

AGENDA
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 5, 2006
1:00 p.m.
Jonesboro Campus

I. Call to Order
 Mr. Jim Pickens, Chair

II. Executive Session

*III. Approval of Personnel Actions

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

* Action Items

Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
October 5, 2006

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met on Thursday, October 5, 2006, in the eighth floor Board Room of the Dean B. Ellis Library on the Jonesboro campus. Chair Jim Pickens called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Mike Gibson, Vice Chair; Mr. Mike Medlock; and Mrs. Florine Milligan. Colonel Dallas Wood, Secretary, arrived late.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Gibson, the Board voted to retire into executive session at 1:08 p.m.

AYES: Pickens, Gibson, Medlock, Milligan

NAYS: None

Mr. Pickens announced, "This body has voted to retire into executive session to consider a personnel action item. We will reconvene in public session following this executive session to present and vote on any action arrived at in private."

At 1:45 p.m., the Board was reconvened.

"This is a historic day for Arkansas State University," noted Mr. Pickens. He also stated that in 1999, the concept of an ASU system of campuses was discussed and the process of creation began. The idea of a system was introduced because of the growth and development of the university. Nine months ago, a chancellor search was initiated to screen, recruit, evaluate, and interview

prospective candidates for the position. This search was led by Dr. Glen Jones and a highly-defined well- organized committee comprised of faculty, staff, students, and community leaders. Mr. Pickens commended the committee for their diligence and perseverance.

Mrs. Milligan kept the Board informed of all aspects of the search. The Board has met with the candidate both privately as individuals and collectively today to reaffirm and reestablish that the candidate is the right person for the job and that the candidate is willing to accept the position. The culmination of the search process today results in the naming of a new chancellor for the Jonesboro campus.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Gibson, Dr. Robert L. Potts was approved for the position of chancellor of Arkansas State University-Jonesboro.

AYES: Pickens, Gibson, Wood, Medlock, Milligan

NAYS: None

Dr. Potts and his wife Irene were introduced. Dr. Potts expressed his appreciation to the Board and to Dr. Les Wyatt. "I am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve at Arkansas State University. During the short time I have had to become familiar with Arkansas State, I am very impressed with what has been accomplished here. I also am very excited at what I see as the great potential for ASU in the future," said Dr. Potts. He also thanked Dr. Glen Jones and his committee for their professionalism during the search process. Initially, he


wants to spend lots of time getting to know the faculty and the students and learning all he can about ASU's progress.

Mr. Pickens reiterated that he and the Board welcome the Potts to campus and look forward to working with them, and that Dr. Potts credentials will be posted to the ASU website for review immediately following the board meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Col. Wood, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

AYES: Pickens, Gibson, Wood, Medlock, Milligan

NAYS: None


Dallas Wood, Secretary
Jim Pickens, Chair