Minutes
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
March 1, 2025 10:00 a.m.
The Grand Hotel
Beachside Meeting Room
Point Clear, Alabama

The Troy University Board of Trustees convened at 10:00 a.m. on March 1, 2025, at the The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama.

I. Call to Order

Board President Pro Tempore Gibson Vance called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board of Trustees. President Pro Tem reflected on the Board Retreat and thanked the Chancellor.

The Board viewed a video highlighting Troy University which was shown earlier this month by the Chancellor when he spoke to the Committee of 100 in Montgomery, Alabama.

II. Roll Call

At the request of Mr. Vance, the following members, comprising a quorum, answered present:

Mrs. Karen Carter, Gen. Ed Crowell, Sen. Gerald Dial, Mayor Earl Johnson, Mr. Forrest Latta, Mr. Charles Nailen, Mr. Freddie Thomas, Mr. Gibson Vance, Sen. Cam Ward

Absent: Governor Kay Ivey, Mr. Roy Drinkard, Mr. John Harrison, Ms. Betsy Bennett

President Pro Tem Vance called on Trustee Karen Carter for opening prayer.

President Pro Tem Vance recognized Trustee Johnson who has been recovering from an injury. Trustee Johnson thanked the Trustees for their support during his recovery.

III. Approval of Minutes

A draft copy of the minutes from the September 21, 2024 meeting was provided to the members of the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting.

ACTION: TRUSTEE CROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 MEETING AS PRESENTED. THERE WERE NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS BROUGHT FORWARD. FOLLOWING A SECOND BY TRUSTEE CARTER. THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED,

IV. Reports

President Pro Tempore Vance called upon Chancellor Hawkins for the Chancellor's report.

A. Chancellor

The following is an outline of the Chancellor's Report.

Chancellor Hawkins thanked everyone for attending. Chancellor Hawkins called Trustee Freddie Thomas to the front where he was presented an official Trustee blazer.

Chancellor Hawkins recognized the team work of the University personnel responsible for planning the retreat and the BOT meeting.

Following brief comments on the retreat, Chancellor Hawkins turned the program over to Dr. Jim Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs and Online Education, to report on financial sustainability.

Report contents:

- Change in Net Position
- Tuition & Fee Revenue & State Appropriations
- Bond Rating & University Debt
- Investment Returns
- Spend History
- By College Revenue & Cost to Education
- Personnel
- Enrollment Cliff
- Competing in a Crowded Market
- Student Retention
- Student Engagement

B. Board Committee Reports

- **<u>Executive Committee</u>, Honorable Gibson Vance**

Board members were provided a copy of the ***Troy University Guidelines for Architects and Engineers*** for review. Chancellor Hawkins provided a brief history of the guidelines and the resolution no. 1 was introduced.

Resolution No. 1

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE TROY UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTURAL CONSISTENCY

WHEREAS, Troy University has a longstanding tradition of academic excellence, reflected in its campus environment and the quality of its facilities; and

WHEREAS, Troy University's campus contributes to its identity, enhances the educational experience, and fosters a sense of pride among students, faculty, and alumni; and

WHEREAS, consistent architectural style within the campus buildings ensures cohesion and harmony across the university's physical environment, fostering a unified and aesthetically pleasing atmosphere for all members of the Troy University community; and

WHEREAS, adhering to established building regulations and architectural guidelines will ensure that future construction and renovation projects align with the university's vision for aesthetically consistent development; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Troy University to preserve its architectural legacy by establishing a pledge to adhere to building regulations that ensure consistency in design, thereby enhancing the long-term value and character of the campus for generations to come; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Troy University pledges to adhere to building regulations that promote a consistent architectural style as outlined in ***Troy University Guidelines for Architects and Engineers***, ensuring that all future construction and renovation projects contribute to the university's architectural integrity.

ACTION: TRUSTEE WARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1. TRUSTEE JOHNSON PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

- **Academic Affairs Committee, Honorable Karen Carter**

President Pro-Tem Vance called on Trustee Carter for a report from the Academic Affairs Committee. Mrs. Carter thanked Dr. Kerry Palmer and the committee members for their work on behalf of the Academic Affairs. Trustee Carter introduced resolution no. 2.

