MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS

REGULAR SESSION

September 26, 2014

The Tennessee Board of Regents met in regular session on September 26, 2014, at Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, Tennessee. Vice Chair Emily Reynolds presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order. In her opening remarks, Vice Chair Reynolds thanked President Anthony Wise for the gracious hospitality shown during the regents’ visit to the campus of Pellissippi State, including the delicious dinner prepared and served by the culinary students and the wonderful musical performance by the choir following the dinner. Newly appointed regents, Dr. Barbara Prescott, Leigh Shockey, Rebecca Reeves and Dotty Webb, were recognized and welcomed.

Next, she called on Board Secretary Mary Moody to call the roll. The following members were present:

Mr. Darrell Freeman
Mr. Tom Griscom
Commissioner Julius Johnson
Ms. Fran Marcum
Dr. Barbara Prescott
Mrs. Rebecca Reeves
Ms. Emily Reynolds
Mr. Howard Roddy
Ms. Leigh Shockey
Mr. J. Parker Smith
Mr. Johnny Stites
Mr. Bob Thomas
Ms. Danni Varlan
Ms. Dotty Webb

A quorum was present. Members not available to attend the meeting were Governor Bill Haslam, Commissioner Kevin Huffman, and Regent Greg Duckett.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the June 20, 2014 meeting and the July 15, 2014 special called meeting. Copies of the minutes were provided to all Board members prior to the meeting. Regent Thomas moved to approve the minutes as presented. A second was provided by Regent Varlan. The motion was passed on a voice vote.
II. REPORT OF INTERIM ACTION

Vice Chair Reynolds called on Chancellor Morgan for the Report of Interim Action. The report serves as a record of business transacted by the Office of the Chancellor since the previous quarterly meeting of the Board. A copy of the report is attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix A. Regent Freeman moved for adoption of the report. Regent Griscom seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES – Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Reynolds reported that all members received copies of the reports from the committees. The following committee reports were presented for approval:

A. Minutes of the Committee on Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology on September 25, 2014
B. Minutes of the Academic Policies and Programs Committee on September 25, 2014
C. Minutes of the Audit Committee on September 25, 2014
D. Minutes of the September 12, 2014 Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Committees

Regent Griscom moved to accept the minutes as presented. Regent Roddy provided a second to the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes of the September 25, 2014 meeting of the Committee on Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology are attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix B. Minutes of the Academic Polices and Programs Committee are attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix C. Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting on September 25, 2014 are attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix D. Minutes of the September 12, 2014 Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Committees are attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix E.

IV. REPORT OF THE REGENTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHILANTHROPY

Vice Chair Reynolds called on Regent Marcum for this report. The Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy was presented to Mr. Lars Eriksson in April 2013 by Regent Farris. Mr. Eriksson was nominated to receive the Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy by former President Tim Hall of Austin Peay State University in recognition of his outstanding support of APSU. Mr. Eriksson presented the University with the largest single gift in its history, in honor of his late wife, Martha Dickerson Eriksson. In appreciation for this gift, APSU has named The College of Education for Mrs. Eriksson and has established the Eriksson Scholars program for education students. Additionally, a residence hall has been named for Mrs. Eriksson and the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education’s STEM Center was renamed the Jack Hunt STEM Center, in honor of Mrs. Eriksson’s late brother-in-law. The Jack Hunt STEM Center allows prospective teachers to gain a familiarity with a variety of scientific equipment and technology.
that will educate them on how to successfully use this technology in their future classrooms, and offers continuing education seminars and workshops throughout the year for current classroom teachers. Newly appointed President Alisa White addressed the Board and thanked them for honoring the Eriksson family for their generous contributions to Austin Peay State University.

V. REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Morgan began his report by recognizing the Maxine Smith Fellows and their mentors. The Fellows had just completed the presentation of their projects, culminating their participation in the fellowship program. He thanked them for their dedication and work.

Mr. Mike Krause, Executive Director of Drive to 55 and Tennessee Promise, then gave an update on the Tennessee Promise initiative. Tennessee Promise offers two years of tuition-free community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates beginning with the Class of 2015. As part of the program, students are provided with a mentor who will support them during the college application process. After questions and comments from the board members, Mr. Krause encouraged each of the board members to sign up to be a mentor in their respective region and thanked them for the opportunity to speak to them about this very important initiative from the Governor’s office.

Next, Pamela Clippard, Manager of Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing, and Nikkolette Searle, Business Intelligence Analyst/Developer from the Information Technology division at the System office, demonstrated the key performance metrics for Degree Productivity and Student Progression of the Complete College Tennessee Act. The demonstration was conducted in real time, using data from the TBR Common Data Repository and featured interactive dashboard and report capabilities. Dr. Tristan Denley then explained how this dashboard information can be used by campus leadership to make more strategic decisions and further student success. He also demonstrated a system-wide data visualization and explained how that data analysis had helped shape the creation of the Academic Focus initiative.

