

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM BOARDROOM
AND VIRTUALLY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
10:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 18, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair Kelly Eichler; Trustees Ed Fryar, Ph.D.; Ted Dickey; Nate Todd; Kevin Crass and Scott Ford.

TRUSTEES PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Trustees Sheffield Nelson, Tommy Boyer, Steve Cox and Jeremy Wilson.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS
AND OTHERS PRESENT:

System Administration:
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, Associate Vice President for Finance Chaundra Hall, Associate Vice President for Benefits & Risk Management Services Steve Wood, Vice President for Agriculture Deacue Fields, Senior Director of Policy and Public Affairs Ben Beaumont, Director of Communications Nate Hinkel, Chief Information Officer Steven Fulkerson, Chief Audit Executive Laura Cheak, 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 Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jeremy Battjes.

UAMS Representative:
Chancellor Cam Patterson.

UALR Representative:
Chancellor Christina Drale.

UAM Representative:
Chancellor Peggy Doss.

UAFS Representative:
Chancellor Terisa Riley.

UACCB Representatives:
Chancellor Brian Shonk and Vice Chancellor
for Student Affairs Zach Perrine.

CCCUA Representative:
Chancellor Steve Cole.

UACCH-T Representatives:
Chancellor Christine Holt and Vice Chan-
cellor for Academics Laura Clark.

PCCUA Representative:
Keith Pinchback.

UA-PTC Representative:
Chancellor Summer DeProw.

AAS Representative:
Alex Barker.

ASMSA Representative:
Director Corey Alderdice.

CSPS Representative:
Dean Victoria Soto.

UAG Representatives:
Chancellor Lindsay Bridgeman, Vice
Chancellor Human Resources Tracy Gallery
and Vice Chancellor Marketing Segev Tsfati.

WRI Representative:
Executive Director and CEO Janet Harris.

Members of the Press.

Chair Eichler called to order the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and virtually.

Upon motion of Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Ford, Chair Eichler stated the Board would go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the employment of the next President of the University of Arkansas System at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Eichler reconvened the Regular Session of the Board at 10:18 a.m. stating that one item was considered during Executive Session and called on Trustee Ford to present that item.

1. Approval of Lieutenant General (Ret.) Jay B. Silveria as the next President of the University of Arkansas System, UASYS:

Trustee Ford made brief comments about the search process, including thanking the Greenwood Asher search firm for handling the bulk of the work.

Upon motion by Trustee Ford and second by Trustee Dickey, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General (Ret.) Jay B. Silveria serves as Executive Director of the Texas A&M University Bush School of Government and Public Service in Washington, DC., and is the former Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.; and

WHEREAS, Gen. Silveria previously served as Deputy Commander, Combined Air Force Component, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia, where he was responsible for the command and control of air operations in a 20-nation area and where key operations Resolute Support in Afghanistan and Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria were executed under his command; and

WHEREAS, Gen. Silveria previously served as Commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and Vice Commander, 14th Air Force Space Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, as well as Director, Security Assistance in the Office of Security Cooperation-Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a command pilot with more than 3,900 flight hours in the F-15 and F-35, Gen. Silveria commanded a Fighter Wing, an Air Operation Center, and a Fighter Squadron, earning the Distinguished Service Medal and a Bronze Star, among other Air Medals during his career; and

WHEREAS, Gen. Silveria earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master of Social Science degree from Syracuse University, attended the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington DC., and was a senior executive fellow at Harvard University where he attended the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at the Harvard Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Gen. Silveria is a candidate for the presidency of the University of Arkansas System, following the pending retirement of President Donald R. Bobbitt; and

WHEREAS, during a thorough search process, Gen. Silveria impressed the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas with his extensive resume, including numerous previous leadership positions, as well as his leadership skills, sound judgment and temperament; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes Gen. Silveria to be the best candidate to lead the UA System and its 20 campuses, divisions, and units during a time in which public colleges and universities face evolving technological, cultural and financial realities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the appointment of Lieutenant General (Ret.) Jay B. Silveria as the next President of the University of Arkansas System, effective January 15, 2025.

Following brief comments by General Silveria and several Trustees, and there being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Trustee Dickey and second by Trustee Fryar, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ted Dickey, Secretary