

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

March 5, 2002  
Nashville, Tennessee

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee was held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the State Capitol in Nashville, Tennessee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Governor Don Sundquist called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll, and the following were present:

Governor Don Sundquist  
Mrs. Johnnie Amonette  
Mrs. Barbara Castleman  
Mr. B. C. "Scooter" Clippard  
Mr. J. Steven Ennis  
Mr. Emerson H. Fly  
Mr. James A. Haslam, II  
Mr. Waymon L. Hickman  
Dr. Rhynette N. Hurd  
Mr. Jerry L. Jackson  
Mr. D. Lynn Johnson  
Mr. Frank J. Kinser  
Mrs. Andrea J. Loughry  
Mr. R. Clayton McWhorter  
Dr. Verbie L. Prevost  
Dr. Richard Rhoda  
Ms. Tiffany E. Smith  
Mr. William B. Stokely, III  
Commissioner Faye Taylor  
Mr. John C. Thornton  
Commissioner Dan Wheeler  
Mrs. Susan R. Williams

Trustees Castleman, Ennis, Hickman, Jackson, Johnson, McWhorter, and Thornton were present by telephone. The Secretary announced the presence of a quorum.

## **INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS**

Governor Sundquist introduced the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jimmy Naifeh, and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House, Lois DeBerry. Speaker Naifeh noted that a nationwide search has produced an individual who will make an excellent President for the University. He pledged his support to Dr. Shumaker.

Governor Sundquist thanked Acting President Eli Fly and his wife, Catherine, for their leadership and their willingness to step in during the interim period. He invited Mr. Fly to make comments.

Mr. Fly expressed his appreciation for the support he received from the Governor, members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, students and staff. He offered particular praise for the outstanding work of his staff during the interim period. Mr. Fly said he is honored to have had the opportunity to end his 41-year career by serving as Acting President. Mr. Fly said Dr. Shumaker is an outstanding person who will serve the University well as its next President. He thanked the Governor, Steve Leonard and Cathy Cole for their efforts during the search process.

Governor Sundquist said the Board of Trustees has come together to celebrate the conclusion of a process initiated some seven months ago to identify a new President for The University of Tennessee. The process brought together various constituencies to identify the characteristics most desired in the in the next President. From the beginning, the goal was to have a search that would be an open, inclusive and competitive process. A strategic plan for the search was developed in August with the help of the retained search firm, and the plan was consistently followed throughout the search. The search received national recognition for the presidential search website. After receiving 750,000 visits to the website and screening approximately 100 candidates, the search committee has an unanimous recommendation to present as the result of their work.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT ONE NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT**

Vice Chair Johnnie Amonette moved the acceptance of the Search Committee's recommendation to accept one nominee for the position of President of The University of Tennessee. Mr. James A. Haslam, II, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## **MOTION TO ELECT DR. JOHN W. SHUMAKER AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**

Dr. Prevost thanked Governor Sundquist for asking her to serve on the Search Committee. She said her participation and Ms. Smith's participation are history-making. For the first time in the history of The University of Tennessee, a faculty member and a student have participated as full members of the Presidential Search Committee and have been engaged in every aspect of the search. As part of the Governor's commitment to make the search an open one, a large and

broad-based advisory committee of faculty, students, staff, friends and alumni helped formulate the search process and delineate clearly the qualities necessary for the new president. The chair of the advisory committee, Dr. Carolyn Hodges, has been involved in all the activities of the Search Committee. Every step of the way, as many people as possible have been involved through the unprecedented use of technology. The leadership of Governor Sundquist and the commitment of every member of the Search Committee to find the best possible candidate has led to an exciting moment in the history of The University of Tennessee.

On behalf of the Search Committee and the faculty that participated in the process, Dr. Prevost moved that The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees receive the selection of the Search Committee and elect Dr. John W. Shumaker as the 21<sup>st</sup> President of The University of Tennessee. Ms. Tiffany Smith seconded the motion on behalf of all UT students, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Governor Sundquist asked Mrs. Amonette, Dr. Prevost, Ms. Smith and Dr. Hodges to escort Dr. and Mrs. Shumaker into the room. They were greeted by a standing ovation. The Governor offered Dr. Shumaker his congratulations on his election unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees as the 21<sup>st</sup> President of The University of Tennessee. The Governor then thanked the members of the Board, the Search Committee, the Advisory Council, Dr. Carolyn Hodges, legislative leadership, and university campus participants for the spirit of cooperation, unity and commitment that has been exemplified throughout the search. He said he hopes that spirit will be retained in assisting the new President and his family as they transition into their new role.

#### **REMARKS BY PRESIDENT-ELECT JOHN W. SHUMAKER**

Dr. Shumaker thanked all those involved in the search for what he called an extraordinary and highly successful presidential search, noting that he is obviously satisfied with the results. He said the position of President of The University of Tennessee offers a significant challenge, one he embraces with enthusiasm. He and his wife, Lucy, look forward to working with Trustees, legislators, faculty, staff, students and community leaders to take The University of Tennessee to the next level of quality. Citizens of the University community and the State must commit themselves to giving Tennessee the very best university it can afford, and encourage Tennessee to afford the very best. He said he is glad to be a Tennessean and thanked the Board for its support.

#### **MOTION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH DR. JOHN W. SHUMAKER.**

Mrs. Andrea Loughry moved that the Board delegate authority to Vice Chair Johnnie Amonette to negotiate a contract with Dr. John W. Shumaker and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval. Dr. Rhynette Hurd seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Catherine S. Mizell  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary