



# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	
Thursday, October 27, 2022	Boling University Center, Duncan Ballroom
12:00 p.m. (CDT)/1:00 p.m. (EDT)	Martin, Tennessee

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. [Proposed Building Naming, UT Martin](#) — Action .....Tab 1
- III. Adjournment



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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 27, 2022

Item: Proposed Building Naming, UT Martin – Action

Type: Action

Presenter: Randy Boyd, President

### **Background Information**

On October 14, 2016, upon the recommendation of President Joseph A. DiPietro, the Board of Trustees approved the naming of the Engineering and Natural Science Building at UT Martin as the “Latimer Engineering and Science Building” in honor of generations of the Latimer family of Northwest Tennessee, who have been steadfast in their support of the development of UT Martin.

Chancellor Keith Carver is recommending that the Board of Trustees approve a request by Mr. William “Bill” H. Latimer, III, whose generous gift provided the match funding necessary to secure public funding of the facility, that the newly-constructed Latimer Engineering and Science Building, be renamed as the “Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building.” The joint naming continues to honor the Latimer family members and acknowledges the Latimer family’s deep respect for Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Smith’s leadership as tenth Chancellor at UT Martin.

On March 29, 2017, the Board of Trustees commended Dr. Smith for his invaluable service to UT Martin, the University system, and the State of Tennessee. The Board of Trustees also bestowed the honorary title of Chancellor Emeritus following his term of service at UT Martin from 2015-2017. During Chancellor Emeritus Smith’s distinguished tenure at UT Martin, among other things, he successfully guided the University through a challenging probationary review to full accreditation status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Currently, Dr. Smith serves as a special advisor to the President for talent and leadership development.

In accordance with the requirements of the Board’s Policy on Naming of Facilities and Other Assets (BT0017), the proposed revision to the building naming is being presented to the Board for its approval. As President, I fully support this recommendation.



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## **Board Action**

As authorized by the Bylaws, the Board Chair, with the consent of the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, has designated this item for action by the Board without prior review and recommendation by the Committee. The Board Chair will call for a motion for the Board of Trustees to adopt the following resolution.

**Resolved: The Board of Trustees hereby approves the renaming of the Latimer Engineering and Science Building at The University of Tennessee at Martin (UT Martin) as the "Latimer-Smith Engineering and Science Building," in honor of the generations of the Latimer family of Northwest Tennessee, who have generously supported the development of UT Martin into a comprehensive university, and in recognition of Chancellor Emeritus Robert M. Smith for his distinguished service and leadership as the tenth Chancellor of UT Martin.**