

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
February 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met virtually on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, accessible in Room 8003 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, and simultaneously by BOR Webcast. Board Chair David B. Dove called the meeting to order at 9:02 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; James M. Hull; Cade Joiner; Patrick C. Jones; C. Everett Kennedy, III; Lowery Houston May; Daniel V. Murphy; Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; Harold Reynolds; T. Dallas Smith; Haynes Maier Studstill; Mathews D. Swift; and James K. Syfan, III. Regent Samuel D. Holmes was excused. Chancellor Sonny Perdue was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion properly made and variously seconded, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, Board meeting.

ONLINE COURSE TAKING DYNAMICS IN THE USG

Dr. Angela Bell, Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis, gave a presentation on Online Course Taking Dynamics in the University System of Georgia. Her report included the extent of online course taking from 2016 to 2025 from both a student schedules and credit hours perspective. Dr. Bell's findings also included course load dynamics for Fall 2024, focusing on mixed course schedules and online only course schedules. Dr. Bell continued her presentation by sharing information that highlighted drivers of online credit hours including academic areas, student populations, institutions, course fill rates, and student demand. She also shared findings on how student course taking modality is related to academic outcomes including current course performance at both undergraduate and graduate levels and subsequent course performance, retention, and graduation for undergraduates only.

REGENTS' ETHICS TRAINING

Wesley Horne, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Compliance and Chief Ethics Officer, and Sabrina Thompson, Director of Accreditation Support and Athletics, gave a presentation on the key ethics and accreditation standards most relevant to members of the Board of Regents. During Mr. Horne's presentation, he reviewed the training agenda and then covered relevant ethics and compliance topics to include the fiduciary responsibilities of Regents, key requirements from the USG Ethics Policy and Board Bylaws, relevant state laws related to ethical behavior and confidentiality and required state filings.

Ms. Thompson continued the presentation by reviewing the SACSCOC standards related to Board governance as provided in SACSCOC Standard 4. Ms. Thompson also provided an overview of the System's accreditation status. She shared that all twenty-five of USG's institutions remain fully accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Ms. Thompson also shared that the Board meets all governance characteristics and responsibilities of SACSCOC Standard 4 Board Compliance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs met as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:09 a.m. During its meeting led by Committee Chair Harold Reynolds, unless otherwise noted, upon motions properly made and seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved the following items:

ACTION ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III, the Committee approved the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence at Kennesaw State University, effective Fall 2026.
2. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy in Learning Sciences at Georgia State University, effective Fall 2026.
3. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Science in Computational and Applied Mathematics, Bachelor of Applied Science in Manufacturing Operations, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supply Chain Logistics, and the Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business at Kennesaw State University, effective Spring 2026.
4. Upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Dairy Science, the Master of Arts in Latin, and the Doctor of Education in Exercise Science at the University of Georgia, effective Spring 2026.
5. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the termination of the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, the Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing, and the Master of Science in Nursing in Clinical Nurse Leader Completion at Augusta University, effective Spring 2026.
6. Upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved the termination of the Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Global Logistics and International Business at Savannah State University, effective Spring 2026.
7. Upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved the request to revise its institutional mission statement by Georgia Highlands College, effective February 10, 2026.
8. Upon a motion by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III, the Committee approved the request to revise its institutional mission statement by Georgia College and State University, effective March 1, 2026.
9. Upon a motion by Regent Erin Hames and seconded by Regent James M. Hull, the

Committee approved the revision to Board Policy 4.2.1 on Admission Requirements for Programs Leading to an Associate or Bachelor's Degree as amended to include the highlighted text below:

Applicants with Outstanding Scores

Institutions may grant admission to applicants who demonstrate very high academic ability by achieving a Total SAT or Composite ACT score in the upper five percent of national college-bound seniors for the most recent test year and who show other evidence of college readiness. Effective for admission beginning Fall 2027, at all institutions except the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia, applicants may be considered for admission under this provision by achieving a Total CLT score that converts to a Total SAT within the upper five percent of national college-bound seniors for the most recent test year, and they show other evidence of college readiness.

10. Upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved a request from Board Chair David Dove to commend the University of Georgia's School of Public & International Affairs on its 25th anniversary.

CONSENT ITEMS

11. The Committee approved the redesignation of the existing National Wild Turkey Federation Distinguished Professor to establish the National Wild Turkey Federation Chair at the University of Georgia, effective February 10, 2026.
12. The Committee approved the establishment of the Fierman Family Professor at the University of Georgia, effective February 10, 2026.
13. The Committee approved the establishment of the Dean Phillip Williams Professor at the University of Georgia, effective February 10, 2026.
14. The Committee approved several named faculty positions at the University of Georgia.

Before adjournment, Committee Chair Harold Reynolds listed several recommendations for items to discuss at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:29 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ORGANIZATION AND LAW

The Committee on Organization and Law met as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:30 a.m. During its meeting led by Committee Chair Haynes Maier Studstill, unless otherwise noted, upon motions properly made and seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved the following items:

APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between the Glynn County School Police Department and the College of Coastal Georgia.
2. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between Carroll County and the University of West Georgia.
3. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between Richmond County Sheriff's Office and Augusta University.
4. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between the City of Lawrenceville and Georgia Gwinnett College.
5. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Patrick C. Jones, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between the Chatham County Police Department and Georgia Southern University.
6. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Board Vice Chair Deep Shah, the Committee approved a mutual aid agreement between the Atlanta Police Department and the Georgia Institute of Technology.
7. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Richard T. Evans, the Committee approved a resolution in support of the University of Georgia's security request for permission to have certain named personnel to apply for and receive United States Government security clearance related to classified government research and for other specifically named personnel to be excluded from clearance requirements.
8. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved a resolution in support of the Georgia Institute of Technology's security request for permission to have certain named personnel to apply for and receive United States Government security clearance related to classified government research and for other specifically named personnel to be excluded from clearance requirements.
9. Upon a motion by Regent Cade Joiner and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree by Kennesaw State University to Dave Walens.
10. Upon a motion by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Erin Hames, the Committee approved the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Public Administration degree by Middle Georgia State University to Larry Walker, Jr.; and upon a motion by Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee

approved the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Public Administration degree by Middle Georgia State University to Robert F. Hatcher, Sr.

11. Upon a motion by Regent Tom Bradbury and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee approved the awarding of an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree by the Georgia Institute of Technology to Jaime Gilinski.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Organization and Law Committee met in executive session during the full Board's executive session to discuss personnel matters. Minutes regarding this executive session are in the full Board minutes, and an affidavit regarding the executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent James K. Syfan, III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Committee on Finance and Business Operations met as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:45 a.m. During its meeting led by Committee Vice Chair C. Everett Kennedy, III an Information Item was presented to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

Jeff Davis, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, provided the Committee with an information item on the Fiscal Year 2026 second quarter revenues and expenditures for the University System of Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent T. Dallas Smith and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:52 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk, and Compliance met as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:52 a.m. During its meeting led by Committee Chair Patrick C. Jones an Information Item was presented to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

Jenna Wiese, Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit, Compliance, Ethics & Risk Management and Chief Audit Officer, provided the Committee with an update on the results of the Systemwide Cybersecurity Topical Requirements audit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Tom Bradbury and seconded by Board Chair David B. Dove, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:56 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities met as a committee of the whole at approximately 10:56 a.m. During its meeting led by Committee Chair Mathews D. Swift, unless otherwise noted, upon motions properly made and seconded, the Regents present unanimously approved the following items:

CONSENT ITEMS

1. The Committee approved the naming of the Tippins Family Loge at the Steverson Family Baseball Facility for Georgia Southern University.
2. The Committee approved the naming of the Nelson Family Field Suites at the Steverson Family Baseball Facility for Georgia Southern University.

APPROVAL ITEMS

3. Upon a motion by Regent James M. Hull and seconded by Regent James K. Syfan, III, the Committee authorized the execution of a rental agreement for office and warehouse space at 1000 Gutenberg Drive in Kennesaw for Kennesaw State University.
4. Upon a motion by Board Chair David B. Dove and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Committee authorized project number BR-10-2607, Legion Field Redevelopment, for the University of Georgia.
5. Upon a motion by Regent Patrick C. Jones and seconded by Regent Harold Reynolds, the Committee authorized the disposition of real property located on Tillman Road for Georgia Southern University. Regent C. Everett Kennedy, III, recused himself from the vote on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon a motion made by Regent Lowery Houston May and seconded by Regent Haynes Maier Studstill, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:05 a.m.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Sonny Perdue gave his monthly report. He began by greeting everyone and wishing all an early Happy Valentine's Day. Chancellor Perdue noted that this year's legislative session had started, as well as the institutions' Spring semester. He continued by sharing that he had recently met in Knoxville with System leaders from neighboring Southern states and that a productive conversation took place about accreditation and student success. Chancellor Perdue added that USG may start seeing media stories about states beginning to pilot degrees that require fewer than 120 course hours. In addition to that conversation, he said that there was a discussion about the idea of having some universal or common branding for these types of programs across Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida. Chancellor Perdue continued by saying that this will be work that is about creating more flexible pathways for learners and the industries that employ them.

Chancellor Perdue continued by reporting that the System office is also coordinating on accreditation issues to address with the U.S. Department of Education about how USG's

institutions uphold high standards and provide real value. He stated that this is a strong example of how regional collaboration helps the System to advocate more effectively for its students. Chancellor Perdue also shared that he spoke to the Joint Appropriations Committee after January's Board meeting, as well as to the House Higher Education Subcommittee of Appropriations. He announced that the House approved the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and that he would go before the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations to discuss it. Chancellor Perdue continued by saying that the House is beginning work on the full Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

Chancellor Perdue continued his report by saying that USG's Government Relations Team, both at the System Office and across its institutions, is tracking more than three hundred bills that could affect USG, including approximately two hundred bills that are still active from last year's session. He also made mention of USG's appreciation to Governor Brian Kemp and the General Assembly for their support.

Chancellor Perdue continued by discussing how the Board has remained consistent regarding tuition cost for most in-state undergraduates in seven of the past ten years. He continued by saying that with Governor Kemp and the General Assembly's assistance, USG has eliminated a special institutional fee, reducing what Georgians pay to earn a degree. Chancellor Perdue continued by saying that USG has kept affordability and stewardship as priority. He stated that the Department of Audits confirmed that work, noting that tuition costs are down by 24% after inflation and fee increases held below inflation at most institutions. Chancellor Perdue also express gratitude to Governor Kemp for proposing one-time state funding to establish a need-based aid endowment. He continued by saying that now USG can show this funding to major donors and philanthropic partners, who consistently express a desire to invest in need-based support, what the state is doing as well for this cause. Chancellor Perdue also stated that strategic reserves are a top priority and thanked Senator Larry Walker, III – President Pro Tempore of the Georgia State Senate, for carrying Senate Bill (SB) 432 with bipartisan support. He also shared that he would present on SB 432 in the Senate Finance Committee with Jan Jones, Speaker Pro Tempore, Georgia House of Representatives.

Chancellor Perdue continued his report by recognizing President Paul Jones, Fort Valley State University (FVSU). He announced that President Jones will retire this summer after twenty-four years with USG and ten years as president of FVSU. Chancellor Perdue stated that he could talk for a while about President Jones's impact on the System but instead stated that at its very foundation President Jones laid the groundwork for FVSU's long-term success through stronger academic offerings and philanthropic efforts. He concluded by saying that it will be hard to fill President Jones' shoes, however, plans will be announced soon regarding finding another leader for FVSU.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Board.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary to the Board Christopher McGraw announced that there were no petitions or

communications for the Board to consider and that the annual Strategic Planning Retreat will be held on March 10 and 11, 2026, at Lake Lanier.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair David B. Dove called for an executive session at approximately 11:22 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Upon a motion by Regent James K. Syfan, III and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, 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 meeting in its regular session at approximately 11:29 a.m. and announced that the Board took no actions during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion made by Regent T. Dallas Smith and seconded by Regent Lowery Houston May, the Board members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.



David B. Dove
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