



**Alabama State University
Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda
April 20, 2020
1:00 pm**

I. Call to Order

President Darrell Hudson called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

II. Invocation

The invocation was given by President Pro Tem Brenda Hunter.

III. Establishment of a Quorum

President Ross called the roll to establish a quorum. A quorum was established.

NAME	Present	Absent	
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett	X		
Bracy	X		
Fleming	X		
Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison	X		
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
Whitt		X	

IV. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Bracy made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, and it was seconded by Trustee Hunter. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett	X		

Bracy	X		
Fleming	X		
Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison	X		
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
Whitt			

Trustee McCord made a motion to suspend the rules for the April 20, 2020 Board meeting, and it was seconded by President Pro Tem Hunter.

Trustee Bracy suggested that a detailed explanation be provide for those viewing the meeting. Trustee McCord offered an explanation and shared that the bylaws require that information be provided within ten (10) days of the meeting. However, given the pandemic, it is necessary that business of the University continue and an exception be made. Attorney Thomas added further explanation sharing that the suspension requires a two-third majority vote of the Board. A roll call vote was taken and passed by unanimous vote.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett	X		
Bracy	X		
Fleming	X		
Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison	X		
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
Whitt			

V. Pass/Not Pass Policy

A motion was made by Trustee Means and seconded by Trustee Barnett. Trustee McKenzie noted the title of the policy be reflected accurately. Trustee McCord asked if the policy as presented had been changed. President Ross confirmed that the policy had not been changed.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett	X		
Bracy	X		
Fleming	X		

Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison	X		
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
Whitt			

Trustee Madison thanked Dr. Pettis and his team for their due diligence during the process.

VI. Board of Trustees Meeting Date

President Hudson recognized Attorney Thomas to review the May meeting requirements. Attorney Thomas shared the provisions in the bylaws regarding the May meeting requiring both a May meeting during the week of Commencement and the requirement to elect officers.

Trustee McCord shared the discussion that occurred during the last Executive Committee meeting regarding the suspension of the rules as well as her concerns regarding COVID-19; having a large number of persons in the Boardroom, and the end of the Governor’s resolution on April 29, 2020.

Attorney Thomas emphasized that whatever the Board sets regarding the date for the meeting and election process rests with the Board and is a Board decision.

President Pro Tem Hunter made a motion to suspend the rules of the bylaws for the May meeting and have the meeting on April 29, 2020, and it was seconded by Trustee McKenzie.

Trustee McCord asked if the annual meeting be held today given the bylaws had been suspended. Trustee Gore shared that the next meeting should include updates on University activities.

After further discussion regarding clarifying the motion to include a specific time, President Pro Tem Hunter amended her motion, to suspend the rules that in lieu of the May Board meeting it be held on April 29, 2020 and that the BOT Liaison will canvass Board members to determine a time agreeable to all at a later date. It was seconded by Trustee McCord. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett		X	
Bracy	X		
Fleming	X		
Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison	X		
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
Whitt			

VII. Board Elections

President Hudson opened the floor for discussion on Board elections. Trustee McCord shared her desire to have a process that is not cumbersome and suggested that as all other votes are done via voice vote, this would be a less cumbersome process than a paper ballot.

Trustee Bracy shared that if required, based on the review from the attorney, a process for submitting documents could be done via submission of an email to confirm the vote with the Secretary of the Board – President Ross. Trustee Madison echoed his sentiments.

Attorney Thomas explained that as the rules have been suspended, it up to the Board to determine and agree on a process.

Trustee McCord made a motion to conduct the elections via voice vote from a roll call, the motion was seconded by Trustee Hardaway.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett		X	
Bracy	X		
Fleming		X	
Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison		X	
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
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VIII. Other Business

Trustee McKenzie expressed her thanks to President Pro Tem Hunter for including those who have been impacted, especially those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19. She also shared that her family has lost three loved ones.

President Hudson reiterated Trustee McCord’s earlier thanks to Trustee Barnett for being on the frontlines in the healthcare arena. Trustee McCord thanked President Ross for the display extended during the loss of ASU Alumnus Tavaris Jackson.

President Ross thanked the Board of Trustees for approval of the policy and also thanked Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate and Deans for the collaborative efforts.

Trustee McKenzie requested an update on her request for financial information. Trustee Bracy shared that the information was prepared and would be sent to her. It was agreed that the information will be sent to all trustees as well.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee McCord to recess the meeting at the call of Chair, and it was seconded by Trustee McKenzie. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Hudson	X		
Hunter	X		
Barnett	X		
Bracy	X		
Fleming	X		
Gore	X		
Hardaway	X		
Lumzy	X		
Madison	X		
McCord	X		
McKenzie	X		
Means	X		
Ware	X		
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The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

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