

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

The Board of Trustees for Alabama State University convened in meeting on September 20, 1999 at Alabama State University in the Board Room of the Joe L. Reed Acadome. Prior to calling the meeting to order, President William Harris presented Chairlady Wright with an gavel. She then called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.—**Agenda Item 1** and declared a quorum present. In attendance were Trustees B. Maxine Coley, James C. Cox, Oscar Crawley, Buford Crutcher, Toreatha M. Johnson, Robert A. Jones, Jr., Patsy B. Parker, Joe L. Reed, Lanny S. Vines and Donald V. Watkins.

Chairlady Wright informed the Board that the first order of business would be the swearing-in of Trustee Joe L. Reed by his son, Attorney Joe Morgan Reed. The swearing-in was delayed so that preparations could be made.

On call for **Agenda Item II—Adoption of the Agenda**, it was moved by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Jones that the agenda be adopted. Chairlady Wright called for questions/discussion. President Harris informed the Board that the budget item is a part of the Finance Committee report. President Harris stated that there are some proprietary information that is involved in Agenda Item V and requested that the Item be moved to the Executive Session. Trustee Parker asked that a Student Affairs Committee report be placed under Item VI. Chairlady Wright added Ad Hoc Committee appointments under Item X. On call for the vote, the agenda was adopted as amended by unanimous vote.

Following adoption of the agenda, the swearing-in of Trustee Reed took place. Trustee Reed requested a privilege to make some comments and he made remarks about his service on the Board of Trustees and his role in the acquisition of Bel Air property. He presented a letter from Director of Finance of the State of Alabama which informed Trustee Reed that \$1,000,000 had been made available to Alabama State University by the Alabama School and College Authority for capital improvements. Trustee Reed stated that the \$1 million is different from and in addition to the \$1 million that was announced to be given to ASU at Point Clear, and that the money is to be used for the Bel Air area.

Chairlady Wright called for **Agenda Item III—Adoption of the Minutes of the meetings of September 30, 1998 and August 25, 1999**. She called for Attorney Kenneth Thomas to provide some guidance as to the validity of actions cited in the September 30, 1998 minutes. Attorney Thomas stated that he researched the law regarding the validity of those actions and determined that they were legal and should be recorded in the minutes book. President Harris stated that he certifies that the minutes accurately reflect what the actions were.

It was moved by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Crawley that the **September 30, 1998 minutes** be adopted. The motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees

Coley, Cox, Crawley, Johnson, Reed, and Watkins. Voting nay were Trustees Crutcher, Jones and Wright. Abstaining was Trustee Vines.

It was moved by Trustee Watkins, seconded by Trustee Crawley that the **August 25, 1999 minutes** be adopted. The motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Cox, Crawley, Crutcher, Johnson, Jones, Parker, Reed, Vines, Watkins and Wright. Abstaining was Trustee Coley.

It was the general consensus of the Board that minutes of subsequent meetings reflect only actions and those items that need to be read into the minute. Tapes of minutes will be available for review as desired.

Agenda Item IV–President’s Report. President Harris informed the Board that his report would consist mainly of items that will come from committee reports.

President Harris reported on the bids for the Lockhart Building. On motion by Trustee Reed, second by Trustee Watkins, and carried by majority vote, Contex Company of Tuskegee, Alabama was awarded the contract **for the Lockhart Building construction**. Voting aye were Trustees Coley, Cox, Crawley, Johnson, Jones, Parker, Reed, Vines, Watkins and Wright. Abstaining was Trustee Crutcher.

President Harris reported on actions he had taken regarding the old Hall Street Sandwich Shop being set up as the ASU Relocation Office for the Bel Air property acquisition project. Attorney Weinberg was called on to give a report on the procedure/guidelines manuals that were prepared to assist in the relocation process. It was general consensus of the Board to appropriately review the manuals; that the administration will proceed procedurally in the context of the law with the Bel Air project and that manuals be adopted at the November 17, 1999 meeting. Trustees are to submit any recommended changes to the manuals by October 15, 1999.

It was general consensus of the Board to discuss matters regarding hiring consultants in the Executive Session.

