

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VIA VIRTUALLY AND  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
2:30 P.M., OCTOBER 9, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair Kelly Eichler; Trustees Ted Dickey,  
Nate Todd and Kevin Crass.

TRUSTEES PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Trustees Sheffield Nelson; Tommy Boyer;  
Steve Cox; Ed Fryar, Ph.D.; Jeremy Wilson  
and Scott Ford.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS  
AND OTHERS PRESENT:

System Administration:

President Donald R. Bobbitt, Vice President  
for Academic Affairs Michael Moore,  
General Counsel David Curran, Vice  
President for University Relations and Chief  
of Staff Melissa Rust, Vice President for  
Financial Affairs and Chief Fiscal Officer  
Tara Smith, Vice President for Agriculture  
Deacue Fields; Vice President for Planning  
and Development Chris Thomason, Senior  
Director of Policy and Public Affairs Ben  
Beaumont, Director of Communications Nate  
Hinkel, Chief Information Officer Steven  
Fulkerson, Assistant to the President Angela  
Hudson and Associate for Administration  
Sylvia White.

UAF Representatives:

Chancellor Charles Robinson, Executive Vice  
Chancellor for Finance and Administration  
Ann Bordelon, Vice Chancellor for  
Academics Terry Martin, and Associate  
General Counsel Michael Martz.

UAM Representatives:

Chancellor Peggy Doss, Vice Chancellor for  
Academic Affairs Crystal Halley, Dean of the  
College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural

Resources Michael Blazier, and Professor of Forestry Matthew Pelkki.

Members of the Press.

Chair Eichler called to order the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and virtually.

1. Approval to Change the Role and Scope and Approval of the Program Proposal to Offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Resources, UAM:

Dr. Peggy Doss, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, presented a request for approval of a change in UAM Role and Scope and approval of a proposal to offer a Ph.D. in Forest Resources through the College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. Upon motion by Trustee Crass and second by Trustee Cox, the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Arkansas is renowned as The Natural State for its abundant forest resources and ranks second in the nation for the contribution of forest resources to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with its mission, the University of Arkansas at Monticello Forest Resources program, bolstered by its land-grant partnership with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, supports this important Arkansas industry through its research and extension activities and trains graduate students to take their place in this industry upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, the forestry and natural resources industry provides critically-needed support to the research and student training activities of the Forest Resources program; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Resources program is currently offering Master of Science in Forest Resources, Graduate Certificate in Waterfowl Habitat and Recreation Management, and Graduate Certificate in Forest Business programs that are recognized as outstanding programs in the United States based on the research and workforce training of its faculty and students and the outstanding record of its graduates; and

WHEREAS, the forestry and natural resources industry throughout the state of Arkansas strongly supports the offering of a forest resources doctoral program at the University of Arkansas at Monticello;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the role and scope of the University of Arkansas at

Monticello be expanded to provide that it shall offer one specific doctoral program, the Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Forest Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Arkansas at Monticello is approved to offer the Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Forest Resources, which will provide scientists needed to support the continued growth and development of forest resources in Arkansas and the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President is authorized to submit these requests to the Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board for appropriate action.

2. Approval to Purchase Property Located at 689 N. Oakland Ave. and 662, 666 and 668 N. Lindell Ave., Fayetteville, UAF:

Chancellor Charles Robinson and Vice Chancellor Ann Bordelon, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, requested approval to purchase property located at 689 North Oakland Avenue and 662, 666, and 668 North Lindell Avenue in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Upon motion by Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Cox, the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby authorizes and approves the purchase of certain real property situated at 689 North Oakland Avenue and 662, 666, and 668 North Lindell Avenue in Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas, more particularly described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 2, Oakland Place Subdivision to the City of Fayetteville, County of Washington, Arkansas.

And the East ½ of that portion of the vacated alley lying West of and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 2, Oakland Place Addition as set out in Ordinance No. 5544 recorded December 17, 2012 as File No. 2012-38016, Records of Washington County, Arkansas.

And

Lot Numbered Twenty-Six (26) in Block Numbered Two (2) in Oakland Place Addition to the City of Fayetteville, as the same is designated upon the plat of said addition.

And the West ½ of that portion of the vacated alley lying East of and adjacent to Lot Numbered Twenty-Six (26) in Block Numbered Two (2), Oakland Place

Addition as set out in Ordinance No. 5544 recorded December 17, 2012 as File No. 2012-38016, Records of Washington County, Arkansas.

And

Lot Numbered Twenty-Seven (27) and thirty-five (35) feet of equal and uniform width off the South side of Lot Numbered Twenty-Eight (28) in Block Numbered Two (2) in Oakland Place Addition to the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, as shown on the recorded plat on file in the office of the Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Washington County, Arkansas.

And the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of that portion of the vacated alley lying East of and adjacent to Lot Numbered Twenty-Seven (27) and thirty-five (35) feet of equal and uniform width off the South side of Lot Numbered Twenty-Eight (28) in Block Numbered Two (2), Oakland Place Addition as set out in Ordinance No. 5544 recorded December 17, 2012 as File No. 2012-38016, Records of Washington County, Arkansas.

And

Lot Numbered Part of Block 2 in Oakland Place, an Addition to the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, as per plat on file in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Washington County, State of Arkansas, described as beginning at a point 35 feet North of the SW corner of Lot 28 in said Block 2; thence running East 126 feet; thence North 75 feet; thence West 126 feet; thence South 75 feet to the point of beginning; being the North 5 feet of Lot 28, all of Lot 29 and the South 20 feet of Lot 30 and what was formerly a 15 foot alley between Lot 28 and 29.

And the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of that portion of the vacated alley lying East of and adjacent to the North 5 feet of Lot 28, all of Lot 29 and the South 20 feet of Lot 30 and what was formerly a 15 foot alley between Lot 28 and 29, in Block 2, Oakland Place Addition as set out in Ordinance No. 5544 recorded December 17, 2012 as File No. 2012-38016, Records of Washington County, Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is hereby authorized to pay up to a total of Two Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,150,000.00) to the various owners of the parcels comprising the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the purchase of each parcel shall be subject to a determination by the General Counsel that the seller has good and merchantable title to the property and obtaining an acceptable Phase 1 environmental assessment unless waived by the campus officials after inspection of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the President, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, or their designee, shall be, and hereby are, authorized to take such further action and execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to close each transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all documents related to the purchase of the properties shall be in a form and content acceptable to the General Counsel.

Upon motion of Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Crass, Chair Eichler stated the Board would go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment, appointment or resignation of public officers or employees for the various campuses of the University of Arkansas System at 3:09 p.m.

3. Executive Session:

Chair Eichler reconvened the Regular Session of the Board at 4:12 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session:

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Ford, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ted Dickey, Secretary