The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama met in Exhibit Halls A-C, Great Hall, Hill University Center on the campus of The University of Alabama at Birmingham on February 6, 2009. Trustee Finis E. St. John IV chaired the meeting. Michael A. Bownes served as Secretary.

On roll call, the following Trustees were present:

The Honorable Angus R. Cooper II, Trustee from the First Congressional District

The Honorable Marietta M. Urquhart, Trustee from the First Congressional District

The Honorable Joseph C. Espy III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District

The Honorable James W. Wilson III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District

The Honorable Vanessa Leonard, Trustee from the Third Congressional District

The Honorable Finis E. St. John IV, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

The Honorable Joe H. Ritch, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District

The Honorable Paul W. Bryant, Jr., Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

The Honorable John J. McMahon, Jr., Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District

The Honorable Karen P. Brooks, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District
The Honorable John H. England, Jr., Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The Honorable Andria S. Hurst, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The following Trustees were unable to attend:

The Honorable Bob Riley, Governor

Dr. Joseph B. Morton, State Superintendent of Education

The meeting also was attended by: Chancellor Malcolm Portera; UA President Robert E. Witt; UAB President Carol Z. Garrison; UAHuntsville President David B. Williams; staff members from the Office of the Chancellor, the three campuses, and the UAB Health System. Also in attendance were Student Representatives to the Board of Trustees Cason M. Kirby from UA, Brittney A. Williams from UAB, and Andrew Hazen from UAHuntsville. Faculty Representatives to the Board in attendance were Dr. Karen F. Steckol from UA, Dr. Warren S. Martin from UAB, and Dr. Rhonda Gaede from UAHuntsville.

Chairman St. John welcomed the President of the National Alumni Association at UA, Bubba Masters.

Chairman St. John then thanked President Garrison and Julian, on behalf of the Board, for hosting them last night at Woodward House. The dinner was unforgettable, very enjoyable, and they really appreciated it. It was highlighted by a Happy Birthday rendition to Cherry Bryant.

Kellee Reinhart, Vice Chancellor for System Relations, introduced Amanda Peterson from The Crimson White at The University of Alabama, Hannah Wolfson

Chairman St. John called for approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2008, meeting, which had been distributed to each member of the Board. On motion of Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee England, the minutes were approved as reported.

Chairman St. John recognized Chancellor Portera for a report from The University of Alabama System.

I first want thank President Garrison and the faculty and staff here at UAB for an outstanding institutional presentation. I remember from a Health System Board meeting a few years ago when Dean Rich talked about growing the neurosciences program here at UAB. It is really gratifying to see the kind of people who have been attracted to this institution as a result of initiatives like this.

The watchword for this System for the last year to year-and-a-half has been to maintain our momentum and add to the momentum that we have during these tough economic times. These three Presidents have worked hard to achieve that goal. As you all know, we entered the fiscal year with a budget cut. We are now into a 9 percent additional proration of the State budget and it looks like we are looking again at another cut for next year. Regardless, we are doing everything possible to maintain a sense of optimism about where we are, where we are going, and meeting our commitments to our students. I hope you could sense that in the presentations this morning. I certainly could.

Going forward as we address the situation we are facing financially, we will continue to operate with the five major principles as our guide.

One, to maintain the quality of what we have and to build on the strengths of these institutions. I believe these three institutions do a wonderful job in that regard.
Secondly, to operate fiscally in the black. As you know, we are not allowed to operate these institutions in a situation where we do not balance our budgets. A major emphasis for us going forward in these times will be to make certain that we continue to operate in the black.

The third would be to continue to present opportunities and to remove obstacles for the people of the State of Alabama and to extend ourselves to assist the people of the State. We are committed to growing the State’s economy and allowing Alabama’s citizens to use higher education to gain an advantage in life.

Fourth, to operate this System and these campuses with the highest ethical standards. I am proud to say that we do that in this System.

Finally, with a commitment to fairness, equity, and diversity with our staff and faculty. With these cuts, it is more difficult to do the things that we ought to do. But our commitment is to fairness and equity and to presenting opportunity for all of the people of the State of Alabama.

With three budget cuts in almost a year and a half, it is easy to get down in the mouth. But Jonah got down in the mouth and he came out OK. We’re going to come out OK in the end of all this.

We all, on this leadership team, have a sense of optimism about our System. Our three Presidents work hard every day with their faculty, with their staffs, and with their students to ensure that we maintain that momentum and that we add to it. The evidence is there. It’s here, it’s there for us, and we’re excited about that.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to the Board.