Chairlady Wright called for **Agenda Item VI–Committee Reports**. She asked for the **Report of the Academic Affairs Committee**. Trustee Johnson gave the report and recommended that the Board approve the recommendations from President Harris regarding admission standards with the exception of paragraph 5. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. **Attachment 1**

It was moved by Trustee Johnson that the Board approve the recommendations from President Harris regarding consolidation of some degree programs with the exception of those having to do with music education. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. **Attachment 2**

It was moved by Trustee Johnson that the Board approve the recommendations from President Harris regarding termination of programs. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. **Attachment 3**

Trustee Johnson recommended that the Board accept the report on new programs.

On motion by Trustee Johnson, the Board approved the recommendations changing the mission statement by unanimous vote. **Attachment 4**

On motion by Trustee Johnson, the Board approved by unanimous vote the recommendations on changes in the role statement. **Attachment 5**

Chairlady Wright asked Trustee Johnson to take the request of Trustee Crutcher under advisement regarding consolidation of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and report findings to the Board

Chairlady Wright called for Trustee Parker to give the **Report from the Student Affairs Committee**. Following the report given by Trustee Parker, it was moved by Trustee Cox, seconded by Trustee Crawley, that the president be responsible for developing a policy and procedure that provide students the opportunity to produce and receive in a timely manner such student publications as the Hornet Tribune and the Hornet Yearbook. The motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Coley, Cox, Crawley, Crutcher, Johnson, Parker, Reed, Vines, Watkins and Wright. Abstaining was Trustee Jones.

The **Finance Committee Report** was given by Trustee Crutcher who indicated that it would be presented in the form of the President's recommendations for the budget for FY2000. He asked that the record reflect that the Fiscal Affairs administrators worked very hard to get the budget prepared; that two very intense meetings were held on September 1 and September 8 which resulted in a very good budget document. He then asked President Harris and the administration to present the FY2000 budget. President Harris was assisted by Vice President Gallot in presenting the budget. Following the presentation, Trustee Crutcher moved the adoption of the FY2000 budget. Chairlady Wright called for discussion and questions. On call for the vote, the motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Coley, Cox, Crawly, Crutcher, Johnson, Jones, Parker, and Wright. Voting nay was Trustee Reed. No nay vote. Abstaining was Trustee Vines.

The record should reflect that during the discussion on the budget Trustee Vines present^{ed} a check to assist with the continuation for 1999-2000 of the Joint Dropout Prevention Program. Hisⁿ action did not amend the ASU budget.

It was moved by Trustee Crutcher, seconded by Trustee Coley, that salaries be considered a restricted budget item and cannot be used for any other purpose without approval of the full Board. The motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Coley, Cox, Crawley, Crutcher, Johnson, Jones, Parker, Reed, Vines and Wright. No nay vote. Abstaining was Trustee Reed.

Agenda Item VIII-Executive Session. The Board went into Executive session to discuss the good name and character of certain individuals and legal matters.

Agenda Item IX–Report from the Executive Session. Chairlady Wright called for the Board Secretary to report actions taken in the Executive Session. President Harris reported that the Board wished to change its posture in a pending case before the Board of Adjustment concerning the payment of certain legal fees. Trustee Crawley so moved, with a second by Trustee Crutcher and the motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Coley, Cox, Crawley, Crutcher, Johnson, Parker, Vines and Wright. No nay votes. Abstaining was Trustee Jones. Trustee Watkins recused himself.

President Harris reported that the Baptist Hospital Report will be carried over to a future meeting.

Agenda Item X–Other Business. Chairlady Wright added Trustee Crawley to the **Ad Hoc Committee on Athletics** expanding that committee by one and expanded the **Student Affairs Committee** by one with the addition of herself. She named an **Ad Hoc Committee on Personnel and Staffing** composed of Trustee Crawley as chair and Trustees Coley, Crutcher and Johnson as members. On motion by Trustee Watkins, second by Trustee Parker, and carried by unanimous vote, the appointments were approved.

Agenda Item VII–Reports. Introduced by President Harris, the new Faculty Senate Chair, Mr. Michael Howley, made comments– **Faculty Senate Report.** Mrs. Jessyca Coles, Chair of the Non-academic Staff Council, made comments on behalf of the staff–**Non-academic Staff Report.** President Harris announced that the Student Government Association President, Mr. Dmark Liggins was not in attendance at the meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed at 2:10 p.m. until November 17, 1999.

William H. Harris, President of the University and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

ATTESTED

Catherine W. Wright, Chairlady
Board of Trustees for Alabama State University