



**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University held an Executive Committee Meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama, on Friday, November 17, 2023.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Randall E. Jones, Chairman of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order in the Executive Conference Room of Angle Hall at 10:00 am CDT.

**Roll Call:** Board Secretary Dr. Killingsworth called the roll, and the following members of the Committee were present: Mr. Randall E. Jones, Mr. Tony Smoke, and Mr. Greg Brown. Senator Vivian Davis Figures was unable to attend the meeting. The secretary announced the presence of a quorum. President Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., and Mr. Greg Seitz were present.

**Counsel Present:** Mr. Greg Harley


Chairman Jones welcomed all attendees to the meeting, emphasizing its purpose of approving the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the Magnolia Property (the "Agreement"). An overview of the key contractual terms in the Agreement was presented, and the Agreement was made available for review and inspection.


**Trustee Smoke made a motion to approve and accept the Agreement. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.**

**Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees Approving the Contract to Purchase the Magnolias Property**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University, in an open meeting duly assembled with a legal quorum present, hereby approves the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the University to purchase the property located at 603 Pelham Road, Jacksonville, Alabama. A copy of the Agreement is attached hereto.

This Resolution was presented on June 2, 2023.

  
 Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.  
 Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
 Randall E. Jones  
 Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and  
 Chairman of the Executive Committee

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

**Upon motion made by Trustee Smoke, seconded by Trustee Brown, and unanimously carried, the Executive Committee approved the JSU/JSU Foundation Agreement.**

President Killingsworth recommended to the Executive Committee that Jamey Johnson receive an Honorary Doctorate at the December 2023 Commencement Ceremonies.

**Upon motion made by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Smoke, and unanimously carried, the Executive Committee approved the following Resolution.**

#### **Resolution Conferring an Honorary Doctorate Upon Jamey Johnson**

**Whereas**, Troy, Ala., native Jamey Johnson grew up in Montgomery, the hometown of country music legend Hank Williams, learning guitar while playing along to the songs of Alabama;

**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson enrolled at Jacksonville State University after graduating from Jefferson Davis High School in 1993, studying music while playing mellophone in the Marching Southerners;

**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves as an indirect fire infantryman, achieving the rank of Corporal;

**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson landed a songwriting contract after moving to Nashville, Tenn., in 2000, penning hits for artists like Trace Adkins before signing his first record deal in 2005;

**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson's album, *That Lonesome Song*, was certified platinum and his double album, *The Guitar Song*, debuted at No. 1 on the country album charts and received a gold certification;

**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson has been nominated for 11 Grammy Awards and is one of the only artists to win two Song of the Year Awards from both the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association;

**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson took a significant step toward independence and creative freedom by launching his own label, Big Gassed Records, in 2014;

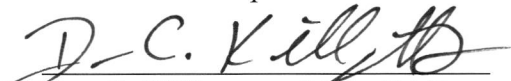
**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson is widely recognized as one of the most powerful and prolific songwriters of his generation, garnering praise from *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Wall Street Journal* and other publications;

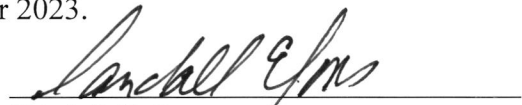
**Whereas**, Jamey Johnson was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2022, one of country music's crowning achievements;

**Whereas**, the University bestows the honorary doctorate in recognition of exceptional leadership that has improved the quality of life for the people of Alabama; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees confers the Honorary Doctorate of Letters upon Jamey Johnson for his outstanding contributions to music.


*This Resolution presented the 15th day of December 2023.*

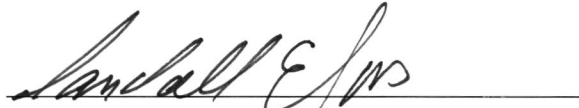
  
Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
Randall E. Jones  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and  
Chairman of the Executive Committee

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Jones declared the Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm and stated that the next Board of Trustees meeting would be held on the **5<sup>th</sup> Floor of Meehan Hall on January 9, 2024.**

  
Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
Randall E. Jones  
President Pro Tempore of the Jacksonville  
State University Board of Trustees and  
Chairman of the Executive Committee