Chairman St. John thanked Chancellor Portera for his remarks. He said he would like to echo his comments about Dr. Garrison’s presentation on UAB’s progress.

Chairman St. John then recognized President Garrison for any additional comments and to introduce her Faculty Representative.
President Garrison said a copy of the journal “Inquiro” is at each Trustee’s place. A point of pride for the University, this research journal is produced exclusively by undergraduate students at UAB and features their research.

She then introduced Dr. Warren Martin, Chair of the Faculty Senate and a faculty member in the Business School.

DR. WARREN S. MARTIN, UAB FACULTY REP TO THE BOARD

Thank you President pro tem, all the members of the Board of Trustees, and Chancellor Malcolm Portera. I want to thank you for all of the work that you do for the University. It takes a lot of time, dedication, and effort. As the Faculty Senate Chair and member of the faculty, I want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts.

When I first came to UAB, I had hair and didn’t wear glasses, and Academic Vice President Thomas Hearn said that we had a chance at UAB to educate students who otherwise wouldn’t have a chance. I was moved by those words and they touched my heart because I am a first generation college graduate in my family. It inspired me to think about what it would mean. I got a degree from college and it made a tremendous difference in my life.

It also made a difference in the life of my younger brother. He maintained that because I went to college he knew he could go to college and succeed. My younger brother is smarter than I am. It was amazing to me that he needed a role model. I knew he was so smart that he could breeze right through. But, as was pointed out earlier, having a role model can make a tremendous difference. Today, my brother Sam is married, has two beautiful twin girls, did graduate from college, and is living in Seattle.

As members of the University community, we have a chance to make a difference in the lives of people by educating them. To make a difference in their lives can make a difference in the lives of their family and their friends.

UAB is located in the largest metropolitan city in our state. We have a lot of students who are bound in this city for one reason or another. They may have a job here, they may have a spouse who has a job here, or in the
case of one UAB student, he wanted to stay in Birmingham to help his widowed mother raise his younger siblings. So we have a big opportunity at UAB, we have a unique mission, we have unique students, and all of these give our faculty a chance to help the University in its work in diversity issues.

Diversity is heard at UAB quite a bit. It’s in our Alma Mater. UAB is described as “a place of rich diversity.” President Carol Garrison and Provost Eli Capilouto are both very supportive of diversity at UAB. We have an outstanding Vice President of Equity and Diversity in Louis Dale. Dr. Dale has done a wonderful job of encouraging diversity and working for equity throughout the UAB community.

I am going to quote something from Dr. Dale’s web site where he says that, “Diversity includes a whole range of human differences, many differences -- race, gender, ethnicity, age, culture, national origin, religious belief, physical abilities, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, lifestyle preference, political conviction, and any other distinction.” So when we talk about diversity we are talking about a very broad umbrella to try to help people reach their full potential and to contribute to the common good.

I want to mention a couple of things that are going on in the diversity area of UAB. We simply don’t have the time to mention all the things going on so I’ll briefly mention a couple.

In the UAB Student Life area, we have an Office of Diversity Programs led by the enthusiastic and able Thomas Alexander. He has as one of his missions to try to help students learn how to talk about diversity issues. Last week we had a banquet to recognize people on campus who made an important contribution to diversity at UAB and recognize the winners as the people who were given the President’s Award for Diversity.

The Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Affairs, Dr. Claire Peel, has been active through her office by offering training programs on diversity. Topics have included faculty recruitment, training for search committees, accelerating the advancement of women, conversations with black women scientists on race and gender. The UAB Faculty Senate has been active in developing and supporting family-friendly policies at UAB, making it easier for families with a structure other than the traditional full-time working father, a stay-at-home mom, and two children to get time off for family reasons.
One of the positive results of these efforts has been the national recognition in the 2009 edition of the *Princeton Review*. UAB was ranked fourth in the nation in terms of diversity. We were the only school in the State of Alabama ranked in that category. The review called the UAB student body a “truly great American melting pot of different cultures, religions and races.”

When we open the door to diversity here at the University, we provide people with an education, we help those people get jobs, we help those people make more money, and that in turn helps the State of Alabama. They will pay more taxes to the State of Alabama.

I remember one student I had and he was a little rough around the collar, had limited skills, didn’t do all his homework, didn’t do great on all the tests, and earned a C in the course. But I started talking to him and found out he worked full time, had two children, and he was really sacrificing to go to school and get a degree. To me he was a hero. He was doing a super job; he changed the lives of his wife and his children by paying the price, by going the extra mile, and by getting a degree under hard circumstances. He cleared a lot of hurdles for other people that would follow behind him.

Students of diversity have an extra hard time because they are facing not only unfamiliar and challenging situations, but they also have attitudes developed against education and against educational achievement. I feel like these students are great fighters and they wage lonely battles with themselves and sometimes with others but they're moving ahead for the common good of everybody.

UAB has come a long way in helping with diversity but I do want to recognize that I think we have a long way to go. We are making tremendous progress but we need to continue to push forward and I pray for that safe journey.

As I close, I want to mention two more things to you. One is, there is a quote engraved on many buildings of learning throughout the United States. It was engraved in the face of the tower at the University of Texas. I used to read it and it always gave me a little inspirational moment when I was a graduate student there: “ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” In other words, education leads to truth, and truth leads to freedom. As we give these diverse people opportunities for education, we release them from the bonds of poverty, from the blinders of ignorance, and we give them an opportunity for growth and continued education.
Now, my final thought is about a former student of mine who has really lived a truly unique story. She came from meager means but she was dedicated to getting an education. She was working three part-time jobs while going to school when tragedy struck. She had health problems, which led to her being declared legally blind. After the darkness, there was no hope. By working with two great surgeons at UAB, she had her eyesight restored. But she came back changed. She saw every day as a miracle. In class, she was bubbly, enthusiastic, hard-working and dedicated. She understood the gift that we have every day—sight and the ability to live life. What a good example she set for me. I hope I can learn a little bit of those wonderful traits from her and I want to thank her and all the other diverse students for what they have taught me. And I want to thank all of you for your support and help in allowing us to attain our vision. Thank you.

President Garrison thanked Dr. Martin for his remarks and recognized UAB’s
Student Representative to the Board, Brittney Williams. A graduating senior, this is
Brittney’s second year as Student Government President and also her second year on the
Board. She hopes to go to Medical School next year and Dr. Garrison said she hopes
Brittney will go to UAB. She has been interviewing at other medical schools as well.

MS. BRITTNEY WILLIAMS, UAB STUDENT REP TO THE BOARD

Good Morning. Trustees, Chancellor Portera, University Presidents, faculty and student representatives, and distinguished guests, it is again my privilege to welcome you to UAB. As The University of Alabama at Birmingham’s student representative, it is my honor to address many of the accomplishments and challenges that we face as a university.

I would first like to thank the members of this Board for working tirelessly to fight for equitable treatment during the harsh economic times of our State in terms of higher education funding.

I would also like to thank our administrators for genuinely caring about the students at UAB. Whenever there are issues, they work diligently to ensure the issues are resolved. I would also like to thank them for working with the students. If there is an issue which affects the entire student body as a whole, our administrators work to meet the desires of the
students. I am proud to say that our administrators take the time to listen to the concerns of students. Each semester the Undergraduate Student Government Association hosts a student forum and all of the administrators attend to address the concerns of students. As a student, this shows me that all the deans, vice presidents, Chief of Police, Provost Capilouto, and even President Garrison are genuinely concerned about the students at UAB to take time out of their busy schedules to listen to individuals and collective student praises and issues.

We do have new additions to support and display to the student body that were initiated in the past few years. We do now have an undergraduate student publication for students to submit their research papers. *Inquiro* is student run and operated. Students are in charge of everything from research to design and distribution. Student involvement also continues to make strides through the BMEN program. This program strives to increase the retention rate of African-American males by pairing incoming students with older, positive role models. Of the 86 African-American male students which enrolled this past fall, 22 of those students joined the BMEN program and of those 22, 82% of those students had a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Last year the students petitioned our administration for a fall break. Through the efforts of the student government, faculty, and administration, there will now be a fall break added to the academic calendar. It is initiatives like this that show how our administration continually works to address the needs and desires of students.

A similar issue occurred with our Mr. and Ms. UAB scholarship program sponsored by the National Alumni Society. In the past, the recipients of these scholarships have been chosen solely by the National Alumni Society. Last year, the students petitioned to be able to vote on the student the National Alumni Society selects for the Top 10 Finalists. The National Alumni Society graciously worked with the USGA to involve students with this process.

