BoR September 16, 2026 Meeting

270 Washington St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Call to Order **9:00 AM**
Presenter: Chairman David B. Dove

Room 8003

Approval of Minutes
Presenter: Secretary Christopher McGraw

August 13th Minutes

August 27th Minutes

September 4th Minutes

Committee of the Whole: Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Presenters: Regent Cade Joiner, Ms. Sabrina Thompson, Director of Accreditation Support & Athletics
Guests: Dr. Ian Potter, Athletics Director, Georgia Gwinnett College, Ms. Antremeka Knight, Chief Business Officer, Georgia Gwinnett College, Dr. Donald J. Green, President, Valdosta State University, Mr. Troy Katen, Athletics Director, Valdosta State University

Committee of the Whole: Academic Affairs
Presenter: Regent Harold Reynolds

Committee of the Whole: Personnel & Benefits
Presenter: Regent Chris Cannon

Committee of the Whole: Organization and Law
Presenter: Regent Haynes M. Studstill

Committee of the Whole: Real Estate and Facilities **10:00 AM**
Presenter: Regent Mat Swift

Chancellor's Report
Presenter: Chancellor Sonny Perdue

Unfinished Business
Presenter: Chairman David B. Dove

New Business
Presenter: Chairman David B. Dove

Petitions and Communications
Presenter: Secretary Christopher McGraw

Executive Session
Presenter: Chairman David B. Dove

Reconvene
Presenter: Chairman David B. Dove

Adjournment **11:00 AM**
Presenter: Chairman David B. Dove

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
August 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously accessible by BOR Webcast. Board Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Present in addition to Board Chair Dove, were Board Vice Chair Deep J. Shah; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Richard T. Evans; Erin Hames; Samuel D. Holmes; Cade Joiner; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Haynes Maier Studstill; Mathews D. Swift; and James K. Syfan, III. Regents James M. Hull and Lowery Houston May participated remotely. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Trevon Amey, Student Government Association President at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Kerry Stallings, Chief of Police, gave the safety briefing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Regent Cade Joiner and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 12, May 13, May 22, June 3, June 8, and June 15, 2026, Board meetings.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT – "ADVANCING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP"

Dr. Costas Spirou, USG Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurial Strategies Officer, led the Campus Spotlight, "Advancing Innovation and Entrepreneurship." Dr. Spirou began by providing an overview of USG's entrepreneurship program areas and noting the advancements that are being made by students across the system in this initiative. Next, he introduced Danielle "Dani" Gibson, Gordon State College student, Veterinary Studies major. Ms. Gibson discussed her research of Copper Tak, which is a fast, field-ready electroplating protocol designed to preserve equine mobility through targeted electrochemistry. The next speaker was Elsie Lappin, Georgia Southern University graduate student in Civil Engineering. Ms. Lappin gave a presentation on her development of Echo Oracle, a physics-informed AI tool for automated ultrasonic inspection and structural code-based pass / fail decisions. She explained that Echo Oracle has the ability to convert scans into 3D interpretable geometry; automated defect detection, sizing, classification and compliance with code; completed trial show real-time inspections cut from 30+ minutes to one minute; and post-processing allows non-experts to complete scans for later review. The following three students from Georgia Southwestern State University gave a collaborative presentation: Milced Velasquez, graduate student, Marketing major; Macy Taylor, senior, Marketing major; and Emely Jimenez, recent graduate, Management major. These three students designed FitFlow. FitFlow is the first of its kind wheelchair seat cover featuring built-in cooling technology to enhance comfort and usability. The next presenter was Savannah Goode, Georgia College and

State University senior, Marketing major. Ms. Goode developed TraySync, a workflow solution app designed to improve efficiency in the dental industry. For example, when the user of the TraySync app inputs the doctor, procedure, tooth, and surface, the app's output information will be a visual tray layout, required instruments and material list. The final speaker was Akos Vida, Georgia Institute of Technology sophomore, Aerospace Engineering major, and winner of the 2026 USG Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition. Mr. Vida created AdaptaPlay, a gaming controller add-on that improves accessibility for those with disabilities. This invention helps players tailor controls to their individual needs. The University System of Georgia congratulates its students who are advancing in innovation and entrepreneurship.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: PERSONNEL & BENEFITS

Karin Elliott, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, presented two approval items: approval of Healthcare Plan and Premiums for Plan Year 2027 and approval of 2027 Pre and Post 65 Medicare Enrolled Retiree and their Medicare Enrolled Dependents Healthcare Contribution.

1. Upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Healthcare Plan Changes and Premiums for Plan Year 2027.

2. Upon a motion made by Regent Tom Bradbury and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to approve the 2027 Pre and Post 65 Medicare Enrolled Retiree Healthcare Contribution.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FISCAL YEAR 2028 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Tracey Cook, Chief Fiscal Officer, presented one approval item: Fiscal Year 2028 Operating and Capital Budget Requests.

Upon a motion made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2028 Operating Budget Request of $233.9 million, for a total budget of $4.09 billion, and the Fiscal Year 2028 Capital Budget Request totaling $193.1 million, which excludes a $2 million project for the Georgia Public Libraries System.

RECESS

The Board recessed for track committee meetings.

INSTITUTION COMPARATOR PEER SETS

Dr. Angela Bell, Vice Chancellor of Research and Policy Analysis, gave a presentation on Institution Comparator Peer Sets. She shared information regarding comparator peer institution uses, the peer selection process, the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) method, the campus selection and review process, and what to expect from peer sets moving forward.

Dr. Bell noted that comparator peer sets have been used recently for system office benchmarking of strategic plan expenditures per FTE and fundraising and that the sets will be used in the future across a wide array of domains. She continued the presentation explaining the collaborative peer selection process between institutions and System Office personnel in Academic Affairs and Research & Policy Analysis. Dr. Bell's report detailed the NCHEMS analytical method which uses federal data on institutions and the development of potential peer lists of public institutions in a similar Carnegie Classification as each USG school. She continued by discussing the campus selection and review process for institution comparator peer sets. Dr. Bell concluded her presentation by sharing that moving forward peer sets will be posted on the USG website and utilized systematically in benchmarking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Upon a motion made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and variously seconded, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve all Committee Reports as a consent agenda. Reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

The August 13, 2026, Executive and Compensation Committee meeting was held later in the day, therefore was not included in this vote. However, the report for that meeting is also attached hereto.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Sonny Perdue gave his monthly report. He began by welcoming everyone back and saying that he hoped everyone had a great summer. Also, Chancellor Perdue made mention of America celebrating 250 years of independence. He also noted Atlanta hosting the FIFA World Cup and that it brought international unity and spotlighted Southern hospitality. Additionally, he shared that Kennesaw State University served as an official base camp for a country's team training. Then, Chancellor Perdue welcomed two new presidents to the System, Dr. Kerry J. Palmer, Georgia Southwestern State University and Dr. Russell Crutchfield, Gordon State College. He reported that Dr. Palmer joins the System from Troy University in Alabama, where he focused on aligning programs with workforce demands; and Dr. Crutchfield from the Governor's Office, where he served as Chief Operating Officer. Chancellor Perdue continued his report by acknowledging and congratulating Dr. Donald J. Green, Valdosta State University (VSU), and Dr. Gregory M. Tanner, South Georgia State College (SGSC) on their new roles as presidents at their respective institutions. Dr. Green served as president of Gordon State College before accepting the role of president at VSU. Dr. Tanner formerly served as interim president of SGSC before accepting the permanent role of president at the institution. Chancellor Perdue also thanked Dr. William R. Crowe for his service as interim president and assistance in the presidency transition at VSU. He also noted the ongoing searches for presidents at Fort Valley State University (FVSU) and the Georgia Institution of Technology (GIT). Chancellor Perdue complimented both current presidents, Dr. Paul A. Jones, FVSU, and Dr. Ángel Cabrera, GIT. He stated that Dr. Jones helped make FVSU one of the South's best Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs) and laid a solid foundation that the next president can build on to continue FVSU's 130-year legacy. He continued by saying that Dr. Cabrera has brought unparalleled energy to the GIT campus and community, and his personal touch has solidified GIT's reputation as a world-class, global research institution. Chancellor Perdue shared that Dr. Jones will continue to lead the university until his successor is named, and Dr. Cabrera will remain with the System until November 2026.

Chancellor Perdue also gave updates regarding Georgia's newest scholarship and an upcoming event. He thanked Governor Brian Kemp for state funding for the DREAMS Scholarship, which will help to retain and graduate more students. Chancellor Perdue continued by saying the System will help to build a DREAMS endowment of $1.5 billion, which will fund the scholarship in perpetuity. Then, he announced the upcoming USG Foundation Scholarship and Awards Gala, which is themed “Sea of Dreams.” Chancellor Perdue shared that as USG begins this academic year, he is grateful to the System’s faculty, staff, students, leaders, System Office, and Board for their leadership and support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS
Board Chair David B. Dove introduced a founding Charter for the Georgia Institute of Technology, Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership and asked that Committee Chair Harold Reynolds refer it to the Committee on Academic Affairs.

Regent Cade Joiner gave an update on the 2026 USG Foundation Gala. He commended Scott Bryant, Vice Chancellor for Development and CEO of the USG Foundation, and Anna Groce, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development, for their hard work on the gala. Regent Joiner continued by announcing that the gala will be held on August 22, 2026, at the Georgia Aquarium at 6:00 p.m. and that this is a black-tie event. He also announced that over six hundred people had RSVP’d and that $2.4 million had been pledged and received in donations. Regent Joiner also shared that Board participation was close to one hundred percent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw announced that there were no timely petitions or communications for the Board to consider and that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held virtually on September 16, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Board Chair David B. Dove called for an executive session at approximately 12:02 p.m. With a motion properly made and seconded by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, the Board members present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECONVENE
Following executive session, Board Chair David B. Dove reconvened the Board in its regular session at approximately 1:02 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Upon a motion made by Regent James M. Hull and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to amend the salary of President Russell Keen of Augusta University from $575,000 to $750,000, effective immediately.

Upon a motion made by Board Vice Chair Deep J. Shah and seconded by Regent Harold Reynolds, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to amend the compensation package for President Àngel Cabrera of the Georgia Institute of Technology in relation to deferred compensation and fundraising incentives as negotiated by the Chancellor, to be funded by the Georgia Tech Foundation, Inc., effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion made by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill and seconded by Regent James K. Syfan, III, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

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David B. Dove
Chairman, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

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Christopher A. McGraw
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION
Atlanta, Georgia
August 12, 2026

The Committee on Executive and Compensation of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at approximately 11:02 a.m., in room 268 of the George Tower | Scheller Tower at the Georgia Institute of Technology, 55 Fifth Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Dove, were Committee Vice Chair Deep Shah; Regents Erin Hames; Cade Joiner; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and James K. Syfan, III.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair David B. Dove called for an executive session. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent Cade Joiner, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session at approximately 11:04 a.m. An affidavit regarding the executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECONVENE

Upon a motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at approximately 12:04 p.m. No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Harold Reynolds and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:04 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 10:34 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Harold Reynolds called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Reynolds, were Committee Vice Chair Erin Hames; Regents Richard T. Evans; Cade Joiner; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Haynes Maier Studstill; James K. Syfan, III; Board Chair David B. Dove; and Board Vice Chair Deep J. Shah. Regent James M. Hull participated remotely. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the establishment of a Doctor of Education in Special Education at the University of West Georgia, effective summer 2027.

2. Upon a motion made by Regent Richard T. Evans, and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Committee approved the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy in Integrated Design and Computing at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective fall 2026.

3. Upon a motion made by Regent Richard T. Evans, and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Science in Systems Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective fall 2027.

4. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the establishment of a Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Georgia Southern University, effective summer 2028.

5. The request to establish a Bachelor of Science in Public Health at Augusta University was recalled by its president, Dr. Russell T. Keen.

6. Upon a motion made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies at the University of West Georgia, effective fall 2026.

7. Upon a motion made by Regent Richard T. Evans, and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Committee approved the termination of the Specialist in Education in Elementary Education and Specialist in Education in Special Education at Georgia Southern University, effective fall 2026.

8. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language Interpreting, Doctor of Philosophy in Accountancy, Master of Occupational Therapy,

Master of Science in Business Economics, Master of Science in Information Systems Audit & Control, and Master of Science in Managerial Sciences at Georgia State University, effective fall 2026.

9. Upon a motion made by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, and variously seconded, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Arts in History and Associate of Arts in Sociology at Gordon State College, effective fall 2026.

10. Upon a motion made by Regent Richard T. Evans, and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Science in Long Term Healthcare Management and Bachelor of Science in Public Service Leadership at South Georgia State College, effective fall 2026.

11. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the revision to Board of Regents Policy 3.8.1 on General degrees.

12. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the revision to Board of Regents Policy 3.8.4 on Bachelor degrees.

13. Committee Chair Harold Reynolds introduced a resolution associated with the naming of the Michael E. Tennenbaum Family Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved the resolution. Board Chair David B. Dove proposed an amendment which was adopted. With the approval of the resolution, the naming of the Institute is approved contingent upon review and approval of its charter. (Resolution and Amendment are attached.)