VI. REPORTS OF PRESIDENTS AND DIRECTORS

TSU President Glenda Glover reported on behalf of the university presidents, explaining how they will address the anticipated decline in freshman enrollment at the four year institutions due to the Tennessee Promise. She reviewed several initiatives the university presidents are planning to promote a successful partnership with the Tennessee Promise.

Next, Pellissippi State President Anthony Wise presented the report for the community college presidents. His report included information on how the community colleges are working to promote the Tennessee Promise and also their continuing focus on the retention of students. He referred the members to the thirteen high impact practices regarding completion listed in the community college report and how the campuses are working to implement those.
Director Dwight Murphy gave the report of the Colleges of Applied Technology that included the many projects the TCATs have planned to promote Tennessee Promise on their campuses. On October 18 “Scholarship Saturday” will be conducted across the state at each TCAT where pizza and soft drinks will be provided to each student signing up for the Tennessee Promise. Director Powers reported on several special events that have taken place on the campuses since the last quarterly meeting, including a visit from United States Secretary of Labor, Tom Perez, to the TCAT Memphis. At the conclusion of his report, Director Murphy congratulated Directors Don Sadler and Mark Powers on their retirement.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board then took up the proposed changes in the Bylaws that were noticed at the June 20, 2014 meeting. The revisions to the Bylaws reflect ministerial changes to their numbering and location on the TBR website as well as the following substantive revisions: 1) revisions to Section I.C.1 adding language clarifying that the state university and community college system includes the colleges of applied technology; 2) proposed revisions to Section VII.F. adding language to allow a committee to meet in the absence of a quorum to hear informational reports; 3) proposed revisions to Section VII.I. adding language to clarify that in the absence of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman shall be an ex officio member of all committees with the authority to vote; and 4) revisions to Section VII.M.1.e. changing the name of the Committee on Public Affairs to the Committee on External Affairs, and setting out the duties of the newly renamed committee. Regent Griscom made the motion to approve the changes. Regent Roddy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the revised Bylaws is attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix F.

As the last item under Unfinished Business, General Counsel Moody gave notice to the members of additional proposed revisions regarding the charters of standing committees and institutional ex officio non-voting committee members. Those revisions may be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The first item under New Business was the approval of the proposed meeting dates for 2015. Chancellor Morgan presented the following dates and locations for 2015:

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Regent Prescott moved to approve the dates as presented with a second provided by Regent Marcum. The motion passed unanimously.
For the next item of business, Vice Chair Reynolds called on Regent Roddy for the minutes of the Personnel and Compensation Committee held on September 25, 2014 that included tenure upon appointment recommendations; revisions to TBR Policy 5:01:01:09, Sick Leave; a faculty promotion addendum from APSU; institutional compensation proposals from two universities and eight community colleges; revised policies regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct; and the performance evaluation of the chancellor. Regent Roddy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Regent Stites seconded the motion. The vote was taken by roll call and carried unanimously. A copy of the minutes is attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix G.

Vice Chair Reynolds then called on Chancellor Morgan, in the absence of Regent Duckett, Chair of the Finance and Business Operations Committee, to present the minutes of that committee meeting held on September 25, 2014, which included the capital budget for FY 2015-2016. The capital budget request included $100,250,000 in capital outlay and $941,180,000 in capital maintenance for a total of $194,430,000. The top four projects included Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology state-wide (Athens, Chattanooga, Covingston, Crossville, Dickson, Harriman, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, Morristown, Nashville, Paris and Shelbyville), Austin Peay State University, Jackson State Community College and East Tennessee State University. Vice Chancellor Gregory provided the members with an informational report of the capital match funding. Regent Griscom moved to adopt the minutes with a second provided by Regent Roddy. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. A copy of the minutes is attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix H.

Next, Regent Varlan was asked to present the resolution of appreciation for Director Don Sadler for his years of service to the Tennessee Board of Regents. At the conclusion of the reading, Regent Varlan moved to adopt the resolution. Regent Marcum seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Director Sadler addressed the Board and thanked them for their support throughout his career. A copy of the resolution is attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix I.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution of appreciation for Director Mark Powers. Regent Varlan presented the resolution and moved to adopt the resolution. Regent Marcum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Chair Reynolds called on Director Powers for comments. He expressed sincere appreciation to the Board and everyone in the System for their friendship and support over the years. A copy of the resolution is attached to the official copy of the Minutes as Appendix J.

In closing, Vice Chair Reynolds announced that the next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014 at the TBR System Office in Nashville, Tennessee. Chancellor Morgan thanked Mike Krause for attending the meeting and making the presentation on Tennessee Promise.
IX. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary G. Moody, Secretary

John G. Morgan, Chancellor

Emily J. Reynolds, Vice Chair