The USGA also continues to grow. Our upcoming elections have new students running for positions. As of right now, the Senate is nearly full, and with the upcoming election, there are more people running than there are seats available. The student government continues to draw in new students who want to make a change on this campus.

Our Greek organizations are continually receiving recognition from their respective organizations on the regional and national levels. Even with the recognition these chapters receive, they are still struggling to truly
make a difference at UAB, since they only comprise approximately 3% of the entire student body. I know that our administration listens to the desires of these organizations in the petitions for Greek housing. Through Greek housing, these organizations feel as though they can truly impact the rise of traditions at UAB and the feeling of school spirit and pride. But I also know that President Garrison hears the concerns and desires of the students to have Greek Housing.

We are steadily moving towards becoming a campus where students feel as though they have a full college experience. The addition of the Green has tremendously improved the collegiate atmosphere. From my own personal experience, I was walking out of class when the barriers for the Green were removed. And I did not quite know what looked different about the Green until I noticed one of my classmates walking on the grass. Everybody standing on the sidewalks stopped and watched him walk across the grass. Then he stopped walking and just lay in the grass. I knew then that our campus was becoming more complete. But I also know with the harsh economic projections for this State, that many changes to this campus are not likely to happen for some time.

Another challenge that we are continually facing at UAB is a shortage of convenient parking. We have parking available, but students like to park where they can arrive to campus fifteen minutes before their class, find a parking spot in front of their classroom building, and still be on time for class. That is not the reality here at UAB. As the USGA began to research other campuses similar to ours in terms of being located in the middle of a city, we noticed that several of those campuses use a transit system. As with the future of UAB, those campuses moved the majority of their parking to the edges of campus. Having a transit system at UAB, as I have seen from The University of Alabama, would require an education process for students. But this would also be a great asset to our campus, because with the continual growth of the campus, students are not restricted to the academic side of campus, but work and conduct research on the medical portion of the campus as well. Not only during the day when students are fighting for close parking spots, instead of driving to the outskirts of campus, but this system is vital for students at night. There are many classes and events at night, students are always walking instead of utilizing Campus Escort. If students had a system in place in which they knew exactly when a shuttle would be at their location, this would greatly minimize the number of students walking at night.

In my last four years at UAB, I have seen this campus take tremendous strides to improve as a whole. I know through the leadership of
this Board and UAB that this University will continue to succeed and exceed all expectations academically, athletically, and in every other aspect. We continue and will continue to receive national and international recognition. I know that UAB will continue to set the standards through this collaborative leadership. Thank you.

Chairman St. John thanked Dr. Martin and Ms. Williams for their comments.

Chairman St. John recognized President Williams from UAHuntsville to introduce his new Student Representative to the Board. President Williams said it was his pleasure to introduce Mr. Andrew C. Hazen. He thanked Andrew for being willing to step up with very short notice to take this leadership position. He is well prepared for his position, having been very active on campus in various areas during his time at the University as a campus counselor, as a Lancer, representative to the Interfraternity Council, and more recently on the Student Government Association where he has been a delegate and the Vice President before stepping up to this current position. President Williams noted that Andrew has a 3.34 in Optical Engineering, so he brings outstanding academics in an outstandingly difficult program to his experience.

Chairman St. John thanked President Williams for his introduction and welcomed Andrew.

Chairman St. John said the Administrative Report has been distributed to all Trustees. After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Brooks, the Board accepted the Administrative Report. (Exhibit B)

Chairman St. John then recognized Trustee Marietta Urquhart for a report from the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee. Trustee Urquhart said the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee met yesterday, Thursday,
February 5, at 3:30 p.m., with other Trustees present. The Committee considered 17 items for consideration for recommendation to the Board for action: six individual action items, and 11 administrative action items. Two information items were also presented.

Trustee Urquhart said one item was pulled by UA on Wednesday, February 4, to be offered at a later Board of Trustee meeting.

She said the Committee recommended approval of the items identified on the Board agenda as E.1. through E.8.b. She said if there were any questions on any of these items, Vice Chancellor Nash or the Provosts would be happy to respond to them.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Urquhart, seconded by Trustee Hurst, the Board adopted the following resolutions, separately and severally:

(Insert Resolutions)

Trustee Urquhart said unless there are additional items from members of the Committee, this concludes the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Planning Committee report.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee Urquhart for her report and recognized Trustee John England, Jr., for a report from the Finance Committee. Trustee England said the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees met today, February 6, 2009, with other Trustees in attendance. The Committee reviewed and approved a resolution approving Planning for Bond Issues at UAH. This item is in the Board Book on page 90. He said the Committee recommends this item for approval.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee England, seconded by Trustee Ritch, the Board adopted the following resolution:
(Insert Resolution)

Trustee England then asked for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda in order to consider an additional resolution reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. He said copies of this resolution are on the table at everyone’s places.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee England, seconded by Trustee Ritch, the rules were suspended.