<u>CONSENT ITEMS</u>

14. The Committee approved the establishment of the Joseph T. and Cecily R. DiPiro Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Georgia, effective August 13, 2026.

15. The Committee approved the establishment of the Jae S. Lim Professorship at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective September 1, 2026.

16. The Committee approved the establishment of the Ronald J. and Carol T. Beerman Early Career Professorship at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective August 13, 2026.

17. The Committee approved the establishment of the Terrell and Pierre Sovey Chair at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective August 13, 2026.

18. The Committee approved the establishment of the Byers Head Women's Tennis Coach at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective September 1, 2026.

19. The Committee approved the establishment of the Byers Head Men's Tennis Coach at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective September 1, 2026.

20. The Committee approved the establishment of the Toni M. and Richard L. Bergmark Head Swimming and Diving Coach at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective September 1, 2026.

21. The Committee approved the establishment of the William R. Collins, Jr. Chair at the Georgia Institute of Technology, effective August 14, 2026.

22. The Committee approved the establishment of the Oglethorpe Echo Professor at the University of Georgia, effective August 13, 2026.

23. The Committee approved several named faculty positions at Augusta University, Dalton State College, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Kennesaw State University, and the University of Georgia.

24. The Committee approved several named coaching positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

NOTIFICATION ITEM

25. The Chancellor approved the establishment of the James G. and Dee H. Pope Faculty Fellows at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the request to name seven faculty into those positions and a named faculty appointment at Dalton State College on July 1, 2026, pursuant to authority delegated by the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEM

26. Board Chair David B. Dove read the following:

Guidelines for Commendation Resolutions
The Committee on Academic Affairs will consider commendations from institutions – only at the institution or college/school level – in the May Board meeting every year. The commendation will relate to accomplishments on 25-year anniversaries or multiples of that (50 years, 75 years, etc.) but not simply for the passage of time – there should be specific, notable achievements. The Board may choose to have a commendation resolution at its discretion, and only in exceptional cases. The commendation language should be specific to the milestone and the notable achievements and be limited to 350 words. The Board's resolution will be to "recognize and commend"—no other actions will be taken by the Board based on a commendation resolution. Institutions should have further discussions with Academic Affairs before bringing commendation resolutions to this committee.

Guidelines for Graduate Programs Proposed by State Colleges
Graduate programs for state colleges will generally not be allowed given Board policy. However, the Committee on Academic Affairs may consider exceptions in rare

circumstances. Exceptions will be considered when there is a strong justification for the graduate program, and there are strong outcomes in the undergraduate program: at least 40% system-wide 6-year graduation rate, and strong salary and other outcomes for graduates. Institutions should have further discussions with Academic Affairs before bringing new programs to this committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:03 a.m.

BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REGARDING THE GEORGIA TECH INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Draft for consideration

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is responsible for the governance, management, and oversight of the institutions comprising the University System of Georgia, including the Georgia Institute of Technology;

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Committee promotes and ensures academic quality throughout the University System of Georgia and provides leadership regarding academic programs, curriculum, instruction, student affairs, and related institutional initiatives;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Institute of Technology has requested approval to name its Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership the Michael E. Tennenbaum Family Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership;

WHEREAS, the Institute is intended to prepare students and inform the public about technology, leadership, ethics, civic responsibility, and the challenges facing democratic self-governance;

WHEREAS, the Institute's funding prospectus contemplates academic programming addressing foundational texts and enduring debates undergirding Western civilization and American democracy, together with technology ethics, civic leadership, civil dialogue, and responsible innovation;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of preserving academic freedom, intellectual pluralism, viewpoint diversity, and open inquiry while ensuring that the Institute's mission is grounded in the American Democratic Republic and responsive to the citizens of Georgia;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that an independent, permanent academic unit should have an approved charter that clearly establishes its mission, governance, leadership authority, reporting relationships, and accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Academic Affairs Committee supports the proposed naming of the Michael E. Tennenbaum Family Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology, subject to approval of the Institute's charter by the Board of Regents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charter shall establish the Institute as an independent, permanent interdisciplinary academic, research, and public-engagement unit, not housed within or subordinate to an existing college, school, or department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charter shall provide for a mission supporting a healthy democratic republic in Georgia and the United States and educating students in the principles, institutions, responsibilities, and civic virtues of the American Democratic Republic, including study of founding documents and texts central to the American experience and the intellectual and institutional traditions of Western civilization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charter shall establish clear governance, including an Executive Director with defined authority; a direct reporting relationship to the President of Georgia Tech; an advisory faculty body whose recommendations are advisory and nonbinding; an external advisory board with defined duties and appointment procedures; and appropriate reporting to the Chancellor, the Academic Affairs Committee, and the Board of Regents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charter shall preserve Georgia Tech and Board of Regents academic standards while permitting primary faculty appointments in the Institute and making joint, secondary, or affiliated appointments optional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Institute shall remain subject to applicable Board of Regents policy and to the authority of the President, Chancellor, Academic Affairs Committee, and Board of Regents, including required approval processes for academic programs and material changes to the Institute's mission, name, structure, or governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Georgia Tech shall submit the proposed charter to the Chancellor and Academic Affairs Committee for review before it is presented to the Board of Regents for final approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be transmitted to the President and Provost of the Georgia Institute of Technology and to the appropriate officers of the University System of Georgia.

Adopted this 13th day of August 2026.

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Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

Amendment: Replace second to last paragraph of draft resolution with the following.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposed charter shall be submitted to the Chancellor and the Committee on Academic Affairs for review and approval before it is presented to the Board of Regents for final approval at a Special Called Meeting, which shall occur no later than September 1, 2026.

BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REGARDING THE GEORGIA TECH INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Approved Amended Resolution

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Institute shall remain subject to applicable Board of Regents policy and to the authority of the President, Chancellor, Academic Affairs Committee, and Board of Regents, including required approval processes for academic programs and material changes to the Institute's mission, name, structure, or governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposed charter shall be submitted to the Chancellor and the Committee on Academic Affairs for review and approval before it is presented to the Board of Regents for final approval at a Special Called Meeting, which shall occur no later than September 1, 2026.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be transmitted to the President and Provost of the Georgia Institute of Technology and to the appropriate officers of the University System of Georgia.

Adopted this 13th day of August 2026.

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Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 10:13 a.m., in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Samuel D. Holmes called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Holmes, were Committee Vice Chair C. Everett Kennedy, III; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Patrick C. Jones; T. Dallas Smith and Mathews D. Swift. Regent Lowery Houston May participated remotely.

APPROVAL ITEM

Upon a motion made by Regent Patrick C. Jones and variously seconded, the Committee approved the graduate tuition rates for the newly approved Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies program at Georgia Southern University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Patrick C. Jones and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:16 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 10:16 a.m., in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Patrick C. Jones called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chairman Jones, were Committee Vice Chair Tom Bradbury; Regents Chris Cannon; Samuel D. Holmes; C. Everett Kennedy, III; T. Dallas Smith; and Mathews D. Swift. Regent Lowery Houston May participated remotely.

INFORMATION ITEM

Chief Audit Officer Jenna Wiese provided the Committee with an update on the conclusion of the various internal audit engagements conducted across the system during Fiscal Year 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Committee Vice Chair Tom Bradbury and seconded by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:23 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION & LAW

The Committee on Organization and Law of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 11:05 a.m., in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Haynes Maier Studstill called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Studstill, were Regents Richard T. Evans; Erin Hames; Cade Joiner; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; James K. Syfan, III; Board Chair David B. Dove; and Board Vice Chair Deep J. Shah. Committee Vice Chair James M. Hull participated remotely. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved mutual aid agreements between the University of North Georgia and local law enforcement agencies as follows: (1) Watkinsville Police Department, (2) Cumming Police Department, (3) Gainesville Police Department, (4) Oakwood Police Department, (5) Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office, (6) Flowery Branch Police Department, (7) Oconee County Sheriff's Office, (8) Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, (9) Hall County Sheriff's Office, (10) Fannin County Sheriff's Office, and (11) Blue Ridge Police Department.

2. Upon a motion by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between Kennesaw State University and the Cobb County Police Department.

3. Upon a motion by Regent Richard T. Evans and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Committee approved the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree by the Georgia Institute of Technology to the late Charles K. Sewell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee Chair Haynes Maier Studstill called for an executive session at approximately 11:09 a.m. Upon a motion made by Board Chair David B. Dove and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss student and personnel matters. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Upon a motion made by Regent Richard T. Evans and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Regents present voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at approximately 11:25 a.m. No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:26 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 10:23 a.m. in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Mathews D. Swift called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Swift, were Committee Vice Chair T. Dallas Smith; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Samuel D. Holmes; Patrick C. Jones; and C. Everett Kennedy, III. Regent Lowery Houston May participated remotely.

Unless otherwise noted, the Regents present approved all items unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. The Committee received an update on the following six actions taken by Chancellor Sonny Perdue pursuant to authority delegated by the Board at its meeting on May 12, 2026.

    - Rental Agreement, 900 Pointe Grand Way, Brunswick, College of Coastal Georgia

    - Rental Agreement, Reflection Apartments, 111 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia State University

    - Ranking of Design-Build Firms, Project No. BR-50-2603, Peachtree Center Parking Deck and Retail, Georgia State University

    - Ranking of Design-Build Firms, Project No. BR-30-2602, 430 South Building Renovation, Georgia Institute of Technology

    - Ranking of the Project Management and Design Professional Firms, Project No. J-460, School of Optometry, Georgia Southern University

CONSENT ITEMS

2. The Committee approved the naming of Building #0766 on the Athens campus of the University of Georgia as the "Mahoney Entrepreneurship Hub".

3. The Committee approved the naming of the Football Lettermen's Club located within Sanford Stadium on the Athens campus of the University of Georgia as "The Coach Erk Russell Football Lettermen's Club".

4. The Committee approved the naming of the Health Professions Building on the campus of Dalton State College as "Ken White Health Professions Hall".

5. The Committee approved the naming of the new Natural Sciences Building on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University as "Jeanette C. Mix Hall".

6. The Committee approved the design professional firms for Project No. J-458, New Building for the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, for the Georgia Institute of Technology. The firms in rank order were:

   1. PRAXIS3, LLC (Atlanta) with Grimshaw Architects, P.C. (New York, NY)
   2. Stantec Architecture Inc. (Atlanta) with KieranTimberlake, LLC (Philadelphia, PA)
   3. M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc. (Atlanta) with The Ballinger Company (Philadelphia, PA)
   4. HDR Architecture, Inc. (Atlanta) with Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, A Professional Corporation (New Orleans, LA)

7. The Committee approved the ranking of the program management firms for Project No. J-465, One Arsenal Place Renovation, for Columbus State University. The firms in rank order were:

   1. Comprehensive Program Services, Inc. (Atlanta)
   2. Turner & Townsend Heery, LLC (Atlanta)
   3. Gleeds USA Inc. (Atlanta)

8. The Committee approved the ranking of the program management firms for Project No. J-466, Strickland Hall Renovation, for the University of North Georgia. The firms in rank order were:

   1. Turner & Townsend Heery, LLC (Atlanta)
   2. Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC (Atlanta)
   3. Higdon Herring, LLC (Atlanta)

   Regent Samuel D. Holmes recused himself from any discussion or vote on this item.

9. The Committee approved the ranking of the design-build firms for Project No. J-468, Groseclose Building Deferred Renewal, for the Georgia Institute of Technology. The firms in rank order were:

   1. CA South, LLC (Atlanta) with HLG Studio, LLC (Atlanta)
   2. JE Dunn Construction Company (Atlanta) with PRAXIS3, LLC (Atlanta)
   3. Structor Group, Inc. (Smyrna) with May Architecture + Interiors LLC (Atlanta)
   4. The Winter Construction Company, LLC (Atlanta) with Associated Space Design, Inc. (Atlanta)

10. The Committee approved the ranking of the design professional and construction management firms for Project No. J-470, Building #1050 Renovation, for the University of Georgia. The design professional firms in rank order were:

   1. Houser Walker Architecture, LLC (Atlanta)
   2. Lord Aeck Sargent Planning & Design, Inc. (Atlanta)

3. Beck Architecture Georgia, LLC (Atlanta)

The construction management firms in rank order were:

1. Structor Group, Inc. (Smyrna)
2. C.E. Garbutt Construction Company (Dublin)
3. Chris R. Sheridan & Co. (Macon)

11. The Committee approved the ranking of the program management firms for Project No. J-477, Renovation for Student Success and Career Services, for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The firms in rank order were:

1. Higdon Herring, LLC (Atlanta)
2. Vandermeer Management LLC (Decatur)
3. Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC (Atlanta)

12. The Committee authorized the disposition of approximately 0.191 acres of improved property and an associated parking easement on the Wellstar Roosevelt Warm Springs Campus in Warm Springs for Augusta University.

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13. Upon a motion by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, and seconded by Regent Patrick C. Jones, the Committee authorized Project No. BR-10-2701, South Milledge Avenue Roundabouts, for the University of Georgia.

