

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**February 16, 2023  
3:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees was duly convened by Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Chair *pro tempore*, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Frederick P. Whiddon Administration Building. Meeting attendance was open to the public.

Members: Alexis Atkins, Tom Corcoran, Arlene Mitchell, Jimmy Shumock and Jim Yance were present, and Chandra Brown Stewart, Steve Furr\*, Ron Graham, Ron Jenkins, Lenus Perkins, Margie Tuckson and Mike Windom\* participated remotely. (\*These Trustees joined the meeting when the executive session was in progress.)

Members Absent: Scott Charlton, Bill Lewis, Steve Stokes and Kay Ivey.

Administration & Guests: Owen Bailey, Jo Bonner, Kristin Dukes, Monica Ezell, Andi Kent, John Marymont and Polly Stokley.

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order and made brief remarks about the outstanding renovation of the fifth floor at USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital (CWH). Following the attendance roll call, **Item 1**, Chair Mitchell turned to President Bonner, who agreed that the new Mother/Baby Unit at CWH was a great accomplishment and indicative of the positive momentum of the University moving into its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. President Bonner thanked the Trustees for their support of and involvement in the progress taking place at South Alabama.

In accordance with the provisions of the Alabama Open Meetings Act, Chair Mitchell made a motion to convene an executive session for an anticipated duration of two hours for the purpose of discussing preliminary negotiations involving a matter of trade or commerce, **Item 2**. She stated that Ms. Dukes had submitted the required written declaration for the minutes and that adjournment of the meeting would be effected with the conclusion of the executive session. Mr. Yance seconded and, at 3:04 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to convene an executive session, as recorded below:

AYES:

- Ms. Atkins
- Ms. Brown Stewart
- Mr. Corcoran
- Mr. Graham
- Capt. Jenkins
- Chair Mitchell
- Mr. Perkins
- Mr. Shumock
- Ms. Tuckson
- Mr. Yance

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Attest to:



Lenus M. Perkins, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted:



Arlene Mitchell, Chair *pro tempore*

# APPENDIX A

Executive Session

University of South Alabama Board of Trustees meeting on February 16, 2023.

The purpose of the executive session for the above-referenced meeting is to discuss preliminary negotiations involving a matter of trade or commerce.

This declaration is submitted pursuant to the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act by Kristin Daniels Dukes, ASB number 6408o61k.

*Kristin Daniels Dukes*