

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2003

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 9, 2003 in the Board Room of the Joe L. Reed Academic Center. **Agenda Item I—Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Catherine W. Wright. The chair announced a quorum. Trustees in attendance were Buford Crutcher, Elton Dean, Thomas H. Figures, Robert A. Jones, Jr., Patsy B. Parker, Lister Hill Proctor, Joe L. Reed, Catherine W. Wright and President Joe A. Lee, Secretary to the Board. Absent were Trustees James C. Cox, Toreatha M. Johnson, Bobby M. Junkins, Lawrence Lemak.

Agenda Item II—Invocation. The invocation was led by President Lee.

Agenda Item III—Adoption of Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Dean and seconded by Trustee Crutcher that Item X—Other Reports—be moved to follow Agenda Item V. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Voting aye were Trustees Crutcher, Dean, Figures, Jones, Parker, Proctor, Reed and Wright. Trustee Crutcher stated his unreadiness on the Finance Committee Report, Agenda Item VI. Trustee Reed stated that the delay would hamper the building program. Following some discussion, on motion by Trustee Reed, seconded by Trustee Figures, the amended agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item IV—Adoption of Minutes of February 7, 2003. Chair Wright called for adoption of the Minutes of the February 7, 2003 Meeting. It was moved by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Proctor, that the minutes be adopted. On call for the question, Trustee Figures indicated that the bond debt service amount should be corrected to \$1,500,000 (page 3). The correction was noted and on call for the vote, the minutes were adopted by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Crutcher, Dean, Figures, Parker, Proctor, Reed and Wright. Trustee Jones abstained.

Agenda Item V—President's Report. Chair Wright requested President Lee to make his report. President Lee expressed condolences for the loss of Trustee Johnson's Mother; he thanked the Board and his colleagues, for himself and Mrs. Lee, for the inaugural week activities; he indicated that his report would cover some highlights of events for the period February, 2003 through May 7, 2003. The Chair thanked President Lee for his report.

Agenda Item VI-A, Report from Student Government Association. The Chair recognized Ms. Aretha Flucker for the report. Vice President Rick Drake introduced the new Student Government Association officers and Miss Alabama State University and Attendants.

Agenda Item VI-B, Report from Faculty Senate. The Chair recognized Dr. Derryn Moten for the report. Following Dr. Moten's report, Trustee Jones asked if the University Counsel had reviewed the resolution regarding the fiscal authority of Vice President Freddie Gallot, Jr. President Lee explained that the matter had been clarified and resolved.

Agenda Item VI-C, Report from the Non-Academic Staff Council. The Chair recognized the Non-Academic Staff Council Report. The President of the Council was absent due to a medical emergency. The report is attached to the minutes.

Agenda Item VII–Committee Reports. The Chair called for the Finance Committee Report. Trustee Reed thanked the Committee members for their help and the administration for its support and guidance. Following some discussion, the Board approved budget adjustments of \$300,000 to the Legal Fees Account and \$34,000 to the Professional Liability Insurance Account both adjustments to be made from unfilled vacancies savings. Following some discussion, the Board approved Barganier, Davis, Sims/Robinson as architects of record for the Student Union renovation and Parsons, Wible, Brummal, Alkins/Oliver, as architects of record for the Education Building. The Board also authorized the creation of a temporary position to oversee the construction of the new building projects. President Lee gave the rationale for filling such a position. Following Vice President Gallot's comments regarding the status of the Request for Proposals for the Food Service Contract, it was moved by Trustee Crutcher, seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Finance Committee's recommendations be voted on separately. The motion was lost. Voting aye were Trustees Crutcher and Dean. Voting nay were Trustees Figures, Parker, Proctor, Reed and Wright. Abstaining was Trustee Jones. It was moved by Trustee Reed, seconded by Trustee Parker that the Finance Committee's report be accepted. The motion was carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Figures, Parker, Proctor, Reed and Wright. Voting nay were Trustees Crutcher and Dean. Abstaining was Trustee Jones.

There were no other committee reports.

Chairlady Wright called for a five-minute break to be followed by the **Executive Session–Agenda Item VIII.**

Agenda Item IX–Report from Executive Session. The Board came out of Executive Session at 12 noon and the Chair called for the report. There was no report from that session.

Agenda Item X–Personnel Actions. Trustee Reed moved that the personnel recommendations from the President be approved, subject to University policies. The motion was seconded by Trustee Parker and carried by majority vote. Voting aye were Trustees Dean, Jones, Parker, Proctor, Reed and Wright. Abstaining were Trustees Crutcher and Figures.

Agenda Item XI–Election of Officers. The Chair called for nominations. It was moved by Trustee Reed, seconded by Trustee Jones that Trustee Toreatha Johnson be elected chair. It was moved by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Proctor that Trustee Parker be elected chair. Trustee Parker received three votes and Trustee Johnson received five votes. Trustee Johnson was elected chair by majority vote.

It was moved by Trustee Figures, seconded by Trustee Parker that Trustee Reed be elected vice

chair. Trustee Dean was nominated by Trustee Crutcher to serve as vice chair. Trustee Reed received five votes and Trustee Dean received two votes. There was one abstention. Trustee Reed was elected vice chair by majority vote.

The Board considered filling the two vacancies on the Executive Committee. Trustee Crutcher was nominated by Trustee Dean, Trustee Jones was nominated by Trustee Wright, Trustee Parker was nominated by Trustee Crutcher, and Trustee Wright was nominated by Trustee Reed. On the first ballot, Trustee Wright was elected. There were tie votes between Trustees Jones and Parker. On the second ballot, there was still a tie between Trustees Jones and Parker and subsequently, Trustee Jones withdrew in favor of Trustee Parker. The two persons elected to the Executive Committee were Trustees Wright and Parker. The Executive Committee members are Trustees Johnson and Reed, by virtue of their officer positions, and Trustees Parker and Wright.

Chairlady Wright asked for a personal privilege. She made comments regarding her tenure as Chairlady of the Board and expressed appreciation to all who had given her assistance.

It was moved by Trustee Jones that a resolution be drafted by the President for Trustee Wright in appreciation of her service to the Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reed and carried by unanimous vote.

In regards to condolences being sent to Trustee Johnson and Trustee Cox, Trustee Reed indicated that he would take care of that being done.

The Board officers and members of the Executive Committee were sworn in by Attorney Fred D. Gray, Sr.

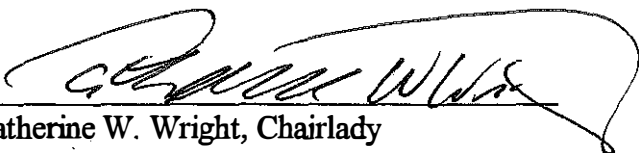
Agenda Item XII—Other Business. There was no other business to come before the Board.

Agenda Item XIII—Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



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

APPROVED



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