

**Alabama A&M University  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
CLYDE FOSTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
4900 Meridian Street  
Huntsville, Alabama 35762  
Friday, June 14, 2024  
10am**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present (Attachment 1)**

1. Trustee Wayne Watts, President Pro-Tempore
2. Trustee Kevin Ball, Vice President
3. Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole, Secretary
4. Trustee Richard Crunkleton
5. Trustee Ginger Harper
6. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett
7. Trustee John Hackett, Jr. (Zoom)
8. Trustee Ralph Williams
9. Trustee Elizabeth Richardson
10. Trustee Robert Cramer, Jr.
11. Trustee Reggie Sylvain
12. Trustee Jeanette Jones, Faculty Senate President

**Members Absent**

1. Trustee Mya Gibbs, Student Government Association President

**Members Not Present**

**University Officials**

- Dr. Daniel K. Wims, President, Alabama A&M University ("AAMU")

**Attorney for the Board of Trustees**

- Attorney Rod Steakley

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting of the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 am by Trustee Wayne Watts, President, Pro Tempore serving as the Presiding Officer per Article IV Section 3 of the Bylaws.

**ECUMENICAL INVOCATION**

- Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Rhonda Moore Jackson gave the Ecumenical Invocation.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

- Per Board of Trustees Bylaws, Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, called the Roll at 10:02 am. A quorum was present.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Trustee Wayne Watts requested the adoption of the agenda (Attachment 2). Trustee Tiffany Cole made a motion to adopt the agenda with a move of the Presidential Review to the end of the agenda. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF February 15, 2024 (ATTACHMENT 3)**

- Trustee Tiffany Cole moved that the Board adopt the minutes and recommendations of the last sub-committee meetings of February 15, 2024 as presented to the Board (Attachment 3). Trustee Ginger Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING February 16, 2024 (ATTACHMENT 4)**

- Trustee Ginger Harper moved that the Board approve the minutes of the last Board of Trustees Meeting of February 16, 2024, as presented to the Board (Attachment 4). Trustee Reggie Sylvain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

Chairman Wayne Watts thanked Trustee Tiffany Cole for taking the lead on the Board of Trustees Retreat including trip to Graham Farm. Trustee Wayne Watts expressed appreciation for the site visits to the Experiment Research Station, Agribition Center, and on and off campus site seeing tours. Trustee Watts noted the experience was informative and stated he was pleased with the phenomenal growth of the University.

#### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY**

1. President Daniel K. Wims made a point of privilege to acknowledge new staff members, followed by Chief Montrez Payton's introduction of Keith Turner and Ryan Adams of Global K9 Protection. Global K9 Protection performed a demonstration of the K9 process for detecting and identifying firearms on Alabama A&M's campus.
2. President Wims requested information from Vice President Jamal Ali on the fundraising efforts for the University's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. Vice President Jamal Ali made note that Campbell and Company Consultants, based in Chicago Illinois, will perform the fund-raising for the 2025 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. Vice President Ali also introduced Ms. Jacqueline Peters, of Campbell Consultants, who presented a brief synopsis of Campbell Consulting's fundraising strategy, communications, and analytics to be used for the Alabama A&M University 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.
3. President Wims followed by thanking the Board of Trustees for their efforts and contributions, with a special thanks to Dr. Jeanette Jones. The President discussed targeting our enrollment increase per year by 2030, a focus on A&M student research at the University of Illinois, Champagne, as well as forming a Theatre of Performing Arts degree.

## REPORTS AND COMMITTEES

### 1. Permanent Committees

#### ➤ Business and Finance

**Chair:** Trustee Richard Crunkleton

**Committee Members:** Trustees John Hackett, Kevin Ball, Beth Richardson, Ginger Harper

#### A. Action Items

1. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the COLA Increase (State DOE / Agencies). Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the FY2024 Budget. Trustee Ginger Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Off-Campus Housing Cost. Trustee Beth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the New Science Building Project. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the New Student Amenities Building Project. Trustee Ginger Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### B. Informational Items

1. None

#### ➤ Academic Affairs and Research

**Chair:** Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett

**Committee Members:** Trustees John Hackett Jr., Ralph Williams, Reggie Sylvain, Jeanette Jones  
The Board of Trustees took the following action items as nominations from the Academic Affairs Sub-Committee.

#### A. Action Items

1. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Masine Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Panpacific University MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Army SROTC with Athens State University MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the University of Stravanger Norway MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
7. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Universite Peleforo Gon Coulibaly MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
8. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Brass Band of Huntsville Youth Brass Academy. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
9. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the Boys and Girls Club MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.
10. Trustee Scherrie Banks Pickett moved to approve the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service University Consortium MOU. Trustee Tiffany Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. Informational Items**

1. None

➤ **Research**

**a. Action Items**

1. None

**b. Informational Items**

1. None

- C. Report of Faculty Senate President –** The Faculty Senate President, Trustee Jeanette Jones noted the Senate conducted a “listening session” with each of the four Academic Colleges to provide an opportunity for the faculty to meet with the President informally. Trustee Jeanette Jones also mentioned she was participating in a salary study along with the Staff Senate President, Provost, and Human Resources.

