

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM  
CAMMACK CONFERENCE ROOM  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
AND VIRTUALLY  
9:30 A.M., MARCH 5, 2020

TRUSTEES PRESENT IN PERSON:

Trustees Ted Dickey and Kelly Eichler.

TRUSTEES PRESENT VIA  
CONFERENCE CALL OR ZOOM:

Chairman John Goodson, Trustees Tommy Boyer, Stephen A. Broughton, M.D., Steve Cox, Ed Fryar, Ph.D., Cliff Gibson, Morrill Harriman and Sheffield Nelson.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS  
AND OTHERS PRESENT:

System Administration:

President Donald R. Bobbitt, General Counsel JoAnn Maxey, Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael K. Moore, Vice President for University Relations Melissa Rust, Senior Director of Policy and Public Affairs Ben Beaumont, Director of Communications Nate Hinkel, Chief Audit Executive Laura Cheak, Chief Information Officer Steven Fulkerson, Associate Vice President Legal and Research Harold Evans, Assistant to the President Angela Hudson and Associate for Administration Sylvia White.

Campus Representatives:

UAF Chancellor Joe Steinmetz and Laura Jacobs; UAFS Chancellor Terisa Riley; UAMS Chancellor Cam Patterson and Stephanie Gardner and Steppe Mente; UAPB Chancellor Laurence Alexander and Robert Carr, Janet Broiles and Carla Martin; UAM Chancellor Peggy Doss; UALR Chancellor Christina Drale and Cody Decker; UACCB Chancellor Deborah Frazier; UACCH-T Chancellor Chris Thomason; PCCUA Chancellor Keith Pinchback; CCCUA Chancellor Steve Cole; UACCM Chancellor

Lisa Willenberg; UA-PTC Chancellor  
Margaret Ellibee; UACCRM Chancellor  
Phillip Wilson; UACS Dean Skip Rutherford;  
and ASMSA Director Corey Alderdice.

Member of the Press.

Chairman Goodson called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas to order at 9:33 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020, in the Cammack Conference Room of the University of Arkansas System Administration Building in Little Rock, and via Zoom and conference call.

This was an information meeting for the Trustees and others to learn about preliminary and ongoing preparations across the system to address issues should the incidence of the Coronavirus expand causing our institutions' academic calendars to be affected. The Board's first and overarching concern is for the safety and wellbeing of our students, our faculty and our staff.

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Chancellor Joe Steinmetz provided an update on the status of UA students studying abroad and other students, faculty and staff registered for international travel, including the required two-week quarantine when returning home.

University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Chancellor Terisa Riley touched on some of the same issues, including the status and plans for UAFS' China (at a level 3 risk) program which was scheduled to begin on March 1.

University of Arkansas System Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Moore provided insight into the academic planning, including an explanation of Blackboard shells, Blackboard Collaborate (like Skype or Zoom), and other options from Blackboard, which is an international company. He concluded by mentioning a UA System partnership with an online provider which is an additional option for replacing face to face classes for UA System students.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Chancellor Cam Patterson provided a review of current knowledge related to the situation from a public health perspective and Dr. Steppe Mette detailed ongoing plans and preparations at the UAMS Medical Center.

UA System President Donald Bobbitt informed the Trustees that a CPT Code has been assigned for COVID-19 testing for which the University will require \$0 out-of-pocket expense. This should allay any financial insecurity for testing purposes. He further stated that with Workday—that is being implemented across the UA System—paying employees, procurement, paying bills, etc., can be accomplished from anywhere in the world. He concluded by stating that future

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Trustee meetings at the Medical Sciences campus will be moved away from the month of January, when illness rates are much higher.

Chairman Goodson concluded by thanking everyone in attendance. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Fryar, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly Eichler, Secretary