

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED SEPTEMBER 27, 2004
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2004**

Agenda Item I—Call to Order

The reconvened September 27, 2004 meeting and the October 14, 2004 continuation of that meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Joe L. Reed Acadome by Chairlady Toreatha M. Johnson. She extended welcome to Mr. Ken Wallis, Legal Advisor to Governor Bob Riley, and to others present.

Agenda Item II—Invocation

Invocation was led by President Joe A. Lee.

Agenda Item III—Establishment of Quorum

Trustees in attendance were James C. Cox, Buford Crutcher, Elton Dean, Toreatha M. Johnson, Robert A. Jones, Jr., Patsy B. Parker, Lister H. Proctor, Joe L. Reed and Catherine W. Wright. Absent were Trustees Thomas H. Figures, Lawrence J. Lemax, and Bobby Junkins. Chairlady Johnson declared a quorum present.

Agenda Item IV—Adoption of the Agenda

Chairlady Johnson indicated that the September 27, 2004 agenda would be continued. She stated that the original agenda had been amended and adopted and that the Executive Session would follow the adoption of the minutes.

Agenda Item V—Adoption of Minute of May 7, 2004 and September 27, 2004.

Chairlady Johnson indicated that minutes of May 7, 2004 had been adopted, and that she would allow a few minutes for the September 27, 2004 minutes be reviewed for Trustees to refresh themselves as to what happened at the September meeting. She called for corrections to the September 27, 2004 minutes. Trustee Wright stated that the 2004-2005 budget was adopted with the understanding that the matter of the Finance Committee reviewing it again and including funds for the Early Childhood Center (ECC) to make preparations for a review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for accreditation. She requested that the minutes be corrected to show this recommendation. The minutes will be reviewed for any correction that need to be made.

Agenda Item VI—Executive Session

Chairlady Johnson called for the Trustees to go into Executive Session for discussion of legal matters and the good name of individuals, at 9:45 a.m.

Agenda Item VII—Report from Executive Session

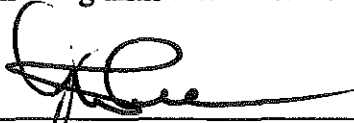
At 10:50 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session and Chairlady Johnson called on President Lee to give the report from the Executive Session. President Lee reported that one recommendation is being made from the Executive Session. He made comments regarding the issue of ASU students taking the Praxis II Examination, the concerns of the faculty and students, and the strong concerns of the administration and Board of Trustees regarding the second amended consent decree. He gave those concerns and made comments regarding the consequences of not accepting the decree and of the negative public opinion about the University's education program. He stated that not accepting the second amended consent decree might pose some serious threats to the University. President Lee recommended that the second amended consent decree, as negotiated, be accepted and that ASU work within those perimeters to insure that the State Department of Education does not arbitrarily and capriciously use testing to negatively affect the University's teacher education program. Chairlady Johnson called for a motion on the recommendation. Trustee Reed moved that the action taken on the second amended consent decree at the September 27, 2004 meeting be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Trustees Jones and Parker and was carried by unanimous vote.

Chairlady Johnson called for a motion to accept the second amended consent decree, as recommended by President Lee. It was moved by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustees Jones and Wright that the President's recommendation be accepted. On the call for discussion, Trustee Reed informed the Trustees that he had filed with the Middle District Court his reason for opposing the second amended consent decree, which is on file at the Court House. Chairlady Johnson called for the vote. The motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Cox, Crutcher, Dean, Johnson, Jones, Parker, Proctor, and Wright. Trustee Reed abstained.

Chairlady Johnson stated that two other items, (1) amendments to the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees*, and (2) a second review of the budget were to be taken up. She further stated that she had been informed that some of the Trustees would be unable to remain at the meeting, which would result in there being a lack of a quorum.


Trustee Wright moved that the two items be carried over to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Parker and carried by unanimous vote.

Chairlady Johnson recessed the meeting until call of the chair at 11:00 a.m.



Joe A. Lee, President of the University
and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

APPROVED



Toreatha M. Johnson, Chair
Board of Trustees for Alabama State University