

**Meeting of the Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
April 26, 2024
Tennessee State University – Hankal Hall**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Trustees Dakasha Winton (by phone), Charles Traughber, Trevia Chatman, Jeffery Norfleet, Marquita Qualls, Terica Smith, Dwayne Tucker, Kevin Williams, and Dr. Artenzia Young-Seigler.

University Staff Present: President Glenda Glover; Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary; Dean Frank Stevenson, Assoc. Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Robbie Melton, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Douglas Allen, Vice President of Business and Finance; Jason Evans, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Curtis Johnson, Vice President of Administration; Dr. Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, Liaison to the Board of Trustees; Director of Internal Audits, Renée Forbes-Williams; Director of Athletics, Dr. Mikki Allen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Secretary Laurence Pendleton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on April 26, 2024.

II. PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

President Glenda Glover welcomed the new trustees back to Tennessee State University and to the Board of Trustees. She thanked the trustees for their willingness to serve the institution. Dr. Glover next recognized cabinet members and deans in attendance.

III. BOARD INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS

Secretary Pendleton next asked the new trustees to introduce themselves and provide any opening remarks. The trustees introduced themselves in turn.

IV. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Board Secretary Pendleton called the roll. The following trustees were present during roll call: Trustees Chatman, Norfleet, Qualls, Young-Seigler, Smith, Traughber, Tucker, Williams, and Winton. Board Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The next agenda item was the adoption of the Board agenda. Trustee Tucker moved to adopt the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Trustees Norfleet and Smith. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADOPTION OF BOARD BYLAWS

The next agenda item was the adoption of the Board Bylaws. Trustee Young-Seigler moved to adopt the Board Bylaws as contained in the Board materials for the April 26, 2024, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Tucker. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

The Board next held an election for the Board Chair position. Secretary Pendleton asked for nominations for the position. Trustee Norfleet nominated Trustee Winton for the position. Trustee Young-Seigler nominated Trustee Kevin Williams. Trustee Williams declined the nomination.

The Board voted on the nomination of Trustee Winton as Board Chair. A roll call vote was taken, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of Trustee Winton to serve as Board Chair.

VIII. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE CHAIR

Chair Winton presented the next agenda item, which was the election of the Board Vice Chair position. Trustee Winton asked for nominations for the position. Trustee Qualls nominated Trustee Traugher for the position. Trustee Williams nominated Trustee Tucker for the position.

The Board voted on the nominees. The trustees voted on nominee Traugher, with Trustees Chatman, Norfleet, Qualls, Smith, Traugher, Tucker, Williams, and Young-Seigler all voting in favor of his nomination. The trustees next voted on nominee Tucker, with Trustees Chatman, Norfleet, Qualls, Smith, Traugher, Tucker, Williams, and Young-Seigler voting against his nomination. By a majority vote of the Trustees, Trustee Traugher was elected as the Vice Chair.

IX. ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES 001-006

Chair Winton presented the next agenda item, which was the adoption of Board Policies 001-006, as contained in the Board materials for the April 26, 2024, meeting. Chair Winton moved to adopt the policies, which was seconded by Trustee Qualls. A roll call vote was taken, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt Board Policies 001-006.

X. APPROVAL OF PROCESS FOR THE BOARD APPOINTMENT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE

Chair Winton presented the next agenda item, which was the approval of the process for the Board appointment of the Student Trustee, as reflected in the Board materials for the April 26, 2024, meeting. Chair Winton asked if there were any questions regarding this item, and, seeing none, the Board proceeded with a vote to approve the process. Trustee Traugher made a motion to approve the process for the Board appointment of the Student Trustee, which was seconded by Trustee Smith. A roll call vote was taken, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

XI. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

Chair Winton presented the next agenda item, which was the adoption of the Board meeting calendar for the year. The proposed dates were June 13, 2024, September 19, 2024, and November 21, 2024. The Board discussed the proposed dates.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the Board calendar as amended, with a change in date of the June meeting from June 13, 2024, to June 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Chatman. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

XII. BOARD CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Winton provided her closing remarks and expressed her appreciation to the Trustees.

Before the meeting concluded, President Glover and Dean Stevenson presented student leaders in attendance to the Board. SGA President Derrell Taylor addressed the Board and introduced current and newly elected members of the SGA to the Board. SGA President-Elect Chrishonda O'Quinn also addressed the Board.

Dr. Glover further recognized State Representative Harold Love, who was also in attendance at the meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to discuss, Chair Winton asked if there was a motion to conclude the meeting. Trustee Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, with the motion seconded by Trustee Tucker. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.