

**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.

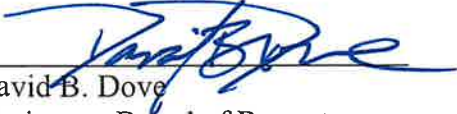
Upon a motion made by Regent James M. Hull and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Board members who were present voted unanimously to amend the salary of President Russell Keen of Augusta University from \$575,000 to \$750,000, effective immediately.

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 Ángel 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.



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



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.)

CONSENT ITEMS

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.

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

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 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.

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.

APPROVAL ITEMS

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.