➤ **Development, Marketing, Communications, Advancement and Technology**

**Chair:** Trustee Wayne Watts

**Committee Members:** Trustees Kevin Ball, Ralph Williams, Richard Crunkleton

**A. Actions Items**

1. Approve establishing the Ronald & Patricia McCalep-McIntosh, Sr. Endowed Chair in Biology. Trustee Beth Richardson moved to approve establishing the Ronald & Patricia McCalep-McIntosh, Sr. Endowed Chair in Biology. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**B. Informational Items**

1. None

➤ **Information Technology Services**

**a. Action Items**

1. None

**b. Informational Items**

1. None

➤ **Athletics**

**Chair:** Trustee Kevin Ball

**Committee Members:** Trustees Tiffany Cole, John Hackett, Jr., Ginger Harper, Reggie Sylvain

**A. Action Items**

1. None

**B. Informational Items**

1. None

➤ **Student Affairs**

**Chair:** Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole

**Committee Members:** Trustees Kevin Ball, Reggie Sylvain, Scherrie Banks Pickett, Mya Gibbs

**A. Action Items**

1. Housing Residency Requirement Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Housing Residency Requirement Policy. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Search and Seizure Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Search and Seizure Policy. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Investigations Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Investigations Policy. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Firearm/K-9 Detection Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Firearm/K-9 Detection Policy. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Intake/New Membership Presentation (Probate Show) Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Intake/New Membership Presentation (Probate Show) Policy. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. Large Event Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Large Event Policy. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. Informational Items**

1. None

**C. Student Government Association Report** – The Student Government Association President, Trustee Mya Gibbs provided a presentation video in her absence discussing increasing student engagement, strengthening alumni advocacy toward department efficiency and prioritizing student concerns.

➤ **Audit and Investment**

**Chair:** Trustee Kevin Ball

**Committee Members:** Trustee Richard Crunkleton

**A. Action Items**

1. None

**B. Informational Items**

1. None

2. Ad Hoc Committees

➤ **Buildings and Grounds**

**Chair:** Trustee John Hackett Jr.

**Committee Members:** Trustees Ginger Harper and Richard Crunkleton

**A. Action Items**

1. Approve the relocation of WJAB to 3812 John F. Kennedy Circle Property. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the move of WJAB to the property at 3812 John F. Kennedy Circle. Trustee Beth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Approve the request to purchase 101 Whitney Avenue. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the purchase of the property at 101 Whitney Avenue. Trustee John Hackett seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Approve easement to the City of Huntsville/Huntsville Utilities for step-down transformer near Walker Lane behind Moores Mill Intermediate School. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the easement to the City of Huntsville/Huntsville Utilities for step-down transformer near Walker Lane behind Moores Mill Intermediate School. Trustee Richard Crunkleton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. **Informational Items** – None

➤ **Green Initiatives**

**Chair:** Trustee Ginger Harper

**Committee Members:** Mya Gibbs

**A. Action Items – None**

**B. Informational Items – None**

➤ **International Initiatives and Affairs**

**Chair:** Trustee Wayne Watts

**Committee Members:** Trustees Tiffany Cole, Scherrie Banks Pickett

**A. Action Items – None**

**B. Informational Items – None**

➤ **Governance Committee**

**Chair:** Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole

**Committee Members:** Trustees John Hackett Jr., Richard Crunkleton, Jeanette Jones

**A. Action Items**

1. Consensual Staff/Student Relationships Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Consensual Staff/Student Relationships Policy. Trustee Beth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Data, Information Access, and Security Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Data, Information Access, and Security Policy. Trustee Beth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Insider Threat Policy. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the Insider Threat Policy. Trustee Beth Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Realign Office of Veterans Affairs from Division of Student Affairs to Division of Government Affairs and External Relations – Organizational Chart (Current / Proposed). Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to approve the realignment of the Office of Veterans Affairs from Division of Student Affairs to Division of Government Affairs and External Relations – Organizational Chart (Current / Proposed) Policy. Trustee Robert Cramer, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. Informational Items – None**

**COMMUNICATIONS, APPEALS, AND PETITIONS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Board of Trustees Subcommittee and Formal Meetings for October 2024.** Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to accept the dates for the Subcommittee and Formal meetings of the Board of

Trustees scheduled for October 23, 24, and 25. Trustee Ginger Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:04 a.m. Attorney Roderic Steakley announced that the Board of Trustees would go into Executive session for the purpose of advisement from Counsel within the Alabama law. During the executive session The executive session ended at 1:24 p.m. and the Board of Trustees meeting resumed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

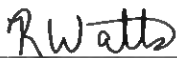
##### **1. Presidential Evaluation**

The Presidential Evaluation committee included Trustee Kevin Ball (Chair), Trustee Scherrie Pickett, and Trustee Jeanette Jones. Trustee Kevin Ball submitted a summary of five assessment areas for the Presidents evaluation, which included academic programs and development, strengthen financial resources, strengthen physical resources, institutional capacity, and community outreach and engagement. Trustee Kevin Ball recommended extension of the Presidents contract for an additional six years (2030). Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to accept the report from the Presidential review. Trustee Reggie Sylvain seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to accept the extension of the Presidents contract. Trustee Ginger Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Pro Tempore Wayne Watts requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tiffany Cole moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Elizabeth Richardson seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was received and the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

AAMU Board of Trustees meeting minutes of February 16, 2024 were approved by the Board of Trustees on June 14, 2024.



Presiding officer per Bylaws- Trustee Wayne Watts



Secretary of the Board- Trustee Tiffany Johnson Cole

#### **Attachments**

1. AAMU BOT Attendance from June 14, 2024
2. AAMU BOT Meeting Agenda for June 14, 2024
3. AAMU BOT Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024
4. AAMU BOT Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2024