14. Upon a motion by Regent Patrick C. Jones, and seconded by Regent Chris Cannon, the Committee authorized a rental agreement at Tech Square Phase III in Atlanta for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

15. Upon a motion by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, and seconded by Regent Patrick C. Jones, the Committee authorized a sub-rental agreement at 2424 Garden of the Gods Road, Suite E-200, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the Georgia Institute of Technology.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Samuel D. Holmes and seconded by Regent T. Dallas Smith, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:42 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION

The Committee on Executive and Compensation of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 1:08 p.m., in room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Committee Chair Dove, were Committee Vice Chair Deep Shah; Regents Erin Hames; Cade Joiner; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and James K. Syfan, III. Also present were Regents Tom Bradbury; Richard T. Evans; Samuel D. Holmes; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Mathews D. Swift.

DISCUSSION ITEM

The Committee had a discussion with the University System of Georgia's presidents regarding the Chancellor search.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Committee Vice Chair Deep Shah, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
August 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met telephonically on Thursday, August 27, 2026, and accessible to the public in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Board Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Present, in addition to Board Chair Dove, were Board Vice Chair Deep J. Shah; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; Richard T. Evans; Erin Hames; Samuel D. Holmes; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Lowery Houston May; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Mathews D. Swift; and James K. Syfan, III. Regent Haynes Maier Studstill was excused. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs met as a committee of the whole.

APPROVAL ITEM

Upon a motion by Committee Chair Harold Reynolds and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members present voted unanimously to adopt a charter for and to finalize the naming of the Michael A. Tennenbaum Family Institute for Technology and Civic Leadership at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Committee Chair Harold Reynolds expressed his appreciation to Michael Tennenbaum and his family for their generous support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the committee of the whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair David B. Dove called for an executive session at 8:21 a.m. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May, and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members present voted unanimously to enter executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Upon a motion by Regent James K. Syfan, III, and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Board members present voted unanimously to exit executive session at 8:53 a.m.

RECONVENE

Following the executive session, Board Chair David B. Dove reconvened the Board in its regular session and announced that no action had been taken.

The Chair appointed a working group to study presidential hiring and retention.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion made by Regent James K. Syfan, III, and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., the Board members present voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 a.m.

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David B. Dove	Christopher A. McGraw
Chairman, Board of Regents	Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia	University System of Georgia

MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION
Atlanta, Georgia
September 4, 2026

The Committee on Executive and Compensation of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met telephonically on Friday, September 4, 2026, and accessible to the public in Room 8026 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Dove, were Vice Chair Deep J. Shah; Regents Erin Hames; Cade Joiner; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; and James K. Syfan, III.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair David B. Dove called for an executive session at 11:30 a.m. Upon a motion made by Regent T. Dallas Smith and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Regents present voted unanimously to enter executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

RECONVENE

Upon a motion made by Regent T. Dallas Smith and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Regents present voted unanimously to adjourn the Executive Session at approximately 12:20 p.m. No actions were taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent T. Dallas Smith and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m.

David B. Dove	Christopher A. McGraw
Chairman, Board of Regents	Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia	University System of Georgia

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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I. Academic Programs

New Program Requests

1. Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Science from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Recommended: That the Board approve the request from President Brundage that Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science in Health Science, effective spring 2027.

Degree Name/Classification of Instructional Program/Modality:
Bachelor of Science in Health Science

51000101 Health Services / Health Sciences, General

On Campus (Tifton, Bainbridge) and Hybrid

System and Institutional Context

System-Wide/Strategic Plan Context (within mission fit):

The proposed Bachelor of Science in Health Science enhances access to affordable, high-quality education while equipping students with marketable skills that meet essential regional healthcare needs. Situated in an access-oriented institution with low tuition costs, the program provides a cost-effective pathway to retain students and fill direct-to-workforce roles or serve as a feeder into graduate healthcare programs (e.g., Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Nutrition). Furthermore, mandatory experiential learning components—such as clinical observations, internships, and service learning—actively address critical workforce shortages in rural South Georgia and support local healthcare.

Institutional Mission Fit:

The program advances ABAC’s rural-focused mission, leveraging the institution's capacity where approximately 73% of the student body originates from Georgia’s rural counties. By transitioning the existing Health Science track within Biology into a standalone major, ABAC eliminates curriculum mismatches required for a general biology degree to deliver targeted, career-focused preparation for healthcare professions. This structure also supports regional workforce expansion, broadens accessibility across the Tifton and Bainbridge campuses, and provides an ideal academic pathway for student-athletes and non-traditional students seeking careers in allied health.

<u>Need/Workforce Context</u>

The program directly targets severe healthcare worker shortages in rural South Georgia, where a gap of over 239,000 healthcare workers is projected across the state by 2032 due to an aging population, retirements, and expanding care demands. Labor market data highlights strong regional demand and growth for entry-level and pre-professional health roles, including Health Education Specialists, Medical/Health Services Managers, Physical Therapists, and Physician Assistants. Furthermore, the major provides an accessible completion pathway for the substantial "Some College, No Credential" population and creates locally trained talent to fill persistent staffing gaps in underserved Health Professional Shortage Areas.

Labor Market/Career Placement Outlook/Salary:

SOC Code & Occupation	Additional education required for entry level?	Current Employment	Annual Openings	% Growth over Ten Years	Median Salary
Dietitians/Nutritionists (29-1031)	no	2,110	150	9.2%	$73,200
Physician Assistant (29-1071)	yes	4,320	410	36.4%	$115,390
Physical Therapists (29-1123)	yes	5,620	320	17.7%	$102,700
Medical and Health Services Managers (11-9111)	no	9,680	1,050	29.4%	$131,910
Health Education Specialists (21-1091)	no	3,280	340	.9%	$99,400
Community Health Workers (21-1094)	no	No data available for Georgia	No data available for Georgia	Nationally, 11%	$50,680
Occupational Therapist (29-1122)	yes	3,640	270	21.1%	$104,010

Curriculum

Learning Outcomes:

1. Develop a strong understanding of natural sciences and the scientific method to gather, analyze, and interpret health-related data.
2. Critically evaluate health issues, understand societal and environmental influences on health, and apply evidence-based decision-making to solve problems.
3. Understand the structure and functions of the U.S. healthcare system, including its policies, and how to improve access and quality of care.
4. Apply ethical principles and legal boundaries in healthcare settings, recognizing the importance of professionalism and cultural sensitivity.
5. Effectively communicate information to diverse audiences, including patients, families, colleagues, and other healthcare professionals, both written and orally.

Experiential Opportunities and High Impact Practices (HIPs):

The curriculum embeds structured High-Impact Practices (HIPs)—including mandatory internships, undergraduate research, writing-intensive coursework, and collaborative projects—to build real-world competencies. Students complete 130 hours of shadowing and field experience in clinical or research settings through the required internship, maintaining reflective journals on healthcare career dynamics. Additional HIP experiences include collaborative research methods, community-focused study of rural disparities, and applied population data analyses in epidemiology that culminate in public poster presentations at the ABAC STEPS Symposium.

Assessment Plan:

Program effectiveness will be systematically evaluated through comprehensive program reviews alongside annual course-level and direct student learning outcome metrics. Student achievement across five core outcomes—covering scientific method mastery, evidence-based problem solving, healthcare system structures, medical ethics, and professional communication—will be tracked sequentially by comparing introductory assignments to senior projects, written proposals, and internship evaluations. Program administrators will also survey capstone internship mentors and administer regular Qualtrics alumni surveys to monitor post-graduation employment rates and graduate school placement success.

Enrollment Forecast:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fiscal Year (Fall to Summer)	2027	2028	2029	2030
Base enrollment		45	71	95
Lost to Attrition (should be negative)		(9)	(8)	(9)
New to the institution	5	15	20	25
Shifted from Other programs within your institution	40	20	12	6
Total Enrollment	45	71	95	117
Graduates				(42)
Carry forward base enrollment for next year	45	71	95	75

Pipeline:

The recruitment strategy leverages robust internal student pipelines alongside institutional and community partnerships. Internally, the major serves as a dedicated pathway for undecided General Studies students, students transitioning from the Biology Health Science track, and students seeking an alternative healthcare credential after exiting the high-attrition nursing program. Externally, ABAC is leveraging secondary school relationships in South Georgia, articulation agreements with regional technical colleges (such as SRTC and Wiregrass), and pre-professional transfer pathways with graduate institutions.

Marketing Plan:

ABAC's Office of Marketing and Communications will execute a targeted, multi-channel promotional campaign spanning primary, secondary, and tertiary markets across Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. Marketing channels include paid digital media, social media campaigns, local digital billboards, direct-mail outreach, and direct communications with regional high school administrators and guidance counselors. Internal re-recruitment initiatives will specifically re-engage former Biology majors and non-admitted Nursing applicants, supported directly through existing institutional marketing budgets.

Financial Impacts: Two new faculty will be hired, one in year 1 and one in year 3. Twelve existing faculty will have their loads partially reassigned to teach 1 – 4 courses annually. Existing administrators and support staff will also have their loads partially reassigned to support this new program.

Facility Impacts: None; existing space is sufficient.

Technology Impacts: None; existing resources will be used.

2. Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Health from Augusta University

Recommended: That the Board approve the request from President Keen that Augusta University be authorized to establish a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, effective fall 2027.

Degree Name/Classification of Instructional Program/Modality:

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Health

51220100 Public Health, General

On Campus (Augusta- Summerville Campus)

System and Institutional Context

System-Wide/Strategic Plan Context (within mission fit):

The proposed program directly supports the USG Strategic Plan across three major priorities: Economic Competitiveness, Community Impact, and Student Success. To drive economic competitiveness, the program aligns its curriculum with high-demand careers in Georgia, preparing graduates for key roles such as health education specialists, medical and health services managers, and social and community service managers. To fulfill the community impact priority, the program incorporates a required 12-credit-hour semester internship in the final year, giving students hands-on experience while providing regional community organizations and healthcare systems with valuable public health support. Finally, to foster student success and timely completion, the BSPH utilizes intentional engagement strategies—such as early enrollment in major coursework during the first semester, involvement in the Public Health Student Association, and embedded High-Impact Practices to build career readiness and foster retention.

Institutional Mission Fit:

As the state's designated health/sciences/medical college, AU launched its School of Public Health in Fall 2023, and the BSPH program expands upon this mission by delivering high-quality undergraduate health education tailored to state public health workforce needs. Offering an undergraduate degree addresses a primary structural gap in the School of Public Health's academic portfolio, which previously offered only graduate-level programs like the MPH and MS in Epidemiology. The BSPH leverages existing faculty expertise and AU's Summerville Campus ecosystem to create an efficient educational pipeline into graduate degrees, clinical pathways (e.g., pre-med), and local community partnerships.

<u>Need/Workforce Context</u>

Driven by lessons from recent public health crises and ongoing population health challenges across Georgia, there is a strong regional and statewide demand for trained public health professionals. Data for the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) projects strong 10-year job growth in core aligned roles: Medical and Health Services Managers are expected to grow by nearly 20% (from 460 to 560 positions), Social and Community Service Managers from 100 to 110, and Health Education Specialists from 40 to 50. Major employer partners, including the Richmond County School System, District 6 Public Health, and Wellstar MCG Health, have explicitly endorsed the program to help fill critical talent gaps in community engagement, data-driven decision-making, and regional health administration.

Labor Market/Career Placement Outlook/Salary:

SOC Code & Occupation	Additional education required for entry level?	Current Employment	Annual Openings	% Growth over Five Years	Median Salary
Health Education Specialist (21-1091)	Yes	71,800	7,900	5%-6%	$63,000
Medical and Health Service Managers (11-9111)	Yes	616,200	62,100	7% or higher	$117,960
Social and Community Service Managers (11-9151)	Yes	219,800	18,600	5%-6%	$78,240

<u>Curriculum</u>

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify public health history, philosophy, and values.
- Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and assessing a population's health.
- Examine the effects of biological, genetic, and environmental factors on a population's health.
- Differentiate the social, political, and economic determinants of health and how they impact population health.
- Assess behavioral and psychological factors that affect a population's health.

Experiential Opportunities and High Impact Practices (HIPs):

The BSPH program intentionally embeds multiple HIPs into the curriculum to maximize student engagement, career readiness, and practical skills. The cornerstone HIP is a mandatory, 12-credit-hour full-time internship during the student's final semester, allowing them to gain applied, real-world experience in public health organizations while connecting directly with regional employers. Beyond the required internship, students are encouraged to engage in optional service-learning and community-based volunteer work, as well as undergraduate research opportunities alongside School of Public Health faculty to present at scientific conferences. Additionally, several key required courses (including *Foundations of Health Policy*, *Environmental Health*, and *Sociology of Health and Illness*) are designated as writing-intensive, requiring regular analytical essays and culminating research papers to build vital written communication skills.

Assessment Plan:

AU evaluates degree programs through an annual assessment process as well as a comprehensive program review conducted every seven years to monitor quality, viability, and student performance. Because BSPH is a new program, it will undergo a formal review within its first five years of launch. Program learning outcomes will be evaluated annually using a combination of direct measures (e.g., exams, course portfolios) and indirect measures (e.g., course evaluations, student and employer surveys). Furthermore, long-term success and curriculum responsiveness will be tracked through graduate outcome metrics, including employment placement rates and post-graduation career tracking, to ensure continuous instructional improvement and alignment with public health accreditation standards.