Resolution No. 2

RESOLUTION TO RECONFIGURE ACADEMIC COLLEGES

WHEREAS Troy University has continued to evolve from its establishment as a normal school for the training of teachers to a regional comprehensive university serving southeast Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and points across the globe; and

WHEREAS the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, on September 9, 2023, reclassified Troy University as a doctoral granting institution, thus paving the way for increased research productivity and further development of doctoral programs; and

WHEREAS Troy University has launched the Center for Materials and Manufacturing Sciences and seeks to begin its first engineering programs in the near future; and

WHEREAS the leadership of Troy University continuously seeks ways to effectively and efficiently administer the work of the university, and deems that a reorganization of academic colleges will bring greater clarity and efficiency to the organization of the institution; and

WHEREAS the leadership of Troy University has determined that a reorganization of the university's academic colleges will serve to highlight the importance of emerging programs that lead to high-paying jobs for TROY graduates, while also emphasizing the university's commitment to the arts and humanities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following entities shall comprise the academic colleges at Troy University effective August 1, 2025:

- College of Arts and Humanities
- Sorrell College of Business
- College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- College of Health Sciences
- College of Science and Engineering

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor of Troy University shall assign academic units to each of the colleges outlined above at his discretion in accordance with the responsibility assigned to the university's administration to organize and oversee the daily operations of the university.

ACTION: TRUSTEE CROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2. TRUSTEE THOMAS PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Trustee Carter introduced Resolution No. 3.

Resolution No. 3

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TROY UNIVERSITY PHENIX CITY CAMPUS

WHEREAS, Troy University's Phenix City campus has served as an integral part of the University's mission and educational outreach for over five decades, contributing significantly to the advancement of higher education in East Alabama; and

WHEREAS, changing economic conditions and institutional priorities require strategic decisions to ensure the University's long-term financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the continued shift among adult learners toward online and flexible learning modalities has resulted in decreased demand for traditional in-person instruction at satellite locations; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has conducted a thorough analysis of the campus's operational costs, enrollment trends, and alignment with institutional priorities, finding that resources presently directed toward satellite operations in Phenix City can be leveraged more effectively for growth in other areas within the university;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Troy University hereby approves the closure of the Phenix City campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board directs the Chancellor to develop and implement a comprehensive transition plan that ensures current students can complete their academic programs and assists faculty and staff in their professional transition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board expresses its profound gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, and community members who have contributed to the Phenix City campus's legacy of excellence since its establishment.

ACTION: TRUSTEE WARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3. TRUSTEE THOMAS PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Trustee Carter introduced Resolution No. 4.

Resolution No. 4

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE HONORARY DOCTORATE OF LAWS TO LUIS EDUARDO ALVERDE MONTEMAYOR

WHEREAS, Luis Eduardo Alverde Montemayor has distinguished himself as a visionary leader and advocate for academic excellence, making significant contributions to higher education in Mexico and globally; and

WHEREAS, as founder and Rector of Anáhuac University's Querétaro campus, Mr. Alverde continually leads his institution to new heights of academic achievement, committing to innovation, research, and international collaboration, positively impacting students, faculty, and communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Troy University, a globally recognized institution with a strong commitment to international education and the advancement of knowledge, seeks to honor those who embody the highest ideals of leadership, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, Troy University has the privilege and honor of recognizing Mr. Alverde's outstanding achievements and contributions to higher education through the conferral of an honorary Doctorate degree.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Troy University hereby confers upon **Luis Eduardo Alverde Montemayor** the degree of **Doctor of Laws**, in recognition of his extraordinary leadership, dedication to education, and lasting impact on the global academic community to be conferred at the commencement exercises for Troy University, Troy, Alabama on May 16, 2025.

ACTION: TRUSTEE CROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4. TRUSTEE JOHNSON PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

- **Finance Committee, Honorable Charles Nailen**

President Pro Tem Vance called on the Finance Committee to report. Following brief comments, Trustee Nailen called on to Dr. Jim Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs and Online Education to provide the financial report.

  - **Financial Report – Dr. Jim Bookout**

Dr. Bookout presented the financial report – FY 2024 (copies provided to Trustees in advance of meeting) to include the following:

- 2024 Financial Report
- Funds Held for Investment
- Facilities Update
- 2025-2026 Tuition Resolution
- Resolution – Sale of Property

Trustee Nailen introduced Resolution No. 5 on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 5

PROPOSED TUITION & FEE STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Troy University is anticipating an increase (probably will not exceed 6%) in state appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 based on the 2025-2026 Alabama Commission on Higher Education Budget Hearing held in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, Troy University's current appropriation from the State of Alabama totals 30% of its operating budget. For this reason, Troy University has become more dependent on tuition and fee revenue and other sources of revenue in order to support its mission. Only through good stewardship of its resources, sound financial management, and its entrepreneurial spirit has it been able to not only sustain itself but advance its mission; and

WHEREAS, Troy University's current tuition structure is as follows; and

Undergraduate per credit hour tuition - $424, In-Class; $424, Online

- Graduate per credit hour tuition - $475, In-Class; $475, Online
- Doctoral per credit hour tuition - $550, In-Class; $550, Online

WHEREAS, for the 2025-2026 academic year, Troy University proposes no increase in undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral tuition rates.

