's mission of advancing research and providing a superior academic education to all students now, and in the future, will be advanced by this gift made to the University.

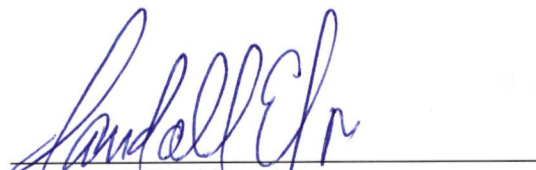
Therefore, President Killingsworth is hereby authorized to execute a gift agreement by and between the University and the Fund and a conservation easement deed by and between the University and the Freshwater Land Trust and/or any other documents necessary and proper and to do and perform any other acts necessary and proper in order to carry this Resolution into full force and effect if, in the exercise of his good faith discretion, he believes it is in the best interest of the University to enter into such agreement and to accept such deed.

This resolution is presented on this day, October 18, 2022.



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President  
Jacksonville State University



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President Pro Tempore of the  
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Executive Committee

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

Chairman Jones made a motion to accept the JSU Organizational Chart as submitted by President Killingsworth. Trustee Brown seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.

**2023 MEETING DATES**


Chairman Jones presented a draft of the 2023 Board meeting dates beginning January 9th and 10<sup>th</sup>. Other proposed meeting dates were April 17-18, July 17-18, and October 16-17.

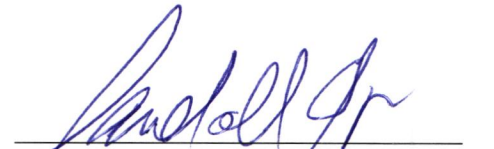
**Trustee Daugette motioned to approve the proposed 2023 meeting dates as presented. Trustees Ingram seconded the motion, and the Board was unanimously in favor.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at Meehan Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

There was no further business to come before the Board of Trustees. By consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

  
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*Catherine H. Chappell*  
*Recording Secretary*