Enrollment Forecast:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Fiscal Year (Fall to Summer)	2028	2029	2030	2031
Base enrollment		10	39	79
Lost to Attrition		(3)	(9)	(17)
New to the institution	10	30	48	56
Shifted from Other programs within your institution	0	2	1	1
Total Enrollment	10	39	79	119
Graduates	0	0	0	(12)
Carry forward base enrollment for next year	10	39	79	107

Pipeline: The BSPH will leverage multiple recruitment and enrollment pathways designed to attract new students, capture existing demand, and create clear pathways to graduate and professional education. External recruitment will include a focus on traditional high school graduates, military-connected students and veterans, working healthcare professionals without a bachelor's degree, and students from rural communities and communities with limited access to healthcare resources. AU has begun developing regional partnerships to strengthen these recruitment pathways. Engagement with the Richmond County School System and other school districts will connect prospective students to the program through established high school career pathways. Partnerships with major healthcare employers, including Wellstar MCG Health and Piedmont, will provide a pipeline for working professionals seeking advancement in public health, population health, healthcare administration, and related fields. Additionally, collaboration with the Georgia Department of Public Health's District 6 will extend recruitment efforts into rural communities and communities with limited access to healthcare resources.

The program also creates a strong internal enrollment pipeline by providing a natural next step for certificate students. It builds on demonstrated student interest previously served by the BS in Health Promotion and the BS in Health, Society, and Public Policy, as AU works to transition toward a broader and more flexible public health degree. Additional opportunities provide a clear pathway for current students seeking a change of major or a complementary pathway into health professions, particularly those interested in population health, prevention, epidemiology, and community-based healthcare. Utilizing AU's Career, Academic, and Professional Engagement (CAPE) advising model, these efforts will focus on developing complementary, intentional pathways and cross-disciplinary opportunities that build on students' existing interests and educational experiences while connecting them to emerging areas of health and healthcare. Recruitment will target students whose goals are not being fully served by existing programs, thereby expanding access to health-professions pathways. Finally, the BSPH serves as the undergraduate foundation of a broader public health and health professions education pipeline at Augusta University. Graduates will be positioned to transition into AU's MPH, MS in Epidemiology, medical and other clinical programs, or enter the public health workforce directly. Planned development of an accelerated 4+1 pathway will further strengthen this pipeline by allowing high-performing students to begin graduate coursework while completing the bachelor's degree, improving continuity from undergraduate recruitment through the workforce.

Marketing Plan: To achieve its targeted enrollment goals, the institution has budgeted $50,000 annually dedicated specifically to program marketing for each of its first three years. The marketing strategy involves close collaboration with AU's Communications and Marketing department alongside targeted direct outreach. Specifically, AU's related programs such as the BS in Health, Society, and Public Policy and the BS in Health Services provide complementary academic pathways for coordinated recruitment strategies.

Financial Impacts: One full-time faculty member will be fully redirected to this program to serve as program director and three additional full-time faculty will be partially redirected to support instruction and program coordination. Five additional hires will be phased in as enrollment allows in years 2 – 4.

Facility Impacts: None. Existing space in Science Hall will be used for faculty offices and classroom space.

Technology Impacts: Minimal. Eight new computers will be refreshed to support the faculty/staff.

Termination Requests

3. University of Georgia

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Morehead that University of Georgia be approved to terminate the following degree program, effective fall 2026.

a. Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance
b. Master of Science in Integrative Conservation and Sustainability

Abstract: The BFA Dance was consolidated with the Bachelor of Arts in Dance in 2022; there have been no students enrolled or graduated in this BFA since then. Similarly, the MS in Integrative Conservation and Sustainability was combined with the MS Ecology; there have been no students enrolled or graduation in this MS since fall 2025.

4. Kennesaw State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Schwaig that Kennesaw State University be approved to terminate the following degree program, effective fall 2026.

a. Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Abstract: This program was deactivated due to a consistently low number of graduates. Due to greater popularity of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, which also has an art history component, students today are encouraged to pursue either the BFA in Art or the Art History minor. There have been no students enrolled or graduated from this program since summer 2025.

5 Georgia Southwestern State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Palmer that Georgia Southwestern State University be approved to terminate the following degree program, effective fall 2026.

a. Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
b. Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
c. Master of Education in Middle Grades Language Arts

Abstract: These programs were all consolidated with similar degrees: The Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Psychology were consolidated with the Bachelor of Science degrees of those same majors and the Master of Education in Middle Grades Language Arts was consolidated along with a middle grades mathematics program into a more general Master of Education in Middle Grades Education. There have been no students enrolled or graduated from these programs since 2024.

II. Academic Naming

6. John Lewis School of Public Policy and Social Sciences at Savannah State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Whirl, for the naming of the John Lewis School of Public Policy and Social Sciences at Savannah State University, effective immediately.

Rationale: Naming the School of Public Policy and Social Sciences for Congressman John Robert Lewis represents a powerful alignment of institutional mission, academic purpose, and Georgia History. This naming would be the first academic school in the United States named in honor of Congressman Lewis and appropriately connect one of Georgia's most consequential public servants with an institution whose history and future are deeply rooted in educational opportunity, leadership and service. It would establish a living academic legacy devoted to the ideals that defined Congressman Lewis' life and situate the school to become a national destination for students who aspire to careers in government, public policy, nonprofit leadership, social services, community development, and other professions dedicated to public good.

CONSENT ITEMS

III. Named/Endowed Faculty Positions

7. Establishments

Dr. Jim and Nancy Butin Distinguished Chair in Emergent Technology

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Rayfield that Columbus State University be authorized to establish an endowed Dr. Jim and Nancy Butin Distinguished Chair in Emergent Technology, effective January 1, 2027.

Abstract: The CSU Foundation has verified funding sufficient to establish the endowed position at the funding level required by the Board of Regents 8.3.2.3. The CSU Foundation has confirmed the funds available to support the establishment of $ 1,907,807.00.

Rationale: The Columbus State University has completed arrangements for funding the Dr. Jim and Nancy Butin Distinguished Chair in Emergent Technology, supported by the generosity of Jack and JoRhee Pezold. Jack Pezold is a prominent, semi-retired Entrepreneur and philanthropist who lives in Columbus, Georgia. He and his wife built a massive hospitality and business empire that shaped the local Chattahoochee Valley economy. They would like the position to be named in honor of Jim and Nancy Butin, longtime Columbus State University Supporters and prominent community leaders, philanthropists, and educators based in Columbus, Georgia. The Dr. Jim and Nancy Butin Distinguished Chair in Emergent Technology would also serve as Executive Director of the planned Columbus State Emergent Technology Institute, which will be housed inside the new robotics and space science center building, and center on practical, hands-on learning experiences that are industry-responsive, highly adaptive, and prepare students for immediate success in the workforce.

GRA Eminent Scholar Distinguished University Chair in Immunology

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Keen that Augusta University be authorized to establish an endowed GRA Eminent Scholar Distinguished University Chair in Immunology, effective September 16, 2027.

Abstract: The Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc. has verified funding sufficient to establish the endowed position at the funding level required by the Board of Regents 8.3.2.3. The Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc. has confirmed the funds available to support the establishment of $ 2,011,220.66.

Rationale: The Medical College of Georgia has completed arrangements for funding the GRA Eminent Scholar Distinguished University Chair in Immunology, supported by the generosity of The Georgia Research Alliance. The Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) is a nonprofit organization based in Atlanta, Georgia, founded in 1990 to coordinate and enhance university research and entrepreneurship across the state. It serves as a bridge between Georgia's public and private sectors, aiming to maximize the impact of university-based research to benefit the state's economy, workforce, and communities. They fund Eminent Scholar positions at each USG research institution to help in recruiting prominent scholars to the state of Georgia.

Augusta University Redesignations

Recommended: That the Board approve the request of President Keen that Augusta University be authorized to redesignate the below establishments, effective immediately.

Abstract: The Medical College of Georgia Foundation has verified funding sufficient to redesignate the endowed position at the funding level required by the Board of Regents 8.3.2.3. The Medical College of Georgia Foundation has confirmed the funds available to support the redesignations exceed $2 million for proposed Distinguished University Chairs and exceeds $1 million for proposed Distinguished Chairs, as listed in the table below.

Distinguished Chairs proposed for elevation to Distinguished University Chairs

Named Endowed Position	Proposed Endowed Position	Funds Available
Curtis G. Hames, M.D. Distinguished Chair for the Department of Family Medicine	Curtis G. Hames, M.D. Distinguished University Chair for the Department of Family Medicine	$2,036,038.97
Kellett Distinguished Chair of Nursing	Kellett Distinguished University Chair in Nursing	$2,027,785.69

Chairs proposed for elevation to Distinguished Chairs

Named Endowed Position	Proposed Endowed Position	Funds Available
Dr. Marvin C. Goldstein Chair in Orthodontics	Dr. Marvin C. Goldstein Distinguished Chair in Orthodontics	$1,135,588.37
William S. Hagler, M.D. Chair in Ophthalmology	William S. Hagler, M.D. Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology	$1,286,451.00
Thomas P. Hinman Chair of Restorative Dentistry	Thomas P. Hinman Distinguished Chair of Restorative Dentistry	$1,052,580.85

Distinguished University Chairs proposed for Discipline Change

Named Endowed Position	Proposed Endowed Position	Funds Available
J. Harold Harrison, MD Distinguished University Chair in Surgery	J. Harold Harrison, MD Distinguished University Chair in Vascular Surgery	$3,490,621.74

8. Named Faculty Positions

Institution: Augusta University
University Faculty's Name: Gautam Agarwal, MD
Named Faculty Position: J. Harold Harrison, MD Distinguished University Chair in Vascular Surgery
Effective Date: September 16, 2026

Institution: University of Georgia
University Faculty's Name: Peter "Bo" Rutledge, JD
Named Faculty Position: Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law
Effective Date: November 1, 2026

Institution: University of Georgia
University Faculty's Name: Brad (Yuan) Kim, PhD
Named Faculty Position: Yongkeun Joh Chair of Food Systems Innovations
Effective Date: October 1, 2026

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON THE WHOLE: PERSONNEL & BENEFITS

September 16, 2026

1. **<u>Information Item: 2027 USG Retirement Plan Administration</u>**

Mr. Joe Strong, Associate Vice Chancellor of Total Rewards, will share information about changes to the administration of the USG retirement plans effective January 1, 2027.

AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ORGANIZATION AND LAW

September 16, 2026

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Mutual Aid Agreement: Coffee County Sheriff's Office and South Georgia State College

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 22 of June 2026, by and between the **Coffee County Sheriff's Office** and **South Georgia State College** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **Coffee County Sheriff's Office** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Coffee County Sheriff's Office** and **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **Coffee County Sheriff's Office** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **Coffee County Sheriff's Office** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within Coffee County or on the South Georgia State College campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with
O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **deputies** of the **Coffee County Sheriff's Office** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 9 day of July, 2026

Coffee County Sheriff Signature	SGSC President Signature
Fred Cole	Dr. Greg Tanner, President
Sheriff	President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

Secretary to the Board Signature	Date

Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

2. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Ware County Board of Education and South Georgia State College</u>

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Ware County Board of Education.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 22 of June 2026, by and between the **Ware County Board of Education** and **South Georgia State College** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **Ware County Board of Education** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Ware County Board of Education** and **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **Ware County Board of Education** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **Ware County Board of Education** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **Ware County Board of Education properties** or on the **South Georgia State College campus** as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **officers** of **Ware County Board of Education Police Department** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 23rd day of June, 2026

Ware County BOE Superintendent Signature	SGSC President Signature
Dr. Lynn Barber	Dr. Greg Tanner, President
Superintendent	President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

Secretary to the Board Signature	Date

Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

3. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Ware County Emergency Management Agency and South Georgia State College</u>

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Ware County Emergency Management Agency.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 22 of June 2026, by and between the **Ware County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** and **South Georgia State College (SGSC)** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **Ware County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Ware County Emergency Management Agency** and the **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **Ware County Emergency Management Agency** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **Ware County Emergency Management Agency** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **City of Waycross or Ware County** or on the South Georgia State College campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **Director or any member** of the **Ware County Emergency Management Agency** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 2 day of July, 2026

Brian W Varnadore	
Ware County EMA Director Signature	SGSC President Signature
~~James Shubert~~ Brian W. Varnadore	Dr. Greg Tanner
~~Ware County Manager~~ Interim EMA Director	President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

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Secretary to the Board Signature Date

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Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

4. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Ware County Sheriff's Office and South Georgia State College</u>

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Ware County Sheriff's Office.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 22 of June 2026, by and between the **Ware County Sheriff's Office** and **South Georgia State College** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **Ware County Sheriff's Office** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Ware County Sheriff's Office** and **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **Ware County Sheriff's Office** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **Ware County Sheriff's Office** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **Ware County** or on the **South Georgia State College** campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **deputies** of **Ware County Sheriff's Office** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 2 day of July, 2026

J Carl James	
Ware County Sheriff Signature	SGSC President Signature
Carl James	Dr. Greg Tanner
Sheriff	President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

Secretary to the Board Signature	Date

Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

5. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Coffee County Board of Education and South Georgia State College</u>

