

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM OFFICE
BOARDROOM
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
12:00 P.M., APRIL 19, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chairman Morril Harriman; Trustees Sheffield Nelson; Kelly Eichler; Tommy Boyer; Steve Cox; Ed Fryar, Ph.D.; Ted Dickey; Nate Todd and Kevin Crass.

TRUSTEE PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Trustee Jeremy Wilson.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS
AND OTHERS PRESENT:

System Administration:

President Donald R. Bobbitt, Vice President for Planning and Development Chris Thomason, Interim General Counsel Patrick Hollingsworth, Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael K. Moore, Vice President for University Relations Melissa Rust, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Tara Smith, 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, Assistant to the President Angela Hudson and Associate for Administration Sylvia White.

UALR Campus Representatives:

Chancellor Christina Drale and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ann Bain.

UAPB Campus Representatives:

Chancellor Laurence B. Alexander, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Carla Martin and Vice Chancellor for Facilities Terrell Langley.

Special Guests:
Marshall McKissack, Julie Miceli, Jonathan Giokas, Ericka Curls Bartling, Lisa Paker, Steven Carman, Matt Waller, Ben Hyneman, and Gina Terry.

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas was called to order at 12:02 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

1. Approval of Solar Services Agreement with Scenic Hill Solar, UASYS:

Vice President Chris Thomason presented a request for approval of a Solar Services Agreement with Scenic Hill Solar. Following discussion and upon motion by Trustee Nelson and second by Trustee Fryar, the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the President is authorized to enter into a Solar Services Agreement with Scenic Hill Solar providing for Scenic Hill Solar to develop and own solar photovoltaic facilities to be located on multiple sites that will be acquired by Scenic Hill Solar and on properties owned by the Board of Trustees, and further providing for the purchase of electricity produced by such facilities at fixed rates for no less than 25 years for the benefit of multiple campuses, all on terms and conditions approved by the General Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the President is authorized to enter into such leases of University property and to execute such other documents as required to implement this resolution.

2. Discussion of Potential Affiliation Between the University of Arkansas System and Transformative Education Services, Inc., UASYS:

President Donald R. Bobbitt led a discussion regarding the potential affiliation between the University of Arkansas System and Transformative Education Services, Inc. He presented the contemplated structure and why he believes the affiliation makes sense for the University of Arkansas System. Marshall McKissack of Stephens, Inc. discussed financial issues. Walton College of Business Dean Matt Waller, Husch Blackwell attorney Julie Miceli, and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Moore made presentations concerning the benefits of affiliation, due diligence, comparable models and the history of the University of Phoenix. Each presentation prompted questions and thoughtful discussions. Further discussion will continue at a meeting to be held on April 24 at 1:00 p.m.

3. Approval of Academic Planning Retrenchment Proposal, UALR:

Chancellor Christina Drale presented a request for approval of an Academic Planning Retrenchment proposal that specifically deletes the French and French Education tracks of the World Languages Bachelor of Arts. Only the specified tracks will be deleted. The Bachelor of Arts will still be available. Following discussion and upon motion by Trustee Nelson and second by Trustee Dickey, the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Academic Planning Retrenchment Proposal of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock presented by Chancellor Christina Drale and recommended by President Donald R. Bobbitt on April 19, 2023, pursuant to Board Policy 405.5, is hereby approved as presented.

4. Selection of Design Professionals for the Hathaway Howard Fine Arts Renovation and Restoration Project, UAPB:

Chancellor Laurence B. Alexander presented a request for project approval and for the selection of design professionals for the Hathaway Howard Fine Arts Renovation and Restoration Project. Following discussion and upon motion by Trustee Fryar and second by Trustee Eichler, the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Hathaway Howard Fine Arts Center Renovation and Restoration Project at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff as presented to the Board on this date is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is authorized to select WER Architects as design professionals for the UAPB Hathaway Howard Fine Arts Center Renovation and Restoration Project.

Upon motion by Trustee Fryar and second by Trustee Dickey, the Board voted to go into Executive Session at 3:05 p.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 University of Arkansas System.

Chair Harriman reconvened the Regular Session of the Board at 3:35 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly Eichler, Secretary