Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
Boyd Conference Room
Thursday, August 27, 2026, 4:00 PM

Members Present: Mr. Simeon Bryant (SGA President), Mr. Bill Cole, Mr. Charlie Cole, Ms. Cathy Deeb, Mr. Timothy McKenzie, Mr. Shannon Remines (Virtual), Mr. Jack Sheffler (Virtual), Mr. Ed Toman, Mr. Anthony Tolley.

Guests: Virtual: Ms. Alyce Cooper, Mr. Andrew Vance, Ms. Anneka Perry, Mr. Brent Benjamin, Ms. Betsy Madison, Ms. Blanche Morton, Ms. Candy Jones, Mr. Carl Boyd, Ms. Carol Wade, Ms. Carolyn Kirby, Ms. Catrice Robinson, Mr. Charles Owens, Ms. Christina Sammarco, Mr. Cody Chambers, Concerned Citizen, Mr. Cordell Boyles, Ms. Cynthia Higgins-Atwell, Mr. Dan Trent, Ms. Dana Spade, Mr. Darnell Long, Mr. Darrel Malamisura, Ms. Debra Jackson Jones, Dr. Deirdre Guyton, Dr. Collin McGee, Mr. Earl L. Lee. Jr., Ms. Erika Morrow, Mr. Ervin Griffin, Mr. Ethan Harvey, Mr. Hubert Buchanan, Ms. Ida Wallace, Ms. Izabella McGuire, Ms. Jeanette Lee, Mr. John Beckvold, Mr. John Spencer, Mr. John Thompson, Mr. Johnny Jenkins, Mr. Joseph Long, Ms. Josephine Poe, Mr. JT Smith, Ms. Karen Gordon, Mr. Khadijaah Wahid, Ms. Kristin Hicks, Lala, Ms. Latasha Turner, Ms. Lauren Cook, Ms. Lisa Brooks, Mr. Lloyd B, Madeline Burger, Ms. Marie Cheeks, Ms. Marsha Lawson, Ms. Marviene Johnson, Mr. Michael Henry, Mr. Michael Smith, Ms. Michelle Lawson, Ms. Noel Wilson, Ms. Olarotimi Ponder, Ms. Porsha Graves, Ms. Sara Mae Dyer, Mr. Scott Pitt, Shannon Smith, Ms. Shelia Sargent-Martin, Ms. Shyrell Johnson, Mr. Taylor Morrow, Ms. Tina Childress, Ms. Tina Nicholson, TM Jennings, Mr. Tony Webster, Mr. Wenyuan Teng, Mr. Wesley Arthur, Dr. Darrell Martin, Mr. Josh Grubb.

Guests Present: Ms. Susan Shrader, Ms. Vanessa Godfrey, Mr. Bill Bennett, Ms. Terene Stiltner, Mr. Darrell Thompson, Mr. Michael Akers, Ms. Barbara Smith, Mr. Daniel Frost, Mr. Adam Grygiel, Dr. Amanda Matoushek, Ms. Angie Wassum, Ms. Sandy Wynn, Dr. Karen Grogan, Dr. Tabitha Young, Ms. Carolyn Jamkhandi, Dr. Sudhakar Jamkhandi, Mr. Edward Allson, Dr. Julie Orr, Mr. Joel Vance, Ms. Susie Green, Ms. Terry Thompson, Dr. Angela Lambert, Mr. Ansel Ponder, Mr. Treyvon Simmons, Mr. Joe Ellison, Mr. Keith Olson, Ms. Dassa Giles, Dr. Ted Lewis, Mrs. Heather Perry, Mr. Jerry Wood, Mr. Ryan Bailey, Ms. Rebecca Martin, Ms. Anne Pelchar, Mr. Steven Jarvis,

1. Call to Order and Chair Remarks

Mr. Charlie Cole called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. At the beginning of the meeting, Chair Cole proposed changing the order of the agenda and to move into executive session. A motion was made to enter into executive session and was seconded. Individuals who were not members of the Board were excused from the room.

After returning from executive session, Mr. Charlie Cole read a letter announcing the ending of the University's relationship with President Martin. Mr. Shannon Remines made a motion to withdraw the June 14 2026 new presidential contract and to release the president for employment. Mr. Ed Toman seconded the motion.

Mr. Bill Cole made a motion that Cathy Deeb serve as Acting President, effective immediately, without compensation. Mr. Ed Toman seconded the motion. Ms. Cathy Deeb abstained from voting.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled until the next regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.