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Coffee County Board of Education.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 1st day of July in the year 2026 by and between the **Coffee County Board of Education** and **South Georgia State College** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **Coffee County Board of Education** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Coffee County Board of Education** and the **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **Coffee County Board of Education** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **Coffee County Board of Education** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **Coffee County Board of Education properties** or on the **South Georgia State College** campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by **officers** of the **Coffee County Board of Education Police Department** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed on the _6th__ day of __July_, 2026

Coffee County BOE Superintendent Signature	SGSC President Signature
Lee Mobley	Dr. Greg Tanner, President
Superintendent	President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

Secretary to the Board Signature	Date

Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

6. Mutual Aid Agreement: City of Douglas and South Georgia State College

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the City of Douglas.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 22 of June 2026, by and between the **City of Douglas** and **South Georgia State College** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **City of Douglas** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **City of Douglas** and the **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **City of Douglas** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **City of Douglas** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **City of Douglas** or on the **South Georgia State College** campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with
   O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **officers** of the **City of Douglas Police Department** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel:** In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 3 day of July, 2026

Charles W Davis

City Manager Signature

SGSC President Signature

Charlie Davis
City Manager

Dr. Greg Tanner
President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

Secretary to the Board Signature

Date

Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

7. Mutual Aid Agreement: Coffee County Emergency Management Agency and South Georgia State College

South Georgia State College seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 22 of June 2026, by and between the **Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** and **South Georgia State College (SGSC)** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The **Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** and **South Georgia State College** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Coffee County Emergency Management Agency** and **South Georgia State College** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **South Georgia State College** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the **Coffee County Emergency Management Agency** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **South Georgia State College** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the **Coffee County Emergency Management Agency** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **South Georgia State College** with the approval of the President of **South Georgia State College** as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **City of Douglas or Coffee County** or on the South Georgia State College campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **Director or any member** of the **Coffee County Emergency Management Agency** or **officers** of the **South Georgia State College Police Department** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 7 day of July, 2026

Steve Carver
Coffee County EMA Director Signature

SGSC President Signature

Steve Carver
Coffee County EMA Director

Dr. Greg Tanner
President

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

Secretary to the Board Signature

Date

Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed

8. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Valdosta Police Department and Valdosta State University</u>

Valdosta State University seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Valdosta Police Department.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the **13th** of **August, 2026**, by and between the **Valdosta Police Department** and the **Valdosta State University** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. **Valdosta Police Department** and the **Valdosta State University** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Valdosta Police Department** and the **Valdosta State University** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **Valdosta State University** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **Valdosta Police Department** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **Valdosta State University** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **Valdosta Police Department** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **Valdosta State University** with the approval of the President of **Valdosta State University**, as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **Valdosta Police Department** or on the **Valdosta State University** campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **Valdosta Police Department** or **President** of **Valdosta State University** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and*

immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed."

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the 13 day of Aug, 2026

Signed by:

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[County/City Official or Sheriff Signature] [Institution President Signature]

Leslie Manahan - Chief of Police

President, Valdosta State University

[Name and Title County/City Official or Sheriff, Printed] [President –Name and Title, Printed]

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

[Secretary to the Board Signature] Date

[Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed]

9. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Lowndes County Sheriff Office and Sheriff Ashley Paulk and Valdosta State University</u>

Valdosta State University seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the Lowndes County Sheriff Office and Sheriff Ashley Paulk.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the **14th** of **May**, **2026**, by and between the **Lowndes County Sheriff Office and Sheriff Ashley Paulk** and the **Valdosta State University** an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia**. Lowndes County Sheriff Office and Sheriff Ashley Paulk** and the **Valdosta State University** are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the **Lowndes County Sheriff Office** and the **Valdosta State University** may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **Valdosta State University** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **Lowndes County Sheriff Office and Sheriff Ashley Paulk** upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of **Valdosta State University** with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, **Lowndes County Sheriff Office** is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to **Valdosta State University** with the approval of the President of **Valdosta State University**, as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the **Lowndes County** or on the **Valdosta State University** campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.
2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the **Sheriff Ashley Paulk** of **Lowndes County** or **President** of **Valdosta State University** in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and*

immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed."

5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed in the ___ day of ___, 2026_

Digitally signed by Sheriff Ashley Paulk
DN: cn=Sheriff Ashley Paulk, o=Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, ou=Administration, email=apaulk@lowndescounty.com, c=US
Date: 2026.05.29 13:06:05 -04'00'

Signed by:
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[County/City Official or Sheriff Signature] [Institution President Signature]

President, Valdosta State University

Ashley Paulk, Sheriff

[Name and Title County/City Official or Sheriff, Printed] [President –Name and Title, Printed]

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

[Secretary to the Board Signature] Date

[Name of Secretary to the Board, Printed]

10. <u>Mutual Aid Agreement: Sumter County, Georgia and Georgia Southwestern State University</u>

Georgia Southwestern State University seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with Sumter County, Georgia.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 28th of July, 2026, by and between Sumter County, Georgia and the Georgia Southwestern State University, an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. Sumter County, Georgia and the Georgia Southwestern State University are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, Sumter County, Georgia and the Georgia Southwestern State University may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, Georgia Southwestern State University is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to Sumter County, Georgia upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of Georgia Southwestern State University or designee with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, Sumter County, Georgia is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to Georgia Southwestern State University with the approval of the President of Georgia Southwestern State University or designee, as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within Sumter County, Georgia or on the Georgia Southwestern State University campus as requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-

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69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.

2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the Sumter County, Georgia Emergency Management Agency Director (EMA) or designee or the President of Georgia Southwestern State University or designee in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"
5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

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II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed on the 10 day of AUG., 20 26

David Baldwin, Chairman
Sumter County Board of Commissioners

Date 8/3/2026

Eric Bryant, Sheriff
Sumter County Sheriff's Office

Date 7/28/2026.

Dr. Kerry Palmer, President
Georgia Southwestern State University

Date 8.7.26

Michael Lewis, Director
Georgia Southwestern State University
Office of Public Safety

Date 8-10-2026

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

[Secretary to the Board, Signature]

Date

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11. Mutual Aid Agreement: City of Americus, Georgia and Georgia Southwestern State University

Georgia Southwestern State University seeks the Board of Regents' permission to enter into a mutually beneficial emergency or special circumstances services agreement with the City of Americus, Georgia.

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on the 28th of July, 2026, by and between the City of Americus, Georgia and the Georgia Southwestern State University, an institution within the University System of Georgia and the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia. The City of Americus, Georgia and the Georgia Southwestern State University are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties." This agreement incorporates by reference standards contained in O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, including subsequent amendments thereto.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, responses to emergency or special circumstances may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either Party's law enforcement agency, the City of Americus, Georgia and the Georgia Southwestern State University may request that the other Party provide certified police officers to assist in providing law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, Georgia Southwestern State University is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to the City of Americus, Georgia upon the approval of Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia and the President of Georgia Southwestern State University with this MOU.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-69-1 *et seq.*, the City of Americus, Georgia is authorized to furnish assistance extraterritorially to Georgia Southwestern State University with the approval of the President of Georgia Southwestern State University, as well as the governing body for the local political subdivision or county sheriff, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this MOU is to permit each Party to assign law enforcement officers to the other Party for law enforcement services within the City of Americus, Georgia or on the Georgia Southwestern State University campus as

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requested by the law enforcement agencies of the Parties. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-8, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Parties to respond to a request for assistance, or to stay at the scene of a local emergency for any length of time.

2. **Requests:** Requests for assistance may be made by the City of Americus, Georgia Emergency Management Agency Director (EMA) or designee or the President of Georgia Southwestern State University or designee in a local emergency, in the prevention or detection of violations of any law, in the apprehension or arrest of any person who violates a criminal law of this state, or in any criminal case.
3. **Authorities:** The senior officer of the requesting Party shall be in command of the local emergency as to strategy, tactics, and overall direction of the operations.
4. **Powers and Duties of Responding Personnel**: In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-69-4, responding employees of either Party "*shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivision or on the campus of the institution in which they are normally employed.*"
5. **Responsibility for Expenses and Compensation of Employees:** Parties responding to requests in conformance with this MOU shall pay any expense for furnishing of their own equipment, loss or damage to such equipment, and costs incurred in operation and maintenance of their equipment.

   Responding Party shall compensate responding employees during the time they are rendering aid and defray actual travel expenses of employees. Compensation shall include compensation due to personal injury or death while employees are rendering aid. (O.C.G.A. § 36-69-5.)

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II. Effective Date

This agreement shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials, including the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia, and shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any or all of the parties herein.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto cause these presents to be signed on the 31 day of JULY, 2026

_______________________ 7/30/2026
Travis Rush, Mayor
City of Americus
Date

_______________________ 7/28/2026
Mark Scott, Chief
Americus Police Department
Date

_______________________ 7.31.26
Dr. Kerry Palmer, President
Georgia Southwestern State University
Date

_______________________ 07/28/2026
Michael Lewis, Director
Georgia Southwestern State University
Office of Public Safety
Date

Presented to and approved by the Board of Regents:

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[Secretary to the Board, Signature] Date

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12. <u>Honorary Degree Request: University of Georgia</u>

University of Georgia President Jere W. Morehead seeks the Board's approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree to University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Joan T.A. Gabel.

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August 19, 2026

Chancellor Sonny Perdue
University System of Georgia
270 Washington Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chancellor Perdue:

It is my pleasure to present you with the enclosed dossier nominating University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Joan T.A. Gabel to receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the University of Georgia. Chancellor Gabel was nominated for this honor by a member of the UGA community, and her nomination was approved unanimously by the University's Honorary Degrees Committee. Pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 3.8.8, I have accepted and endorsed the committee's recommendation, and I would now like to submit Joan's nomination to you and the Board of Regents for consideration and approval.

I have known Joan for over three decades, dating back to her time as a UGA student, and I believe she is uniquely qualified to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Georgia. After graduating from the School of Law in 1993, Joan practiced law in Atlanta before launching her academic career as a faculty member at Georgia State University. Joan quickly climbed the faculty ranks at Georgia State and would go on to serve as professor and department chair at Florida State University, dean of the Trulaske College of Business at the University of Missouri, and executive vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of South Carolina. In 2018, Joan was named president of the University of Minnesota, and in 2023 she was appointed chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh. She was the first female to lead these highly respected Association of American Universities (AAU) member institutions.

Throughout her career, Joan has demonstrated extraordinary leadership by advancing scholarship in her field, positively impacting the lives of students, and leaving a transformative mark as the chief executive of nationally recognized research universities. As a scholar, she has received numerous awards—across multiple institutions—recognizing her exemplary teaching and research, and in 2024 the Academy of Legal Studies in Business honored her with its highest honor for career achievement. As a university administrator, meanwhile, Joan has distinguished herself as one of the most successful and influential academic leaders in the nation, elevating the University of Minnesota and the University of Pittsburgh across a host of national rankings and guiding both institutions to new heights of excellence in student success, research and development, fundraising, and many other critical areas.

As you will read in her dossier, however, Joan's positive impact on lives and communities extends well beyond campus as she has assumed significant national leadership roles devoted to strengthening higher education. She serves as the chair of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), chair of the Fulbright Scholar Advisory Board, vice-chair of the Council on Competitiveness, vice chair of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), and a member of the board of directors of the prestigious AAU. Joan is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a past recipient of the American Council on Education's Mentor Award. She also has been recognized by *The Wall Street Journal* as a "shining star" and was recently named to *Forbes*' "50 Over 50" list of influential national leaders.

With her remarkable legacy of scholarship and mentorship, strong commitment to academic excellence and student success, and exemplary leadership of leading public research universities, Joan Gabel has distinctively and positively represented the University of Georgia while making an indelible impact on the lives of countless faculty, staff, and students. For these reasons, I am honored to present Joan's nomination for an honorary doctorate to you and the Board of Regents for consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Jere W. Morehead
President

Biography of Joan Gabel

Joan Gabel currently serves as the 19th chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, a position she has held since 2023. In this role, she leads a campus that enrolls more than 35,000 students and employs more than 16,000 faculty, staff, and researchers across five campuses. Since becoming chancellor, Gabel has overseen record-setting enrollment, graduation rates, research expenditures, and startups, among other accolades.

Given her extensive experience leading public universities, in 2024 Gabel was selected to serve as the chair of the Council of Presidents for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and she currently serves as chair of the APLU's board of directors. She also serves as chair of the Fulbright Scholar Advisory Board, academic vice chair of the U.S. Council on Competitiveness, vice chair of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), and as member of the board of directors of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

From 2018 to 2023, Gabel served as the 17th president of the University of Minnesota system. During her tenure, she spearheaded initiatives leading to all-time highs in private philanthropy, more than $1 billion in annual research expenditures, and a top-25 ranking among public institutions by *U.S. News & World Report*. She launched the university system's first strategic plan, which aimed to enhance institutional outreach and engagement, elevate student success, and power research with real-world impact.

Gabel's career in higher education spans more than three decades, beginning with her time as a professor of legal studies at Georgia State University. From there, she became a professor of law and department chair at Florida State University before eventually serving as the dean of the Trulaske College of Business at the University of Missouri. She then went on to serve as the Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at the University of South Carolina before assuming the presidency at the University of Minnesota.