WHEREAS, Troy University's current fee structure includes no registration driven fees for campus-based students, and;

WHEREAS, Troy University's proposed fee structure includes a general fee of $22 per credit hour for all in-class courses and for campus-based students taking an online course;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES that Troy University proposes the adoption of the tuition and fee structure as previously stated, based upon passage by the Alabama Legislature of the Budget, specifically Troy University's Appropriation, recommended by the Governor and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

ACTION: TRUSTEE NAILEN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Trustee Nailen introduced Resolution No. 6 in the form of a motion from the Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 6

SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA IN RUSSELL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Troy University is governed by its Board of Trustees pursuant to Title 16-56-1-7, Code of Alabama, 1975; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Trustees has been empowered, by virtue of Title 16-56-7, Code of Alabama, 1975 on behalf of Troy University to hold and dispose of any property, or any interest in any property, real or personal, from any source, at any time, and upon any terms as it might deem in the best interest of Troy University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the University and fulfilling a public trust to sell real property located in Phenix City, Alabama, in Russell County, Alabama, and described below; and

WHEREAS, a description of the properties located in Russell County, Alabama to be sold is as follows:

Parcel 1 –

A parcel of land located in Fractional Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, Phenix City, Russell County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the east right of way of Third Avenue and the South right of way of Sixteenth Street marked by a ½" rebar & cap no. 16684 for the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence along said right of way of Sixteenth Street South 89 degrees 04 minutes East, 489.82 feet to a drill hole; thence South 30 degrees 32 minutes 34 seconds West, 437.54 feet to a ½" rebar & cap no. 16684; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes West, 273.64 feet to a 1 ½" open top pipe located at the east right of way of Third Avenue; thence along said right of way North 00 degrees 56 minutes East, 380.40 feet to the point of beginning.

The Parcel of land herein described is shown as PARCEL "A" on a map titled "REPLAT OF PART OF BLOCK 207 & BLOCK 208 TOTTEN'S MAP OF PHENIX CITY, PART OF 15TH STREET, PART OF 16TH STREET, AND PART OF 2ND AVENUE LOCATED IN FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 11 AND 14, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 30 EAST, PHENIXC ITY, ALABAMA" prepared by Michael J. Pattillo, PLS No. 16684, dated October 21, 2008, and in Misc. Book 19, Page 5.

Said conveyance is made subject to all valid and enforceable easements and restrictions of record.

Subject to the following special covenant. This property shall be held by the Grantee herein and conveyed to Troy University for the expansion of its Phenix City Campus; however, it is specially agreed that the land herein conveyed and to be conveyed to Troy University is to be used strictly for educational purposes, including the construction of a building containing instructional rooms, classrooms, meeting rooms and auditoriums. Absolutely no portion of said building shall be used for student housing, either temporarily or permanently, residence halls, dormitories, etc. In the event this property ceases to be used for educational purposes by Troy University, or if Troy University has not obtained a building permit and commenced construction of its educational building on or before June 30, 2012, all right, title and interest herein conveyed shall revert to The City of Phenix City, Alabama, A Municipal Corporation.

All that tract or parcel of land lying in Section 33, Township 17 N, Range 30 E, Phenix City, Russell County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a point of intersection of the northern Right of Way of Seale Road (100 foot ROW) and the western Right of Way of Engineer Drive (100 foot ROW), being the true point of beginning; thence running along the northern ROW of Seale Road in a westerly direction for an arc distance of 136.80 feet; arc having a radius of 5713.55 feet, to a point; thence running North 17 deg. 09 min. 00 sec. West a distance of 20.00 feet to a point; thence running along the northern ROW line of Seale Road in a westerly direction for an arc distance of 202.47 feet, arc having a radius of 5733.55 feet, to a point; thence running South 19 deg. 11 min. 00 sec. East a distance of 20.00 feet to a point; thence running along the northern ROW line of Seale road in a westerly direction for an arc distance of 188.19 feet, arc having a radius of 5733.55 feet, to a point; thence running North 27 deg. 23 min. 30 sec. West a distance of 290.40 feet to a point; thence running North 37 deg. 06 min. 50 sec. East a distance of 490.90 feet to a point being on the southern ROW line of future road from U.S. 431 South to Engineer Drive; thence running along the southern ROW line of future road in an easterly direction for an arc distance of 239.79 feet, arc having a radius of 300.00 feet, to a point; thence running North 79 deg. 50 min. 00 sec. East a distance of 32.14 feet to a point; thence running along the western ROW line of Engineer Drive South 09 deg. 10 min. 00 sec. East a distance of 456.64 feet to a point, and the true point of beginning.

