

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM
CAMMACK CONFERENCE ROOM
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
11:00 A.M., JULY 28, 2021

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chairman Stephen A. Broughton, M.D.; Trustees Cliff Gibson; Morrill Harriman; Sheffield Nelson; Kelly Eichler; Tommy Boyer; Steve Cox; Ed Fryar, Ph.D.; Ted Dickey; and Jeremy Wilson.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS
AND OTHERS PRESENT:

System Administration:

President Donald R. Bobbitt, Vice President for Planning and Development Chris Thomason, General Counsel JoAnn Maxey, Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael K. Moore, Vice President for University Relations Melissa Rust, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Gina Terry, Associate Vice President for Finance Chaundra Hall, Senior Director of Policy and Public Affairs Ben Beaumont, Director of Communications Nate Hinkel, Associate Vice President for Benefits and Risk Management Services Steve Wood, Chief Information Officer Steven Fulkerson, Associate General Counsel Patrick Hollingsworth, Assistant to the President Angela Hudson and Associate for Administration Sylvia White.

Campus Representatives:

UAF Interim Chancellor and Managing Associate General Counsel Bill Kincaid; Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Charles F. Robinson; Vice Chancellor Finance and Administration Ann Bordelon; Chief of Staff Laura Jacobs and Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations Randy Massinelli; UAMS Chancellor Cam Patterson and Vice Chancellor for Finance Amanda George;

UALR Chancellor Christina Drale, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Ann Bain and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Erin S. Finzer; UAPB Provost and Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Robert Z. Carr.

Members of the Press.

Chairman Broughton called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas to order at 11:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, via video conference.

1. Approval of Resolutions Regarding Fulbright College Name and Fulbright Statue and Resolution Regarding Brough Commons Name, UAF:

President Bobbitt made opening remarks regarding the complex record of Senator Fulbright and a discussion followed. Upon motion by Trustee Gibson and second by Trustee Nelson, the Board approved the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has undergone a process to review certain facility names, including the University's association with the legacy of the late Senator J. William Fulbright through the name of the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences and the location of the J. William Fulbright statue outside of the Old Main building; and

WHEREAS, this process led to recommendations from former Chancellor Joseph E. Steinmetz to maintain the name of the Fulbright College and explore relocating and contextualizing the Fulbright statue; and

WHEREAS, the 93rd Arkansas General Assembly passed Act 1003, which prohibits the removal or relocation of monuments on public property; and

WHEREAS, the complex legacy of Senator Fulbright includes his contributions to internationalism and world peace, most notably through the establishment and success of the Fulbright International Exchange Program, along with his opposition to landmark Civil Rights and voting rights legislation; his signing of the Southern Manifesto, which opposed racial integration; and his vote to confirm the first African American to the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Thurgood Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the Board voted on November 20, 1981, in conjunction with a \$1 million gift from the Stephens Charitable Trust, to name the Fulbright College in honor of the Senator to “endow the College in such a way as to make it a worldwide center for liberal learning in general and for the study of international relations in particular;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to affirm the University’s connection to Senator Fulbright’s promotion of education, international exchange and world peace and to the broader legacy of the Fulbright International Exchange Program, while also acknowledging his complex record on Civil Rights and racial integration; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to affirm the commitment of the University to racial equality and promote an educational environment that seeks a full understanding of history, including the acknowledgement and discussion of topics and events that are difficult for some members of the campus community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby affirms its previous action to name the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, the J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board acknowledges the passage of Act 1003, which prohibits the removal or relocation of monuments on public property, and directs that the J. William Fulbright statue remain in its current location and that the University add contextualization to the statue that affirms the University’s commitment to racial equality and acknowledges Senator Fulbright’s complex legacy, including his record on international affairs, Civil Rights legislation, and racial integration.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has undergone a process to review certain facility names, including the naming of the Charles Hillman Brough Commons dining facility considering the former governor’s role in the 1919 Elaine Massacre; and

WHEREAS, the review process revealed little knowledge of the reasoning for the name or the connection between the University and the former governor other than him having held a professorship at the University according to the minutes of a November 14, 1958, Board of Trustees meeting at which the facility was named along with several others on campus; and

WHEREAS, the University administration has recommended removing the Brough name from the dining facility in light of the foregoing, including the name’s lack of connection to the campus students, faculty and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the removal of the name of the Charles Hillman Brough Commons dining facility.

2. Approval of an Off-Site Location at Vilonia High School, UALR:

UALR Chancellor Drale called on Dr. Erin Finzer to present the off-site location request for Vilonia High School. Upon motion by Trustee Harriman and second by Trustee Eichler, the following resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves adding Vilonia High School (VHS) as an offsite location, retroactive to May 31, 2017, in order for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to award eligible Vilonia High School concurrent students its existing Associate of Arts in General Education and Associate of Construction Science degrees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President is hereby authorized to submit this proposal to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for appropriate action.

3. Approval of an Inter-Institutional Loan from UASYS to UAMS:

CFO Gina Terry presented the request for approval of an inter-institutional loan from the UA System to UAMS. Upon motion by Trustee Nelson and second by Trustee Fryar, the following resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board approves the Inter-Institutional loan, pursuant to Board Policy 375.1, of \$5,800,000 to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in order to pay for a portion of the costs of the implementation of the Workday Financial and Human Capital Management Enterprise Resource Planning System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the term of the loan will be for a 7-year period at an annual interest rate of 3.1% payable semi-annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President and the University of Arkansas System Chief Financial Officer shall be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the documents related to the Inter-Institutional loan.

Upon motion by Trustee Cox and second by Trustee Fryar, the Chair convened Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. for the purpose of considering the employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of public officers or employees for the various campuses of the

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University of Arkansas System. Chair Broughton reconvened the Regular Session of the Board at 1:19 p.m. and stated that no action had been taken during Executive Session.

Chairman Broughton announced the Board Retreat is scheduled at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute for August 10-11, 2021, and the next regular Trustee meeting will be held September 16-17, 2021, at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Trustee Harriman and second by Trustee Nelson, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

T. E. Boyer, Secretary