Throughout her career, Gabel has received numerous awards for her leadership abilities. She was recently named to *Forbes* 2026 "50 Over 50" list of national leaders making transformative impacts, and *Wall Street Journal* previously recognized her as a "shining star" in the field. She also is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, has been named to the Pittsburgh Business Times' Power 100, and is the recipient of the ALSB Distinguished Career Achievement Award and the American Council on Education Mentor Award.

Joan Gabel earned her bachelor's degree from Haverford College and her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law. Prior to beginning her career in higher education, she worked as an attorney in Atlanta.

13. Executive Session

The Committee will enter executive session to discuss pending applications for discretionary review. These are made to the Board of Regents Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to Policy 6.26. Applications for Discretionary Review involve personnel matters and student records.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

September 16, 2026

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September 16, 2026

1. Real Estate Actions Taken Within Delegated Authority

The following pages contain a listing of the real estate actions taken during the period beginning April 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2026, within the authority delegated by the Board to the Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities

Real Estate Actions Taken Within Delegated Authority
April 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026

Acquisitions

Institution	*Location*	*Description*	*Purchase Price*
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville	0.983 acres North Liberty Street Right of Way	$195,000.00

Lease as Tenant

Institution	*Location*	*Square Feet/Rent*	*Use*
Dalton State College	Dalton	2,253 sf $1,000.00/month	Bandy Heritage Center for Northwest Georgia Lease Renewal
Fort Valley State University	Butler	6,132 sf $8,400.00/quarter	Taylor County Head Start Lease Extension
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville	11,952 sf $20,949.67/month	Student Housing New Sublease
Georgia Film Academy	Fayetteville	15,000 sf $22,500.00/month	Sound Stage Lease Extension
Georgia Film Academy	Fayetteville	18,128 sf $35,000.00/month	Office Space Lease Extension
Georgia Film Academy	Fayetteville	5,000 sf $7,500.00/month	Workshop Lease Extension
Georgia Film Academy	Fayetteville	2,400 sf $2,521.50/month	Warehouse Lease Extension
Georgia Institute of Technology	Washington, D.C.	354 sf $2,181.68/month	Office of Institute Relations Lease Extension
Georgia Public Library Service	Atlanta	3,161 sf $2,137.61/month	Georgia Library Services for the Blind and Print Disabled Lease Extension
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	157 Parking spaces $21,173.16/annual	Parking Lot Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Cortona, Italy	28,675 sf $23,871.05/semi-annually	Study Abroad Program Lease Extension

Real Estate Actions Taken Within Delegated Authority
April 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026

Lease as Tenant continued

Institution	*Location*	*Square Feet/Rent*	*Use*
University of Georgia	Oxford, England	9,987 sf Rent Abatement = $129,417.62	Study Abroad Program Lease Modification for Rent Abatement During Renovations
University of Georgia	Athens	5,000 sf $50.00/month	Pilot Facility for Manufacturing Fabrics Sublease Extension
University of Georgia	Brunswick	982 sf $1,567.92/month	Small Business Development Center Sublease Extension
University of Georgia	Macon	2,075 sf $3,458.34/month	Small Business Development Center Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Rome	1,730 sf $2,895.00/month	Small Business Development Center Lease Extension
University of Georgia	Guyton	2,971 sf $10.00/month	Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources New Lease
University of Georgia	Sandersville	6.18 acres $10.00/annual	4-H S.A.F.E. Shotgun Program Georgia 4-H Project S.A.F.E. License Renewal
University of Georgia	Albany	1,611 sf $3,195.00/month	Small Business Development Center New Lease

Lease as Landlord

Institution	*Location*	*Square Feet/Rent*	*Use*
University of Georgia	Athens	2,075 sf house plus surrounding lot $1.00/year	Omicron Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity Lease Modification

Real Estate Actions Taken Within Delegated Authority
April 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026

Right of Way/Easements for Compensation

Institution	*Grantee*	*Purpose/Compensation*
Georgia State University	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)	Transportation Right of Way & Easements Summerhill/Capitol Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project $194,500.00

Right of Way/Easements for Institution Benefit

Institution	*Grantee*	*Purpose*
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Georgia Power Company	Electric Utility Easement Lift Station
Georgia Gwinnett College	Gwinnett County	Transportation Right of Way & Easements Collins Hill Road Widening
Georgia Gwinnett College	City of Lawrenceville	Transportation Right of Way Collins Hill Industrial Way Traffic Improvements
Georgia State University	Georgia Power Company	Electric Utility Easement Research Tower
Georgia Southwestern University	Georgia Power Company	Electric Utility Easement Griffin Bell Conference Center

2. Naming of Scott Miller Press Box, Burger King Stadium at Ragsdale Field, Columbus State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the press box located within Burger King Stadium at Ragsdale Field on the campus of Columbus State University ("CSU") as the "Scott Miller Press Box" in recognition of Scott Miller's extraordinary service to CSU Athletics and his lasting contributions to sports broadcasting in Georgia.

Understandings: President Stuart Rayfield confirms that this naming conforms to CSU's naming guidelines and the Board of Regents naming policy.

First arriving at CSU in 1976, Scott Miller began his career as the "Voice of the Cougars" and quickly became one of the most recognizable ambassadors for CSU Athletics. As the play-by-play announcer for Cougar men's and women's basketball and baseball, he has provided generations of student-athletes, alumni, and fans with a consistent and passionate connection to CSU Athletics. Beyond calling the action, Miller has managed the technical and production aspects of broadcasts, helping elevate the visibility and reputation of CSU Athletics throughout the region.

Miller's distinguished career has brought significant acclaim to both CSU and Georgia sports broadcasting. His numerous honors include induction into the Columbus State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004, the Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame in 2018, and the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2022. He was named the 2019 Georgia Broadcaster of the Year and has received multiple Georgia Association of Broadcasters awards for excellence in play-by-play broadcasting. Since 1986, he has also served as a Heisman Trophy voter, reflecting the respect he has earned within the collegiate athletics community.

In honor of Miller's lasting impact on the CSU community, CSU has established an endowed scholarship in his name to benefit future generations of Cougars. To date, supporters have contributed over $30,000 to the scholarship, with an additional $6,000 pledged. This generosity demonstrates the deep appreciation for Miller's service and dedication to CSU Athletics.

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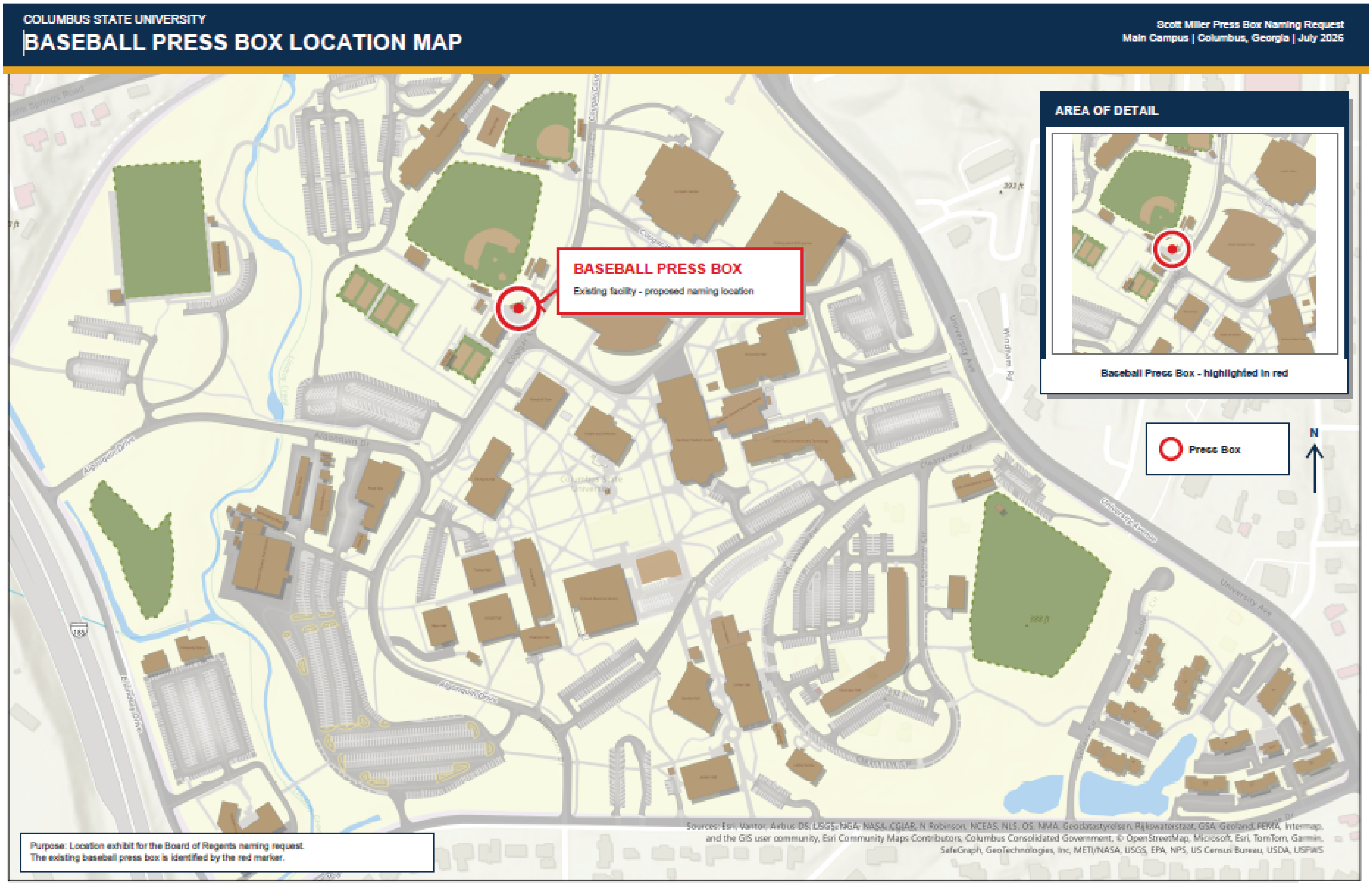
Naming of Scott Miller Press Box



3. Naming of The Correll Family Foundation Courtyard, University of Georgia

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the courtyard located adjacent to the new School of Medicine Building at the University of Georgia ("UGA") as "The Correll Family Foundation Courtyard" in recognition of the generosity and service of the Correll Family and the Correll Family Foundation.

Understandings: President Jere W. Morehead confirms that this naming conforms to UGA naming guidelines and the Board of Regents naming policy.

The Correll Family Foundation (the "Foundation") is a private charitable organization based in Atlanta that focuses primarily on higher education, human services, and youth programs. The Foundation is led by Elizabeth Correll Richards and carries forward the legacy of the late A.D. "Pete" Correll, a 1963 graduate of UGA's Terry College of Business, and his late wife, Ada Lee Correll, a 1963 graduate of UGA's College of Education.

The Foundation recently made a philanthropic pledge of $1,000,000 to the UGA School of Medicine Building Fund, with $500,000 received to date and the remaining balance scheduled to be received on or before June 30, 2029. In addition to the Foundation's support of the university, Ms. Richards has provided leadership and service through her role as a UGA Foundation Trustee and former co-chair of the UGA Parents Leadership Council. The Foundation and the Correll Family have supported numerous initiatives across campus, including the Holmes-Hunter Academic Building, Athletics, the Morehead Honors College, the Terry College of Business, Georgia Women Give, and the Correll Scholars Program.

The Correll Family has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to UGA through decades of leadership, service, and philanthropy. The proposed naming appropriately recognizes the Foundation's contributions to the School of Medicine while honoring the Correll Family's legacy of leadership, service, and generosity to UGA.

