



## **Special ASU System Board of Trustees Meeting**

Arkansas State University System

Jan 5, 2024 at 1:30 PM CST to Jan 5, 2024 at 2:30 PM CST

ASU System Office & Zoom

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Presenter: Christy Clark

#### **II. Agenda**

##### **A. Proposed ASU System Resolution**

Presenter: Julie Bates

##### **1. Resolution #24-01 conferring upon Dr. Charles L. Welch the designation of President Emeritus**

#### **III. Update on the ASU System Presidential Search**

Presenter: Price Gardner

#### **IV. Other Business**

#### **V. Adjournment**

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Resolution Conferring upon  
Dr. Charles L. Welch  
the Designation of President Emeritus

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of the contributions made by individuals who have loyally served the Arkansas State University System over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Charles L. Welch responsibly fulfilled his duties for more than a decade as President of the Arkansas State University System from April 23, 2011, until January 14, 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State University System, that Dr. Welch is designated President Emeritus of the Arkansas State University System, in recognition of his superb stewardship, and in deep gratitude for his legacy of wise and generous counsel and his untiring efforts on behalf of the ASU System, its students, faculty, staff, and friends.

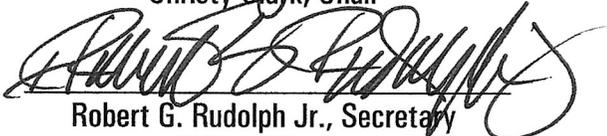
DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024



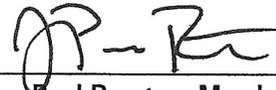
Christy Clark, Chair



Steve Eddington, Vice Chair



Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary



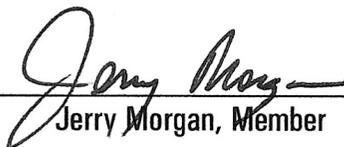
Paul Rowton, Member



Price Gardner, Member



Gary Harpole, Member



Jerry Morgan, Member



# Special ASU System Board of Trustees Meeting

## Minutes

Arkansas State University System  
January 5, 2024 at 1:30 PM  
ASU System Office & Zoom

### Attendance

#### Present:

Members: Christy Clark, Steve Eddington, Robert Rudolph (remote), Paul Rowton, Price Gardner, Gary Harpole, and Jerry Morgan,

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christy Clark at 1:31 PM.

#### II. Agenda (Presenter: Julie Bates)

##### A. Proposed ASU System Resolution

#### Motion:

Motion to approve ASU System Resolution 24-01.

Motion moved by Price Gardner and motion seconded by Gary Harpole. Passed unanimously.

1. Resolution #24-01 conferring upon Dr. Charles L. Welch the designation of President Emeritus

#### III. Update on the ASU System Presidential Search (Presenter: Price Gardner)

I want to report back and follow up on our discussion at the December Board meeting. The ASU System Foundation has executed a contract with Academic Search. Dr. Jay Lemon will lead that search. The Academic Search team members have other commitments through next week with some Board meetings, so our real efforts under contract will begin a week from now, January 16. At that time, we will work with Academic Search to create a timeline for the search, as we discussed. It would involve developing a job description, posting the job, and deciding the period of time for the posting. In general terms, we are looking at an April timeframe for interviewing candidates, with the goal to have a decision and a new President, hopefully hired by the first week of May, to begin work on July 1. The ads will be published publicly. Academic Search will set up a data room so that the applications will be available for review there. All applications will be circulated among the Board members. Of course, we will comply

with FOIA throughout the whole process. I just want to make it clear that, although you all have appointed me as Chair of the Search Committee, it is not a one-person screening committee or a steering committee. The Board is actually the Search Committee, and we will work through that and, as necessary, we may have to call special meetings to discuss particular applicants or different matters. We will have a much better idea of what the timeline is in about two weeks from now. We will be glad to update everyone then.

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

**Motion:**

Chair Clark asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion moved by Steve Eddington and motion seconded by Jerry Morgan.

Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned 1:36 PM

  
Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Secretary

  
Christy Clark, Chair