Meeting of the Tennessee State University
Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting
April 30, 2025
Tennessee State University – the Barn

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Trustees Trevia Chatman, Marquita Qualls, Terica Smith, Dimeta Smith Knight, Charles Traughber, Dakasha Winton, Artenzia Young-Seigler, and Tyler Vazquez

University Staff Present: President Dwayne Tucker; Dr. Robbie Melton, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ginette Brown, General Counsel & Board Secretary; Sterlin Sanders, Chief Information Officer; Jerome Oglesby, Special Assistant to the President for Information Technology

I.   CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Winton called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. (CT)

Chair Winton made certain findings on the record regarding the necessity for conducting the day's meeting by electronic participation without a physical quorum present. Chair Winton stated that the Board was required to take timely action to consider a new artificial intelligence policy. Trustee Chatman moved that the Board find that participation by a quorum of the board members by electronic means of communication was necessary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith. Trustees Trevia Chatman, Dimeta Smith Knight, Marquita Qualls, Terica Smith, Charles Traughber, Dakasha Winton, and Artenzia Young-Seigler voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Board Secretary Brown called the roll. Trustees Trevia Chatman, Dimeta Smith Knight, Marquita Qualls, Terica Smith, Charles Traughber, Dakasha Winton, Artenzia Young-Seigler, and Tyler Vazquez were present. No committee members reported difficulty hearing or speaking with one another, and none reported others present at the location from which the committee members were participating. A quorum was present.

II.   APPROVAL OF TSU POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Chair Winton announced the day's agenda item, which was the approval of the proposed Policy on the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence at TSU, policy no. 1.09. Chair Winton asked Trustee Smith to present information regarding this item to the Board on behalf of the Student and Academic Affairs Committee.

Trustee Smith reported that at its April 28, 2025, meeting, the Student and Academic Affairs Committee reviewed and approved the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence at TSU, policy

no. 1.09, with a few modifications. The policy before the Board for approval is contained in the Board materials for the April 30, 2025, meeting.

Chair Winton thanked Trustee Norfleet and the administration for their work on this policy, which will allow flexibility for new technologies while also being consistent with state law.

On behalf of the Student and Academic Affairs Committee, Trustee Smith made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the AI policy as contained in the meeting materials. Trustees Trevia Chatman, Dimeta Smith Knight, Marquita Qualls, Terica Smith, Charles Traughber, Dakasha Winton, and Artenzia Young-Seigler voted in favor of the motion by roll call vote, and the motion carried.

III.   ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Young-Seigler moved to adjourn, with the motion seconded by Trustee Chatman. Trustees Trevia Chatman, Dimeta Smith Knight, Marquita Qualls, Terica Smith, Charles Traughber, Dakasha Winton, and Artenzia Young-Seigler voted in favor of the motion by roll call vote, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.