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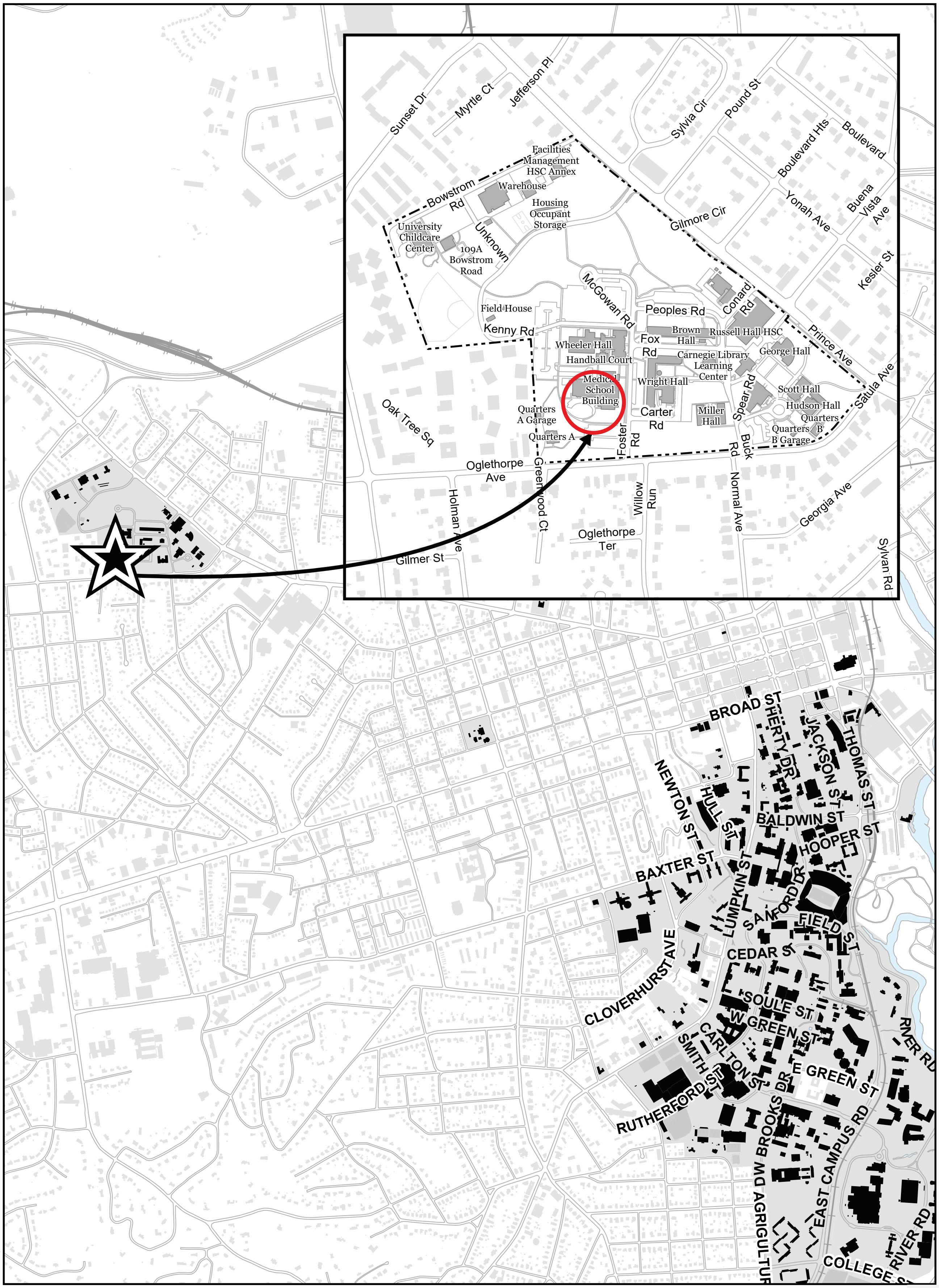
Proposed Naming: The Correll Family Foundation Courtyard, Medical School Building



University Architects G.I.S.

4. Naming of Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs Promenade, Dahlonega Campus, University of North Georgia

Recommended: That the Board approve the naming of the Promenade on the Dahlonega Campus of the University of North Georgia ("UNG") as the "Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs Promenade" in recognition of Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs' extraordinary and distinguished service to UNG and the University System of Georgia.

Understandings: President Michael Shannon confirms that this naming conforms to UNG naming guidelines and the Board of Regents naming policy.

Following her appointment as president in 2011, Dr. Jacobs became the first woman to lead North Georgia College & State University ("NGCSU") and only the second to lead one of the nation's six senior military colleges. She subsequently guided the successful consolidation of NGCSU and Gainesville State College and, in 2013, became the inaugural president of the newly created University of North Georgia. During her tenure, Dr. Jacobs led a period of remarkable growth and transformation as the institution added campuses in Cumming and Blue Ridge, constructed new facilities, and enhanced its academic offerings through nationally competitive scholarship programming, growth in cybersecurity education, and the addition of three doctoral programs, including UNG's first Ph.D. program.

Student success remained the hallmark of Dr. Jacobs' presidency. Under her leadership, UNG received national recognition for ten consecutive years as a top producer of applicants selected for the Fulbright Program and continued a tradition of athletics excellence that included three NCAA national championships. She also strengthened student access through scholarships, including need-based support, and established the Scholarship Gala as part of her investiture. Her commitment to UNG has continued beyond her presidency through personal philanthropy totaling more than $115,000.

The Promenade has evolved into a central hub of student life on the Dahlonega Campus, where students gather, connect, and engage with one another and the broader UNG community. Its location at the intersection of academic, military, athletic, and student-life spaces makes it an especially fitting place to recognize a leader who brought together the distinct traditions, strengths, and opportunities that define UNG while maintaining an unwavering commitment to students. Naming the Promenade in Dr. Jacobs' honor recognizes both her distinguished service and the enduring impact of her leadership on the university and generations of students.

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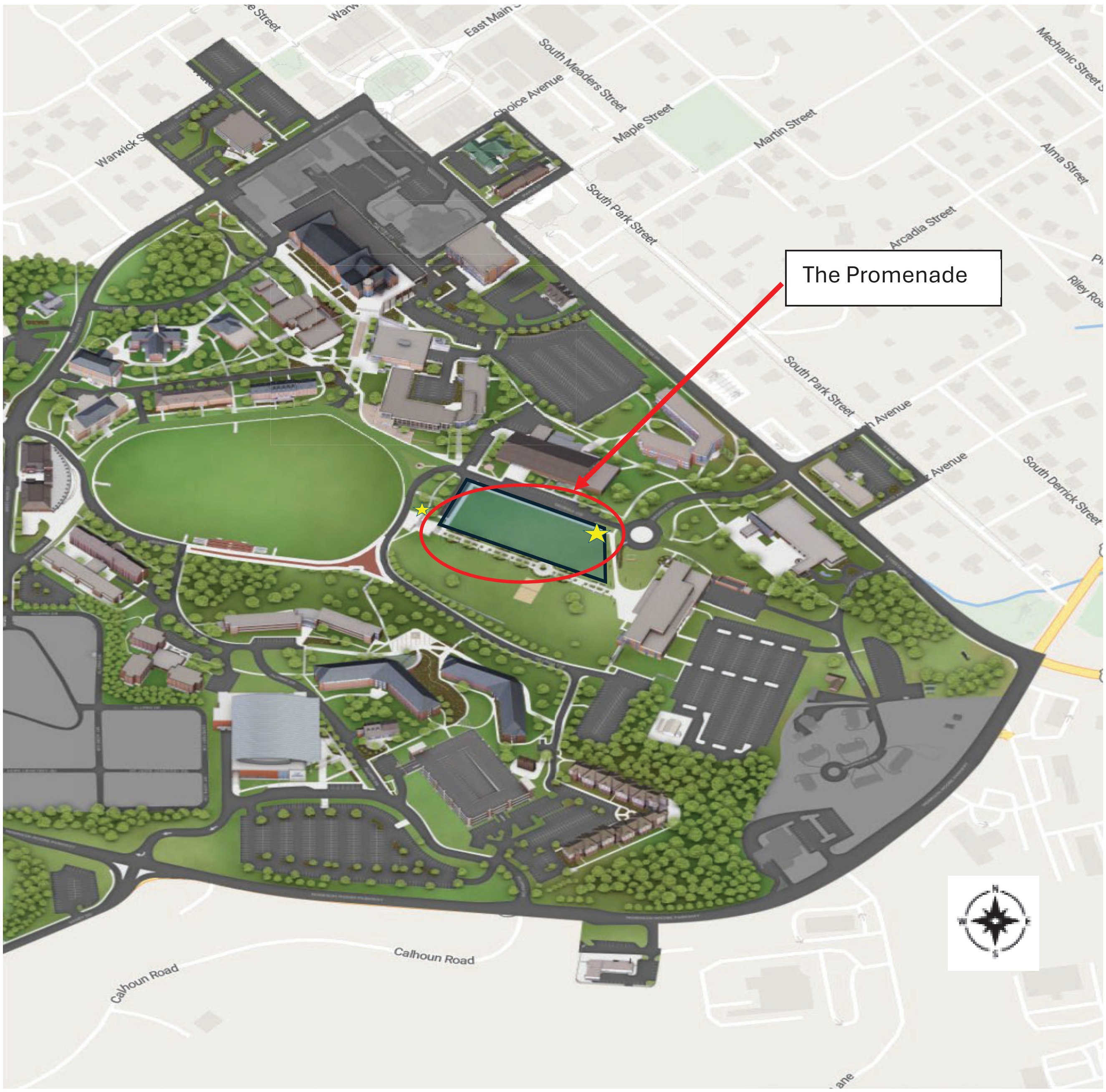
Naming of Dr. Bonita C. Jacobs Promenade



5. Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. J-465, One Arsenal Place Renovation, Columbus State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional firms named below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

A qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendation is made:

Project No. J-465, One Arsenal Place Renovation, Columbus State University

Project Description: At its April 2026 meeting, the Board authorized the renovation of One Arsenal Place (the "Project") located on the downtown RiverPark campus of Columbus State University. Acquired by the Board of Regents in December 2023, One Arsenal Place ("OAP") was constructed in the early 1850s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Project will involve the incremental renovation and renewal of approximately 71,000 square feet ("SF") of OAP. Approximately 23,000 SF of the building, consisting of student housing and tenant spaces, is excluded from the Project scope. Key components of the Project consist of upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, as well as the plumbing and electrical systems. Building and site stormwater drainage issues will also be remediated. Other improvements will include accessibility and code upgrades for entrances, circulation, and restrooms; targeted renovation of instructional, office, and student support spaces for improved functionality and efficiency; and renewal of interior finishes and fixtures. The Project will also include upgrades to the central building courtyard to provide an ADA-accessible multi-use outdoor area to support informal learning and community interaction.

The Project will be funded with $1,600,000 in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2027 State General Obligation ("G.O.") Bonds; $10,500,000 and $1,800,000 in anticipated FY 2028 and FY 2029 G.O. Bonds, respectively; and $5,000,000 from institutional funds.

Total Project Cost:	$18,900,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	$13,500,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 13
Recommended firms in rank order:
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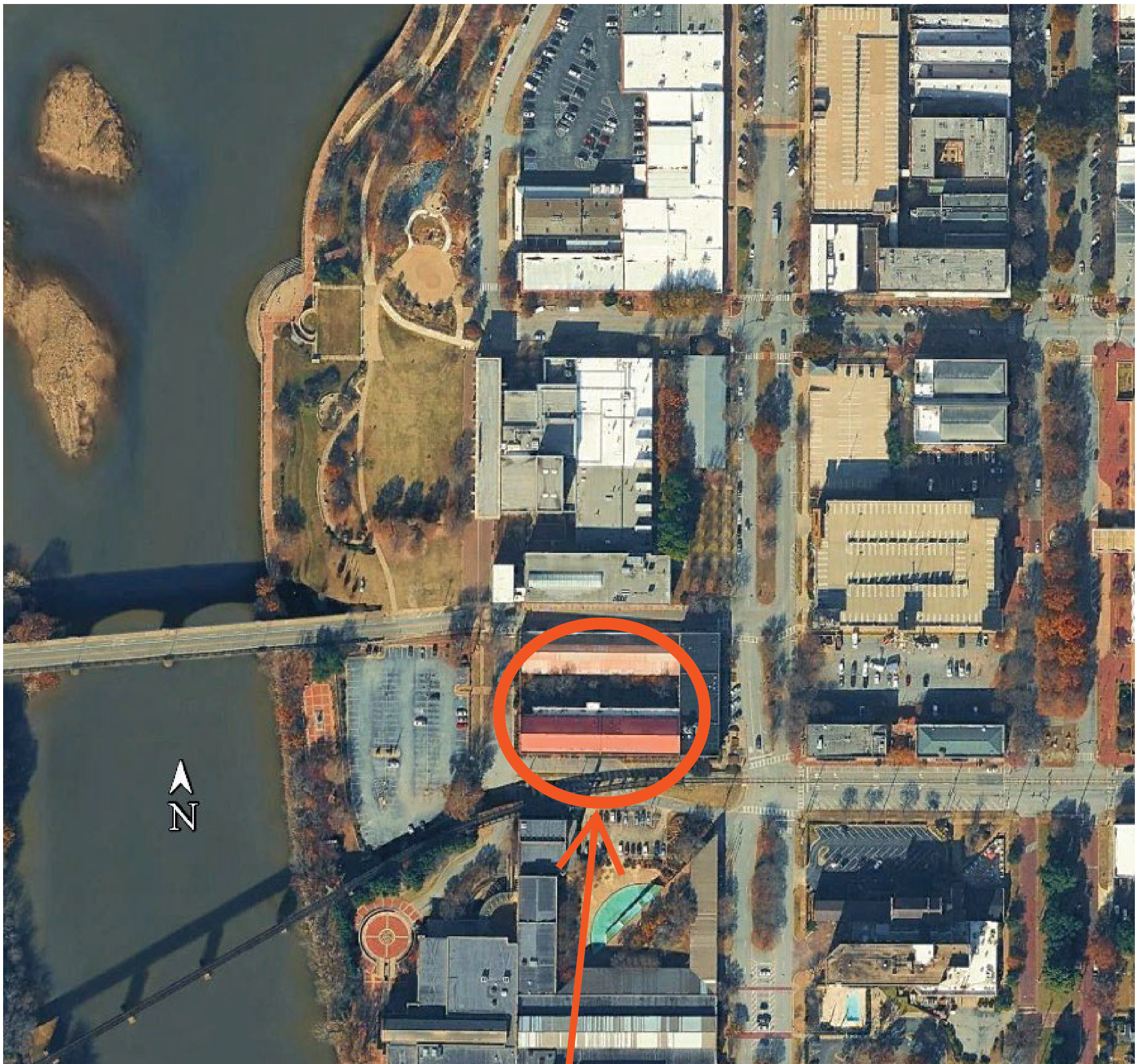

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One Arsenal Place Renovation

6. Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. J-466, Strickland Hall Renovation, University of North Georgia

Recommended: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional firms named below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

A qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendation is made:

Project No. J-466, Strickland Hall Renovation, University of North Georgia

Project Description: At its April 2026 meeting, the Board authorized a renovation of Strickland Hall, also known as the Loyd Strickland Academic Building (the "Building"), which is located on the Gainesville campus of the University of North Georgia (the "Project"). Originally constructed in 1970, the Building is a single-story structure encompassing more than 33,000 square feet. The Building's floor plan and exterior have remained substantially unchanged over the past five decades, resulting in outdated classrooms and insufficient space for student engagement and collaboration. The Project will provide for the replacement and renewal of certain mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and fire safety systems, as well as contemporary upgrades to interior finishes, fixtures, and technology.