Trustee England said the Committee reviewed and approved the resolution approving changes in signature authority at UAH. The Committee recommends this resolution to the Board for approval.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Urquhart, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the Board adopted the following resolution:

(Insert Resolution)

Trustee England said that concludes the report of the Finance Committee.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee England for his report and recognized Trustee Paul Bryant, Jr., for a report from the Physical Properties Committee. Trustee Bryant said the Physical Properties Committee met yesterday and considered seven resolutions for action by the Board, which are included in your Board Book on pages 92-173. The Committee thoroughly reviewed and approved these resolutions and now recommends the approval of these items identified on your Board Agenda as G.1.a.1) through G.3.a.1).

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Bryant, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the Board adopted the following resolutions, separately and severally:
Trustee Bryant said the Committee also approved a suspension of the rules, amending the agenda to include an additional resolution for action by the Board at the request of The University of Alabama. The Committee thoroughly reviewed and approved this resolution, requesting approval of a sanitary sewer easement to Henry B. Rosenbush, and now recommends approval by the Board.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Bryant, seconded by Trustee Urquhart, the Board approved suspending the rules in order to consider this resolution.

After further discussion, and on motion of Trustee Bryant, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the Board adopted the following resolution:

(Insert Resolution)

Trustee Bryant said that concluded the Physical Properties Committee Report.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee Bryant for his report and recognized Trustee McMahon for a report from the Investment Committee. Trustee McMahon said the Investment Committee met yesterday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and heard a presentation by David Center with Hammond Associates on the quarterly performance and a general overview of the economy.

The Committee also took three actions: approving an investment in Oaktree Senior Bank Fund; approving replacing the Commonfund Short Term Fund with Federated Investors Money Market Fund; and adopting revisions to Board Rule 404. He said these resolutions are contained on pages 174-176.
After discussion, and on motion of Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Ritch, the Board adopted the following resolutions, separately and severally:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2009, the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (the “Act”) became effective; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the Act applied to distribution decisions made pursuant to Board Rule 404. Investment Policy and Guidelines, some minor revisions to Board Rule 404 were required; and

WHEREAS, Board Rule 404 has been updated to reflect these revisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it approves the proposed changes to Board Rule 404.

(Exhibit F)
II. Endowment Spending Policy

The Board of Trustees shall attempt to balance the long-term objective of maintaining the purchasing power of the Endowment with the goal of providing a reasonable, predictable, stable and sustainable level of income to support current objectives. To achieve this goal the Board of Trustees has established a base spending rate of 5% of the trailing 36-months moving average of unit market values and is established yearly as of December 31 for the following fiscal year. This spending policy is to be reviewed annually by the Investment Committee.

In calculating the distributions, the System will apply the Uniform Management of Educational Institutional Funds Act (“Act”) adopted by the State of Alabama. This Act will be applied to the individual endowments which make up the Pooled Endowment Fund and other separately managed endowments. The Act prohibits distributions in excess of natural income from individual endowments whose market values are below their historic cost, defined as the original and all subsequent contributions. The exception to this rule would be when the language of the original endowment document, or the donor in writing, allows for distributions in excess of natural income to cause the market value of the endowment to drop below historic costs. In determining whether it is appropriate to make distributions, the System will comply with Section 4 of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, as adopted by the State of Alabama and codified at Code of Alabama, 19-3C-1, et seq.

