

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

August 24, 2017
Johnson City, Tennessee

A special called meeting of the East Tennessee State University Board of Trustees was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2017, in the President's Conference Room on the second floor of Burgin Dossett Hall. The meeting was also livestreamed.

I. Call to Order

Board of Trustees Chairman Scott Niswonger called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Secretary David Linville called the roll, with the following members present:

Fred Alsop (physically present)
Janet Ayers (telephonically)
Steven DeCarlo (telephonically)
David Golden (telephonically)
Dorothy Grisham (telephonically)
Linda Latimer (telephonically)
Scott Niswonger (telephonically)
Jim Powell (telephonically)
Ron Ramsey (telephonically)

Trustee Nathan Farnor was absent. In accordance with Tennessee Code 8-44-108 section (c) (3), Secretary Linville asked the trustees participating by phone two questions: (1) Are you able to clearly hear us so that you can participate in this meeting and (2) Can you please identify any persons present in the room with you from which you are participating in the meeting. All trustees affirmed they could hear and all reported they were alone in their respective locations.

Others present in the President's Conference Room for the meeting included: ETSU President Brian Noland, Nathan Dugger (Deputy Secretary to the Board), Dr. David Linville (Secretary to the Board), James Batchelder, Joe Smith, Dr. Susan Epps, Tony Treadway (community member), Kristen Swing (taking minutes), and media representatives from WJHL, WCYB and the Johnson City Press.

Secretary Linville told Chairman Niswonger he did not detect a physical quorum present; however a quorum did exist by the inclusion of those members participating by electronic means. In accordance with Tennessee Code 8-44-108

section (b) (2), Secretary Linville offered up to the committee the following circumstances that necessitated the reason for holding the meeting:

1. Because of the pending opening of the ETSU stadium, the university would like to ensure the naming of the facility is finalized by the Board of Trustees today.
2. The prompt necessity of the Board's meeting did not provide adequate time for our Trustees to make necessary arrangements to be physically present for a quorum.

For those reasons, Secretary Linville contended that participation by a quorum of the Board of Trustees members by electronic or other means of communication was necessary. Secretary Linville asked that a motion be made and a roll call vote be taken for a determination on the necessity of holding the meeting. Trustee Powell made a motion that the meeting proceed due to the necessity that did exist. It was seconded by Trustee Alsop and unanimously approved via roll call vote.

III. Approval of the Naming of the Stadium

Chair Niswonger asked Dr. Noland to give a presentation regarding the naming of the new football stadium on ETSU's campus. Dr. Noland thanked the trustees for agreeing to conduct a called meeting under such unique circumstances. He provided a document detailing the background and history of the stadium and noted that the facility will open next week, on Sept. 2, for the inaugural football game. Dr. Noland said staff is recommending the facility be named the William B. Green, Jr. Stadium in honor of Mr. Greene's longstanding current and future support of the university and its athletic programs. Dr. Noland noted that Mr. Greene has funded scholarships across campus and is a pillar of the community. He said it would be appropriate to honor Mr. Greene for his past, present and future contributions to the university by naming the stadium after him.

Vice Chair Golden made a motion to approve the recommendation to name the stadium the William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium. It was seconded by Trustee Grisham. Other than Trustee Latimer, who abstained from the vote, all trustees voted in favor of naming the stadium in honor of Mr. Greene.

IV. Other business

None.

V. Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Chair Niswonger asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion and a second were made, and received unanimous approval to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



David Linville
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 8, 2017 meeting.