

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
June 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met telephonically on Monday, June 8, 2026, and accessible to the public in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Board Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Present, in addition to Board Chair Dove, were Board Vice Chair Deep J. Shah; Regents Tom Bradbury; Chris Cannon; 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; Haynes Maier Studstill; Mathews D. Swift; and James K. Syfan, III. Regent Richard T. Evans was excused. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Regent Mathews D. Swift and seconded by Regent T. Dallas Smith, the Board members present voted unanimously to enter executive session at 3:03 p.m. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Upon a motion by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent Samuel D. Holmes, the Board members present voted unanimously to exit executive session at 3:24 p.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.

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Regent Mathews D. Swift and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Board members present voted to approve a real estate transaction related to the University of Georgia.
2. Upon a motion by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr. and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Board members present voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Gregory M. Tanner as the next President of South Georgia State College, effective immediately.
3. Upon a motion by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Board members present voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Kerry J. Palmer as the next President of Georgia Southwestern State University, effective July 1, 2026.

APPROVAL ITEMS CONTINUED

4. Upon a motion by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., the Board members present voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Russell Crutchfield as the next President of Gordon State College, effective August 1, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Board members present voted unanimously to adjourn at 3:27 p.m.



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

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