Subject to easements and restrictions of record.

This being part of the property conveyed to Grantor by deed dated January 29, 1999, and recorded in Volume 879, Page 169, Russell County Probate Records.

situated, lying and being in Russell County, Alabama.

This deed is given to replace a deed dated December 28, 2001, between same parties which was lost prior to being recorded.

Parcel 2 & 3 –

WHEREAS, due to the closure of the Phenix City campus, the Board authorizes the Chancellor and Treasurer to negotiate a sale price directly with the buyer which shall not be less than the average value established by two appraisals performed by mutually agreed upon Alabama licensed appraisers and ratified by the Board of Trustees after the sale is complete.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board authorizes the sale of University property at the negotiated price described above.

ACTION: TRUSTEE NAILEN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 6. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

- **Student Affairs Committee, Honorable Cam Ward**

President Pro Tem Vance called on Trustee Ward for an update from the Student Affairs Committee. Trustee Ward asked Mr. Sohail Agboatwala to update for the committee.

Mr. Agboatwala reported on the expansion of mental health care services on campus.

Mr. Agboatwala reported on ten new transportation units on campus: four - 24 passenger vans, two – 26 passenger vans and two 24 passenger vans with handicap access and two smaller vans.

- **Institutional Advancement Committee, Honorable Forrest Latta**

Mr. William Filmore welcomed Mrs. Debbie Vaughn to the Development team.

Mr. Filmore provided a brief update on the state budget and the anticipated education budget.

Trustee Latta reminded Trustees he will attend the AGB conference in Chicago in April.

- **Athletic Policy Committee, Honorable Ed Crowell**

Trustee Crowell thanked Mr. Brent Jones, Director of Athletics, for everything he does for Athletics and the University and asked him to provide the report from the Athletic Policy Committee.

Trustee Crowell in traduced resolution no. 7 in the form of a motion from the committee.

Resolution No. 7

RECOGNIZING BARRY MCKNIGHT FOR EARNING ALABAMA SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR HONORS

WHEREAS, Barry McKnight has served as the "Voice of the Trojans" since 2002, providing play-by-play commentary on radio and television for Troy Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight was named the 2024 Alabama Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sports Media Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight additionally acts as the Voice of Troy University Commencement, Podcasts, video interviews and other electronic mediums; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight has been a staple on sports radio, winning numerous broadcasting awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight is married to Denise McKnight and has one son, Jack, and two grandchildren, Olivia and Joel; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, McKnight has won the AP Award for Broadcast Excellence, AP Play-by-Play Broadcaster of the Year and the Sun Belt Conference Broadcaster of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight has also worked in television broadcasting, serving as the primary play-by-play announcer for College Sports Southeast's football, basketball and baseball coverage from 1997 until 2001;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. McKnight should be honored and celebrated for his love and dedication to Troy University and Troy Athletics, and for earning Alabama Sportscaster of the Year honors from the National Sports Media Association.

ACTION: THE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7. TRUSTEE JOHNSON PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 8

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHNNY WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Johnny Williams was an instrumental figure in amateur sports in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was born September 1, 1956, and passed away on February 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Robin Libby Williams of 44 years; his children, Andrew John Williams (Brittney) and David Robert Williams; his grandchildren, Gavin, Avery, Breleigh and Gracie; brothers, Freddy Williams (Judi) and Steve Williams (Elaine); sisters, Rose Williams Skelton (Billy Wayne) and Carolyn Williams Bartle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was one of the instrumental leaders in Troy Athletics' move from NCAA Division II to Division I; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was named Troy's Athletics Director in the spring of 1994 following a seven-year stint as Troy's defensive coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was an original member of the Athletic Challenge Fund Steering Committee. During his tenure as Athletics Director, the Troy football team advanced to the FCS (I-AA) Playoffs six times in seven years and began playing at the FBS (I-A) level in 2001.

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a member of the 1987 football staff that was named the American Football Coaches Association Coaching Staff of the Year following Troy's Division II National Championship run; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams spent three years as the Senior Associate Athletic Director at Alabama and then founded Creative Marketing Management in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Mr. Williams served as the executive director of the Raycom College Football All-Star Classic. He turned that game into the Camellia Bowl and now the IS4S Salute to Veterans Bowl, having served as the game's executive director until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams received the Gen. Robert Neyland Athletics Director Award from the All-American Football Foundation in 2002, and in 2016, was inducted into the Troy Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was an All-Gulf South Conference defensive lineman during his playing days at North Alabama; he was named to the Lions' Team of the Decade for the 1970s;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Williams' life should be celebrated for the remarkable impact he had on a countless number of people through his time as a coach, administrator and ambassador for collegiate sports.

