



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 7, 2021  
Knoxville, Tennessee

The Executive Committee of The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees met at 9:00 a.m. EDT on Friday, May 7, 2021. Following continuing guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually with all Committee members participating electronically or by telephone. The meeting was hosted from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus.

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair John Compton called the meeting to order.

Board Secretary, Cynthia C. Moore, called the roll, and the following members of the Committee were present: John C. Compton, Chair; Amy E. Miles; Donald J. Smith; and Kim H. White. The Secretary announced the presence of a quorum. In addition, Trustees Leighton Chappell (Student) and Christopher L. Patterson were in attendance. Others present included: President Randy Boyd; Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer David Miller; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success Linda Martin; General Counsel Ryan Stinnett; Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Brian Daniels; Chancellor Steve Angle; Chancellor Keith Carver; Chancellor Donde Plowman; and additional members of the administrative staff.

The meeting was webcast for the convenience of the University community, the general public, and the media. Ms. Moore also addressed the Open Meetings Act requirements for meetings conducted with members participating electronically, including the requirement that all votes be conducted by roll call. Committee members participating electronically confirmed that there was no one else present at their various locations.

**II. Remarks of the Chairperson**

Chair John Compton opened the meeting by reflecting on the past academic year and the many challenges faced by members of the University community due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially the impact on the students. He extended the Board's appreciation to the faculty for finding creative ways to engage with and ensure the continued academic progress of students and to the surprise guests for lifting the spirits of the students. Chair Compton recognized President Boyd, the Chancellors, the senior leadership team, staff, and the campus workers who have planned, fostered, and maintained a safe learning environment for the students. He also thanked the parents for sharing with the Board their thoughts and concerns over the past year.



### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the January 22, 2021 meeting.

### **IV. Update from the President**

President Boyd extended his gratitude to all members of the University community for their diligent efforts, which allowed for the reopening of the campuses for both the fall and spring semesters. Not only was the University successful in navigating the pandemic, the campuses led and supported their local communities with testing and vaccinations.

President Boyd opened his remarks by thanking Governor Lee and the members of the Tennessee legislature for their unprecedented level of financial support for the University and for higher education in general. He recognized Carey Whitworth, Vice President for Government Relations and Advocacy, and the entire government relations team for their efforts advocating on behalf of the University. President Boyd reviewed the key state budget outcomes, including:

- \$56.8M funding for UTK Nursing Building
- \$11.2M UTHSC Nash Building build-out
- \$59.9M for capital maintenance system-wide
- Full funding of performance formula (all campuses)
- \$5.1M recurring operating increase for UTHSC
- \$8M nonrecurring for UT Oak Ridge Innovation Institute
- \$2.2M recurring for 32 additional UT agriculture extension agents
- \$4M recurring to support Graduate Medical Education (GME)
- \$500,000 to support the demolition of Grove dormitories at UT Martin
- \$500,000 to support IPS' Law Enforcement Innovation Center
- \$5.1M recurring and \$1M non-recurring for the acquisition of Martin Methodist College

President Boyd also confirmed that the state budget provides a salary pool increase (2%+2%) that will benefit the University's employees.

Chair Compton and other members of the Committee expressed their deep appreciation to the leadership team for a remarkable year and to the state for its generous support of the University.



## V. Proposed Facility Naming, UTK

Chair Compton indicated that UT Knoxville, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Donde Plowman, is seeking approval to name the new Carousel Theatre Building after Jenny H. Boyd. He highlighted Jenny Boyd's passion for the performing arts and her long association and support of the Carousel Theatre. Chair Compton advised that the naming is consistent with the Board's policy and that President Boyd has abstained from the naming review and approval process as the gift is being made by the Boyd Foundation.

Chair Compton recommended the naming of the new Carousel Theatre as "The Jenny Boyd Carousel Theatre." Trustee Miles voiced her strong support for the naming. Upon motion duly made and seconded, *Resolution 023-2021* passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## VI. Appointment of the Non-voting Student Member

Chair Compton advised that each year a student is to be appointed as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees and as a voting member of the Education, Research and Service Committee. The student's one-year term will begin on July 1, 2021.

For the upcoming year, the student is to be selected from the UT Chattanooga campus. Chancellor Steve Angle has nominated Lane Gutridge, who is a rising senior in the Gary W. Rollins College of Business. Lane is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, majoring in marketing, and he is the former president of the UT Chattanooga Student Government Association. The student's letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation were included in the meeting materials sent in advance of the meeting.

The Chair called for a motion to appoint Lane Gutridge as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees for a term beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Upon motion duly made and seconded, *Resolution 024-2021* passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## VII. Appointment of a Faculty Member to the Education, Research, and Service Committee

Chair Compton noted that a faculty member of the University is to be appointed as a voting member of the Education, Research and Service Committee annually. The faculty member's one-year term will begin on July 1, 2021. Chair Compton informed the members of the Committee that the faculty member is to be selected from the UT Health Science Center campus this year and that Chancellor Steve Schwab has nominated Phyllis Richey.

Professor Richey is full-time tenure professor, whose primary faculty appointment is in the Department of Preventive Medicine, in the College of Medicine. She has an extensive history of collaboration across the colleges, has served as a member or leader of numerous faculty committee, has an extensive research background, and was a Division 1 athlete during all four years of her



undergraduate study. Chair Compton remarked that Professor Richey's resume is very impressive and that her full CV and letter of recommendation was included in the meeting materials.

The Chair called for a motion to appoint Phyllis Richey as voting member of the Education, Research and Service Committee for a term beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded, and *Resolution 025-2021* passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **VIII. Planning for Upcoming Board and Committee Meetings**

Chair Compton requested that the Committee Chairs, in consultation with the Committee staff liaisons, review their respective Committee Charters prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board to determine whether any revisions should be considered by the Board to ensure that the Committees are fulfilling their responsibilities effectively.

Chair Compton then reviewed the itinerary for the upcoming Annual Meeting, highlighted key topics on the various agendas, and solicited the Committee members' input on any other items that should be brought before the Board.

### **IX. Other Business**

None.

### **X. Closing Remarks**

Chair Compton closed the meeting by extending the Board's congratulations to the recent graduates and their families.

### **XI. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia C. Moore".

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Cynthia C. Moore  
Secretary and Special Counsel