

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**February 6, 2014
3:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees was duly convened by Dr. Steve Furr, Chair *pro tempore*, on Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 3:09 p.m. in the Board Room of the Frederick P. Whiddon Administration Building.

Members Present: Trustees Scott Charlton (phone), Tom Corcoran (phone), Steve Furr, Sam Jones, Bettye Maye, Christie Miree, Arlene Mitchell, John Peek, Jimmy Shumock, Ken Simon and Jim Yance.

Members Absent: Trustees Robert Bentley, Tommy Bice, Cecil Gardner, Bryant Mixon and Steve Stokes.

Administration and Others: Acting President Dr. John Smith; Drs. Joe Busta, Phil Carr/Julie Estis/Doug Marshall/ Kelly Woodford (Faculty Senate), Pat Covey, Joel Erdmann, David Johnson, Mike Mitchell, Bob Shearer, Allan Tucker, Julee Waldrop and Tony Waldrop; Messrs. Lee Covey, Wayne Davis, Chad Fincher, Happy Fulford, Victor Gaston, Bob Lowry, Jim Nix, Mark Hoffman (NAA), Stan Hammack, David Sessions, Steve Simmons, and David Trent; and Mss. Beth Anderson, Holle Briskman, Lynne Chronister, Riley Davis (SGA), Jamie Ison, Geri Moulton, Anne Nix, Jeanne Smith, Debbie Shumock, Jean Tucker, Margie Wilcox and Frances Yance.

Press: Messrs. Blake Brown and Clinton Bourgeois (WKRG), Ronald Gaines (WALA), Chris Hobden and Derrick Rose (WPMI) and Gabriel Tynes (*Lagniappe*); and Mss. Andrea Ramey (WPMI), Sally Ericson (*Press-Register/al.com*) and Stephanie Feather (*The Vanguard*).

Upon the call to order, Chairman Furr welcomed Trustees and guests to the special meeting of the Board of Trustees called by Governor Bentley. He remarked that a significant amount of time had been devoted to the presidential search process. He called for a motion to convene an executive session for a period of approximately 45 minutes. Mr. Simon added that the purpose of the executive session was for discussion of good name and character and a potential real estate transaction. On motion by Mayor Jones, seconded by Ms. Maye, the Board voted unanimously to convene an executive session.

Upon reconvening the meeting at 4:11 p.m., Chairman Furr called for a motion to recess the meeting until 4:45 p.m. On motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Miree, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting.

Chairman Furr reconvened the meeting at 4:55 p.m., and expressed appreciation to Trustees and guests for being present. He gave an overview of the presidential search process, which led ultimately to the Board's acceptance of Dr. Tony G. Waldrop, Provost and Executive Vice President at the University of Central Florida, as a finalist; campus interviews in late January; and related due diligence. Upon his call for a motion, Ms. Maye moved that the position of University President be offered to Dr. Waldrop. Ms. Mitchell seconded, and Chairman Furr recommended the votes be registered via roll call. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES:

Dr. Charlton
Mayor Jones
Ms. Maye
Ms. Miree
Ms. Mitchell
Mr. Peek
Mr. Shumock
Judge Simon
Mr. Yance
Dr. Furr

Chairman Furr conveyed the full support of Messrs. Corcoran and Gardner, and Sheriff Mixon, all of whom could not be present, and he asked Dr. Bob Shearer, facilitator to the Presidential Search Committee, to invite Dr. Waldrop and his wife, Dr. Julee Waldrop, to join the meeting. Drs. Waldrop entered the Board Room to a standing round of applause. Chairman Furr asked Ms. Miree and Mr. Peek to share biographical summaries for Drs. Waldrop, which followed with Chairman Furr offering the position of the University's third President to Dr. Waldrop, who accepted with honor. Mr. Shumock read the following resolution, and the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution:

RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF DR. TONY G. WALDROP AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama conducted a nation-wide search to identify outstanding candidates for the position of President of the University, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tony G. Waldrop was selected by the Presidential Search Committee as a semi-finalist and, subsequently recommended to the Board of Trustees as a finalist, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waldrop engaged in extensive interviews with the Board of Trustees and faculty, student, alumni, administrative, staff and community leadership groups, and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration of Dr. Waldrop's outstanding service as a teacher, scholar, and senior administrator at three distinguished institutions of higher learning, including most recently as Provost and Executive Vice President at the University of Central Florida, as well as the enthusiastic

endorsement of stakeholders throughout the University and the community, the Board of Trustees has extended to him an offer to assume the Presidency of the University of South Alabama, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waldrop has accepted said offer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dr. Tony G. Waldrop hereby is appointed President of the University of South Alabama.

Judge Simon, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), canceled the PSC meeting set for February 19, and declared the Committee dissolved. Chairman Furr called upon Acting President Smith for introductions. President Smith recognized Mrs. Moulton, who expressed appreciation to the Board and PSC, and to President Smith, for carrying forward the business of the University and the search. She welcomed Dr. Waldrop, noting he would bring a fresh perspective to campus. President Smith thanked Mrs. Moulton for her kind remarks, and he remembered President Moulton as his friend and mentor. He recognized Trustee *Emeritus* Jim Nix and his wife Anne; Dr. Pat Covey, retired Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs, and her husband, Mr. Lee Covey; and Mr. Fulford, who introduced members of the local legislative delegation Representatives Victor Gaston, Speaker *pro tempore*; Jamie Ison, Mobile delegation Co-Chair; David Sessions; Chad Fincher and Margie Wilcox. President Smith thanked the legislators for their strong support of the University.

Judge Simon and Chairman Furr individually named the numerous other individuals who devoted time and energy during the search process, including PSC members and resource staff; Faculty Senate officers; vice presidents; the staff of the Office of Public Relations; William R. Funk search firm associates; Governor Bentley; and President and Mrs. John Smith. Comments were made by Faculty Senate President Dr. Doug Marshall; SGA President Ms. Riley Davis; National Alumni Association Past President Mr. Mark Hoffman; President and Mrs. Smith; and Trustees Mayor Jones and Mr. Yance.

Chairman Furr discussed circumstances impacting the search, and observed that Dr. Waldrop's impressive credentials and background made him an attractive fit for the University of South Alabama. Dr. Waldrop conveyed enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve as USA's next President. He stated the interaction with USA's people and members of the local community was key to the decision he made with his wife to join the University. He thanked Dr. Smith and Chairman Furr for their communications, and stated he looks forward to working with USA's leadership team, meeting people and starting the dialog. He talked about his abiding partnership with his wife, and speaking briefly, Dr. Julee Waldrop extended her appreciation to Trustees and guests for their warm welcome.

Chairman Furr thanked everyone for being present. He said Drs. Waldrop would need time with the media immediately following the meeting, and he invited guests to stay for a reception.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Attest to:

Respectfully submitted:



James H. Shumock, Secretary



Steven P. Furr, M.D., Chair *pro tempore*