ACTION: TRUSTEE WARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 8. TRUSTEE CROWELL PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 9

RESOLUTION TO NAME THE PRACTICE GYM IN TROJAN ARENA THE "JOHN HARRISON CENTER"

WHEREAS, Troy University is proud of the service offered by Trustee John Harrison; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has served faithfully and dutifully on the Troy University Board of Trustees since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison enjoyed a long and prosperous career of service to others, including serving as President and CEO of First Citizens Bank, Mayor of Luverne, Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and held the distinction of longest-serving Superintendent of Banks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison's deep support of Troy University Athletics helped propel the athletics programs to new heights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison's enthusiasm for basketball encouraged Troy University Athletics to transition its basketball programs from Sartain Hall to a state-of-the-art facility: Trojan Arena; and

WHEREAS, Trojan Arena formally opened at the onset of the 2012 basketball season, wherein Troy Men's Basketball defeated Mississippi State for the inaugural game; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the practice facility in Trojan Arena henceforth be named the "John Harrison Center."

ACTION: THE ATHLETIC POLICY COMMITTEE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 9. TRUSTEE DIAL PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Trustee Crowell introduced Resolution no. 11

RESOLUTION NO. 10 RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATUE HONORING COACH LARRY BLAKENEY

WHEREAS, Larry Blakeney served with distinction as the head football coach at Troy University for 24 seasons (1991-2014), becoming the winningest coach in Troy University history with 178 victories; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blakeney led Troy University through three classifications of NCAA football—from Division II to Division I-AA and ultimately to Division I-A (now FBS)—demonstrating exceptional leadership during critical transitions in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Blakeney's leadership, Troy University football achieved unprecedented success, including five consecutive Sun Belt Conference Championships (2006-2010), five bowl game appearances, and numerous victories over Power Five conference opponents; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blakeney has exemplified family values throughout his life as a devoted husband to his wife Janice, a loving father to his three daughters— Kelley, Julie, and Tiffany—

and a proud grandfather, demonstrating the same commitment to his family as he has to his players and coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blakeney, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and former quarterback at Auburn University, dedicated his life to developing young student-athletes both on and off the field, emphasizing academic achievement, character development, and community service throughout his coaching career; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blakeney's contributions to college football were recognized with his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2025, joining an elite group of coaches who have made lasting impacts on the sport at the collegiate level;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Troy University hereby approves the erection and placement of a statue honoring Coach Larry Blakeney in the South End Zone of Troy University's Veterans Memorial Stadium, to be funded through private funds, with the Board of Trustees reserving the right to make final approval of the design and placement of said statue.

ACTION: TRUSTEE DIAL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 11. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Trustee Crowell announced the Board of Trustee have chosen the destination of the annual BOT Football trip as Old Dominion at Virginia Beach.

V. New Business

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIREES

WHEREAS, the following Troy University faculty and staff members retired in 2024:

Annette Brundidge, Marianne Michael, Ronald Creel, Donna Millard, Herbert Silvera, Mark Ray, Meredith Welch, Annette Percy, Barbara Wolfe, Edward Noriega, Elizabeth Ensor, John Mankelwicz, Lana Johnson, Mary Hooten, Rita Foster, Vitaly Voloshin, William Thompson, Barbara Patterson, Siegfried Harden, Stephen McQueen, Deborah Rus, Edward Pappanastos, Jill Methvin, Karen Lynn Vukovich, Rebecca Faulkner, Steven Taylor, Trellys Riley, Angela Crumbley, Haskell Fulmer, Leigh Ann Paramore, Linda Ouellette, Gloria Gail Layton, Carmen Foster, Debra Lynn Rushing, Robert Feng, Iris Xu, John Lester, Judy Morgan, Kern Craig, Peter Howard, Richard Fulton, Shellye Vardaman

THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board express to these faculty and staff members sincere appreciation for loyal and conscientious service to the University and wish them health and happiness in their retirement.

ACTION: TRUSTEE CROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10. TRUSTEE CARTER PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

VI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, President Pro Tem Gibson called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dial seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D.
Chancellor, Troy University
and Secretary, Board of Trustees

C. Gibson Vance
President Pro Tempore
Troy University Board of Trustees