

**Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee Meeting
June 6, 2024
Tennessee State University – Hankal Hall**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Trustees Marquita Qualls (Committee Chair), Terica Smith, and Dakasha Winton

Board Members Present: Trustees Trevia Chatman, Jeffery Norfleet, Charles Traugher, Dwayne Tucker, Kevin Williams, Artenzia Young-Seigler

University Staff Present: President Glenda Glover; Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary; Cheryl Seay, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Global Online; Johnnie Smith, Assistant Vice President for Academic Support & Dual Enrollment; Dean Frank Stevenson, Assoc. Vice President of Student 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; Tim Warren, Chief Information Officer; Ginette Garza Brown, Associate General Counsel; Director of Internal Audits, Renée Forbes-Williams; Greg Robinson, Chief of Police; Dr. Mikki Allen, Director of Athletics; Dr. Quincy Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs; Dean Chandra Reddy, College of Agriculture; Stephen Shanklin; Interim Dean of the College of Business; LoLita Toney, Executive Director of Development

Others Present: Maria Thompson, John Garland, and Amy Bonsiero of Academic Search

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Qualls called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. (CT) on June 6, 2024.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Trustee Qualls thanked the meeting attendees, including Maria Thompson, John Garland, and Amy Bonsiero of Academic Search, who were attending the meeting virtually. She also thanked those members of the Board who were present at the meeting.

III. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Trustee Qualls proceeded with the roll call vote. Board Secretary Pendleton called the roll at the Committee Chair's request. Trustees Qualls, Smith, and Winton were present. Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

IV. REPORT ON STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Trustee Qualls presented a written statement on the presidential search process. She recognized

Dr. Glenda Glover's tenure as president and commitment to TSU. Trustee Qualls explained that following Dr. Glover's retirement, this would be the first time in the institution's history that the independent governing body would select a president.

She summarized the presidential search process to date, which included the selection of three finalist candidates. The search process was stalled due to the legislative actions of the General Assembly. The search was eventually paused until a strategy to move forward was undertaken by the newly appointment Board. Trustee Qualls thanked the three candidates.

Trustee Qualls recommended ending the current search and initiating a new search process effective immediately. She said it would be a step to ensure that the new Board was exploring all potential candidates comprehensively. She also recommended the appointment of an interim president to begin serving July 1, 2024, to oversee University operations during the transitional period. A new search would begin during the summer of 2024, and a permanent president would be named before the end of the spring 2025 semester, with an official start date of July 1, 2025.

Trustee Qualls opened the floor up to the Committee for discussion. Trustee Winton thanked Trustee Qualls for her leadership and efforts to make this process transparent and that all factors are taken into account as they continue in this process.

Trustee Winton moved to approve Trustee Qualls' recommendations. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

Trustee Qualls asked other Board members for any comments. A discussion took place.

Trustee Qualls asked Secretary Pendleton to proceed with a vote on the motion to recommend to the full Board the Presidential Search Committee's recommendations to end the current search, initiate a new search process effective immediately, to appoint an interim president to begin serving July 1, 2024, to oversee University operations during the transitional period, and to name a permanent president before the end of the spring 2025. A voice vote was taken, with the majority of the committee voting in favor of the motion. No objections or abstentions were noted. The motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Qualls asked if there was any additional business. There was none. Chair Winton moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.