

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
October 18, 2018**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Athens State University (the "University") convened at 8:37 am on Thursday, October 18, 2018 in the McCandless Hall Conference Room, Athens, Alabama. On roll call, the following members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University answered present:

**Ms. Cathy Dickens** (participating via electronic communications (telephone) as permitted by the Alabama Open Meetings Act, as amended)

**Mr. Macke Mauldin**

**Mr. Clint Shelton**

**Mr. Ronnie Chronister**

**Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried** (participating via electronic communications (telephone) as permitted by the Alabama Open Meetings Act, as amended)

The members present and in person constituted a quorum to conduct business.

Shane Black, Lauren Blacklidge, Laura Lynn Kerner, Dr. Ron Ingle, Mr. Mike McCoy, Dr. Jackie Smith, and Ms. Jackie Gooch (recording) were also present.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

**Presidential Search**

Mr. McCoy presented the search firm cost comparison.

Mr. Black updated the committee on the legal aspect of the search process. Mr. Black provided the results of the research he had conducted. Mr. Black provided two options for conducting the search. One example was the Board charging Dr. Ron Ingle with appointing and chairing a search committee and working with the search firm to narrow the pool of candidates down to 3-5 candidates for Board consideration.

Ms. Dickens stated she was comfortable with either firm but preferred Academic Search. Ms. Dickens was also agreeable to the recommendation of Dr. Ingle working with the search firm and chairing the search committee. Ms. Dickens left the meeting at 8:55 am.

Mr. Chronister expressed that the integrity of the Presidential Search process is paramount. The process will be as transparent as possible. Mr. Mauldin reiterated that confidentiality will be very important and the Board is committed to getting input from all stakeholders.

On a motion made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Executive committee approved for the following recommendations to be presented to the Board of Trustees:

1. The Executive Committee recommends that the Board adopt a resolution selecting Academic Search as the firm to assist it in searching for and identifying candidates for president of the University.
2. The Executive Committee further recommends that the Board charge and authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate and enter into, on behalf of the University, a contract with Academic Search for its services in searching for and identifying candidates for president of the University.
3. The Executive Committee further recommends that the Board charge and direct, upon such contract being entered into, Interim President Ron Ingle to work with the search firm to identify 3-5 candidates for president of the University and to present such candidates to the Board for its consideration.

This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (4-0).

On a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Shelton the meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted: Jackie Gooch