

Southern Arkansas University
Board of Trustees Minutes
October 31, 2017
Teleconference
Overstreet 226
4:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in Overstreet 226 via teleconference. The following were in attendance: Trey Berry, Steve Keith, David Nelson, Edgar Lee via phone, Therral Story via phone, Lawrence Bearden via phone, Josh Kee, Donna Allen, David Lanoue; Shawana Reed, Jennifer Rowsam, Jason Morrison (SAU Tech Chancellor) via phone, Gaye Manning via phone, Valerie Wilson via phone, and David McLeane via phone. Guests included Sheryl Edwards, Jim Fowler (Rose Law Firm), Jason Holsclaw (Stephens, Inc.), Dan Marsh (SAU Communications) and Aziza Muza (Arkansas Democrat Gazette).

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Keith.

David Lanoue, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the program changes for SAU Magnolia. Without further discussion, Edgar Lee motioned to accept and seconded by Lawrence Bearden. The motion for the program changes was approved. (See attached)

Valerie Wilson, Vice Chancellor, presented the program changes for SAU Tech. Without further discussion, David Nelson motioned to accept and seconded by Lawrence Bearden. The motion for the program changes was approved. (see attached)

Gaye Manning, SAU Tech Vice Chancellor, presented the Athletic Resolution. Without further discussion, Therral Story motioned to accept and seconded by Lawrence Bearden. The motion to accept the Athletic Resolution was approved. (See attached)

Gaye Manning, SAU Tech Vice Chancellor, presented the Bond Resolution for the Student Center at SAU Tech. The board heard from Jim Fowler, counsel for the Rose Law Firm, and Jason Holsclaw, Vice President of Stephens Inc., about refunding bonds issued in 2012 and 2013 to finance capital improvements on the SAU Tech campus in Camden. The previously issued bonds have outstanding principal balances of \$890,000 and \$4,430,000. Fowler and Holsclaw recommended the board take advantage of the 5-year call provision on the bonds in order to restructure the debt, reduce the cost of capital, and allow the SAU system to realize "significant debt-service savings." The general-obligation bonds are secured by a pledge of the revenues derived from SAU Tech student fees. The board approved the recommendation. Stephens, Inc. will execute the call provision and underwrite the 2017 bond issue, which will neither exceed the

maturity date nor the outstanding principal balance of the original issue, yet will allow the system to realize approximately \$675,000 in savings. (see attached) (Nelson/Bearden)

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m. (Lee/Story)

Recorder of record:

La'Tricia Davis

Steve Keith
Chairman

David Nelson
Secretary