Trustee McMahon said that concluded his report.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee McMahon for his report and recognized Trustee Vanessa Leonard for a report from the Audit Committee. Trustee Leonard said the Audit Committee met yesterday afternoon at 1:30, with representatives of PricewaterhouseCoopers and other Trustees in attendance and heard their presentation of financial highlights, audit results, required disclosures, and management letter comments.
for the campuses of The University of Alabama System for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

The Committee also reviewed and approved the resolution on page 200 of the Board Book approving the Financial Statements of The University of Alabama System for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Leonard, seconded by Trustee Urquhart, the Board adopted the following resolution:

(Insert Resolution)

Trustee Leonard said that concluded the report of the Audit Committee.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee Leonard for her report and recognized Trustee Andria Hurst for a report from the Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee. Trustee Hurst said the Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee met yesterday afternoon in this room, with a majority of the Trustees in attendance. The Committee approved for recommendation to the Board of Trustees a resolution approving changing the name of Fourth Street East to the Johnny Stallings Drive on the UA Campus.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Hurst, seconded by Trustee Espy, the Board adopted the following resolution:

(Insert Resolution)

Trustee Hurst said the Committee also approved for recommendation to the Board of Trustees an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree to Mr. Charles A. Collat at UAB.
After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Hurst, seconded by Trustee England, the Board approved the awarding of an Honorary Degree to Mr. Charles A. Collat at UAB.

Trustee Hurst said that concluded her report.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee Hurst for her report.

Chairman St. John said the Administrative Action Items are listed on the Agenda and are normally acted upon as a group, separately and severally. He said anyone who wished to speak to any of these items should feel free to do so.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Wilson, the Board adopted the following resolutions, separately and severally:

(Insert Resolutions)

Chairman St. John recognized Trustee Joseph Espy for a report from the Nominating Committee. Trustee Espy said the Nominating Committee met this morning and has recommendations in two areas. One related to the UAB Health System Board. The three-year term of Trustee John England expired and the Committee unanimously recommends that Trustee England be reappointed.

After discussion, and on motion of Trustee Espy, seconded by Trustee Hurst, the Board approved that Trustee John England be reappointed to the UAB Health System Board of Directors.

Chairman St. John said everyone appreciates Judge England’s service on this Committee and congratulated him on his re-election.
Trustee Espy said the second area relates to Trustees on this Board. He said the Constitution requires that the Board vote in public, but does so by secret ballot. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee for consideration by the Board are: Second Congressional District, Davis Malone; Third Congressional District, Jim Wilson III; Fourth Congressional District, Britt Sexton; and Fifth Congressional District, Ron Gray. Trustee Espy said that concludes the report of the Nominating Committee.

Chairman St. John thanked Trustee Espy for his report and said he wanted to particularly thank him and this Committee for their work in fulfilling this important function of our Board. He noted the Committee members are John England, John McMahon, Paul Bryant, Jr., and Karen Brooks and said there are few things that the Board does that is more important than filling vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

Chairman St. John said to put this in historical context, the Board of Trustees was created by the General Assembly of the State in 1821, two years after the State was created. The Assembly elected the first 12 Trustees. The other issues they considered the same day were to commend two Generals for work in canoe action of the Creek Wars and also to appropriate $113 to buy firewood and stationery.

For the last 108 years, our Board has been unique in this State in that we are self-perpetuating, which means we elect our own members. Chairman St. John said he believes that this system has served us and the State well in that our Board has selected dedicated, unselfish, hardworking, and diverse Trustees in a non-political manner. This is a continuation of this system and he appreciates all the hard work that has been done.
As noted by Trustee Espy, the Constitution requires that the Trustees be elected by secret ballot. He called on Secretary of the Board Michael Bownes to distribute ballots for the vacancy in the Third Congressional District, noting it is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that this position be filled by Trustee Jim Wilson III.

After collecting these ballots, Chairman St. John asked that the ballots be distributed for the vacancy in the Second Congressional District, noting that the recommendation of the Nominating Committee is Davis Malone.

After collecting the ballots for the Second Congressional District, Chairman St. John asked that the ballots be distributed for the vacancy in the Fourth Congressional District, noting that the recommendation of the Nominating Committee is Britt Sexton.

After collecting these ballots, Chairman St. John asked that the ballots be distributed for the vacancy in the Fifth Congressional District, noting that the recommendation of the Nominating Committee is Ron Gray.

After Secretary Bownes collected and counted all of the ballots, Chairman St. John announced the election of the following Trustees: Second Congressional District: Davis Malone; Third Congressional District: Jim Wilson III; Fourth Congressional District: Britt Sexton; and Fifth Congressional District: Ron Gray.

Chairman St. John said he feels these are young, outstanding leaders in this State and will be a fine addition to this Board. He said that biographical data on the three new Trustees will be distributed to the press.

As of this election, these Trustees become official, voting, full performing Trustees and there are no vacancies on this Board.
Chairman St. John asked if there was any further business. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed subject to call of the Chair.

Michael A. Bownes, Secretary