The Project will be funded with $1,000,000 in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2027 State General Obligation ("G.O.") Bonds, together with anticipated G.O. Bond funding of $9,600,000 in FY 2028 and $1,000,000 in FY 2029.

Total Project Cost:	$11,600,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	$ 8,400,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 18
Recommended firms in rank order:
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2)
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Strickland Hall Renovation

7. Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. J-467, Renovations for Student Success and Construction Management Programs, Kennesaw State University

Recommended: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional firms listed below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

A qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendation is made:

Project No. J-467, Renovations for Student Success and Construction Management Programs, Kennesaw State University

Project Description: At its April 2026 meeting, the Board authorized a strategic renovation and program repositioning of the Administration Building and W. Clair Harris Textile Center (the "Project") on the Marietta campus of Kennesaw State University ("KSU"). Constructed in 1962, the Administration Building encompasses approximately 16,620 square feet, and the W. Clair Harris Textile Center (the "Center") contains approximately 20,660 square feet. The Project will involve a reconfiguration of inefficient spaces to improve functionality and address interior and exterior accessibility compliance issues. The Administration Building will be fully renovated to accommodate student success programs currently distributed across the Marietta campus, including Admissions, Enrollment Services, Global Education, advising, student wellness and engagement spaces, and Honors College and Graduate College support services. Following the relocation of the Textiles Program to the Kennesaw Campus, the Center will be repurposed to provide administrative, instructional, and research space for the Construction Management and Architecture programs, including modernized classrooms aligned with KSU's 2024 Instructional Space Utilization Study. Improvements to the Center will also include accessibility upgrades, façade and hardscape repairs, and a partial roof replacement.

The Project will be funded with $10,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 State General Obligation ("G.O.") Bonds, along with $5,000,000 of institutional funds.

Total Project Cost:	$15,000,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	$10,500,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 19
Recommended firms in rank order:
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J-467 Renovations for Student Success and Construction Management Programs, Marietta Campus

8. <u>Ranking of Design Professional Firms, Project No. J-477, Renovation for Student Success and Career Services, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College</u>

<u>Recommended</u>: That the Board approve the ranking of the design professional firms listed below for the identified project and authorize contract negotiations to proceed with the top-ranked firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff would then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

A qualifications-based selection process was held in accordance with Board of Regents procedures to identify and rank firms. The following recommendation is made:

Project No. J-477, Renovation for Student Success and Career Services, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

<u>Project Description</u>: At its April 2026 meeting, the Board authorized a comprehensive renovation and adaptive reuse of the former Music Building (the “Project”) on the Tifton campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (“ABAC”). Constructed in 1960 as a library and encompassing approximately 14,850 square feet, the building has been vacant since the construction of the new Fine Arts building in 2020. Following completion of the renovation, the facility will house ABAC’s Student Success and Career Services Center and provide large, flexible meeting and event space for student and campus functions. The scope of the Project includes comprehensive renewal and upgrade of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, which are largely original to the building. Building envelope improvements, including a new roof and the replacement of the large, historically significant single-pane windows, are also planned. Accessibility will be enhanced with a new elevator and other code compliance upgrades. Interior renovations will include targeted reconfiguration to support the building’s new functions, as well as a renewal or replacement of interior finishes and fixtures.

The Project will be funded with $900,000 in Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2027 State General Obligation (“G.O.”) Bonds, together with anticipated G.O. Bond funding of $7,600,000 in FY 2028 and $1,000,000 in FY 2029.

Total Project Cost:	$9,500,000
Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation):	$6,600,000

Number of design professional firms that applied for this commission: 18
Recommended firms in rank order:
1)
2)
3)
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Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Project No. J-477
Renovation for Student Success and Career Services

9. <u>Authorization of Project No. BR-10-2702, Oglethorpe House Renovation, University of Georgia</u>

<u>Recommended</u>: That the Board authorize Project No. BR-10-2702, Oglethorpe House Renovation, University of Georgia ("UGA"), with a total project budget of approximately $41,700,000, to be funded from University Housing auxiliary reserve funds (the "Funds").

<u>Understandings</u>: As part of its long-term residence hall renewal strategy, UGA proposes to renovate and modernize Oglethorpe House ("O-House"), a nine-story residential facility located at 150 University Court in Athens encompassing approximately 93,538 square feet (the "Project"). Constructed in 1963 and opened in 1965, O-House currently provides 496 student beds and predominantly serves first-year students.

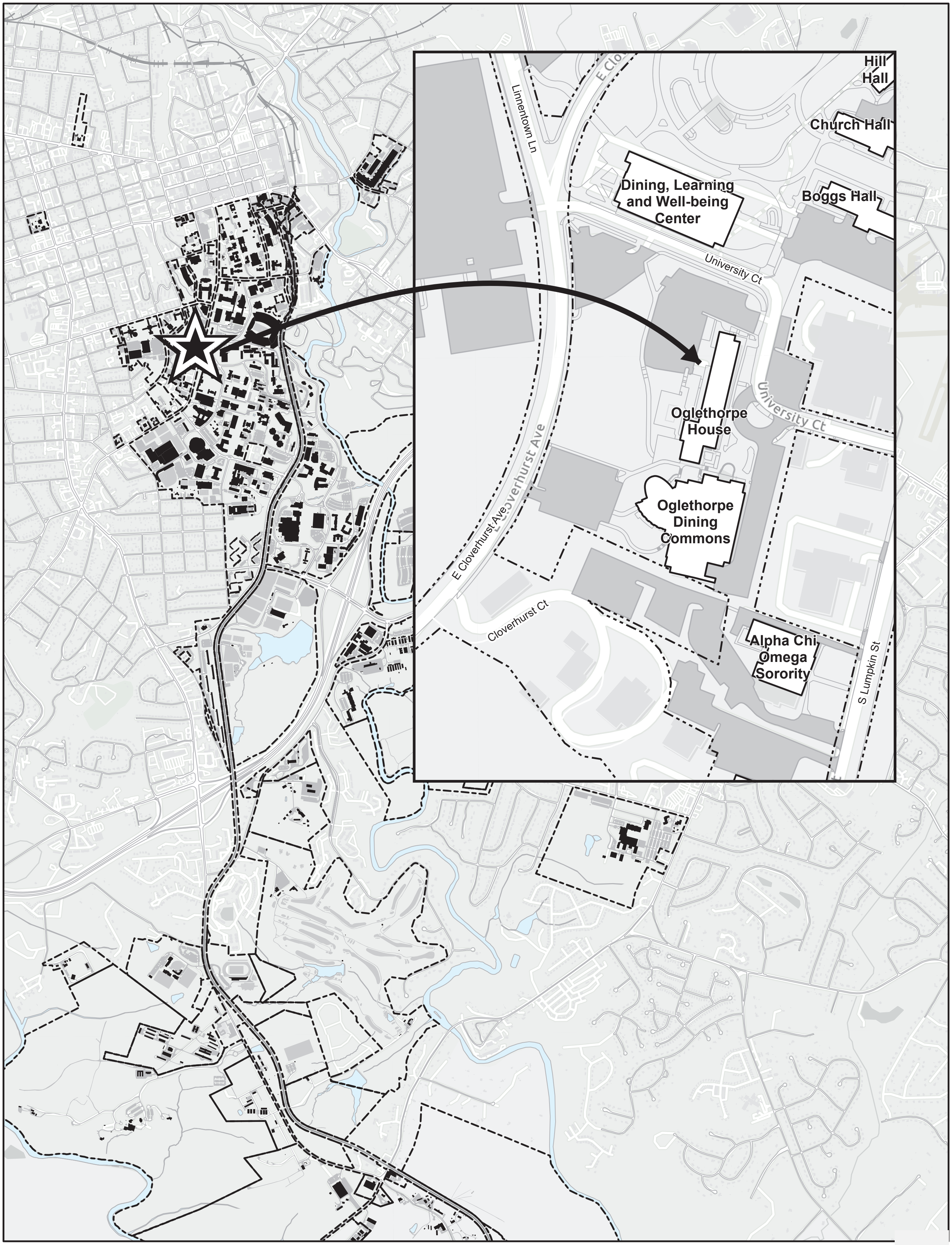
The Project would continue UGA's broader effort to provide a high-quality and consistent residential experience across its housing communities, following prior renovations to Russell Hall and Brumby Hall, as well as the planned renovation of Creswell Hall. The Project would support UGA's strategic enrollment plan, anticipated growth in UGA's first-year student population, and continued student retention by improving the quality, accessibility, and functionality of an important on-campus residential facility.

The Project would address aging building systems and facility deficiencies while bringing O-House into alignment with current code, accessibility, life safety, and operational standards. Planned improvements include increasing the number of rooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; replacing elevator equipment to provide a stretcher-compliant cab; installing stairwell pressurization systems, an emergency generator, and a fire command center; and modernizing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing infrastructure.

The Project would also involve a reconfiguration and enhancement of common areas, including the Main Lobby and lower-level common spaces, while maintaining a limited scope within residential rooms and exterior elements to complement prior improvements. Student-centered amenities would include large meeting rooms, reconfigured study and meeting areas, lounges with kitchenettes on all floors, a larger community kitchen, and a redesigned laundry room that would function as a multipurpose student lounge for studying, socializing, and laundry monitoring.

The estimated construction cost for this Project is $33,500,000, and based on the anticipated 477 beds, the total project cost equates to approximately $87,421 per bed. If authorized by the Board, UGA staff will proceed with design and construction of the Project in accordance with Board of Regents procedures. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2028, with O-House planned to reopen for the Fall 2029 semester.

Oglethorpe House Renovation



10. Amendment to Rental Agreement, North Campus Dining Hall, University Village, Kennesaw State University

Recommended: That the Board authorize execution of an amendment to the rental agreement for space located in Building 6000 of University Village (the "Building") between KSU Village I Real Estate Foundation, LLC, an affiliate of the Kennesaw State University Foundation, Inc. (collectively, the "Foundation"), as Landlord, and the Board of Regents, as Tenant, for the use and benefit of Kennesaw State University ("KSU"). The amended agreement would provide for an increase in KSU's leased premises within the Building to accommodate development of the North Campus Dining Hall on the Kennesaw Campus (the "Project"). To facilitate the Project, the proposed amendment would serve to expand the size of the leased space to approximately 12,500 RSF and increase base monthly rent from $500.00 to $2,241.00 ($26,892.00 annually, or approximately $2.15 per RSF). The amended agreement would also establish a one-time special rent assessment (the "SRA") not to exceed $7,100,000 that would be funded by KSU auxiliary revenue reserves.

Recommended further: That the Board acknowledge that the amendment would include additional one-year renewal options that could extend the rental agreement through June 30, 2036, to align the rental agreement term with the expiration of the ground lease between the Foundation and the Board of Regents under which the Building was constructed.

Understandings: At its meeting on June 10, 2003, the Board authorized the execution of a ground lease for approximately 8.445 acres to the Foundation for the development of the student housing complex now known as University Village. Pursuant to the ground lease, ownership of the property and related improvements will revert to the Board upon expiration of the lease on June 30, 2036.

In 2017, pursuant to authority delegated to the Vice Chancellor for Real Estate and Facilities, KSU entered into a rental agreement with the Foundation for approximately 2,789 RSF within the Building for use as a catering kitchen. Since that time, enrollment growth and increasing demand for campus dining services have placed additional pressure on The Commons, the primary dining facility on KSU's Kennesaw Campus.

To address these operational and capacity needs, the Project would improve access to dining services in one of the most densely populated residential areas on the Kennesaw Campus. Features of the Project, which would be completed by the Foundation, would include front-of-house food stations, a back-of-house production kitchen, a grab-and-go storefront, and indoor and outdoor seating, including a 1,290-square foot exterior patio. Limited exterior modifications to the service and loading dock areas would support the interior renovation and enhance operational efficiency.

With a current budget of $9,100,000, the Project would be funded through a combination of a tenant improvement allowance of up to $2,000,000 from the Foundation and the SRA, which would fund the remaining project costs. Construction of the Project is anticipated to last approximately fifteen months following receipt of all required approvals.

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