

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 21, 2020
Johnson City, Tennessee

The ETSU Board of Trustees Audit Committee met in a called meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. The virtual meeting was via teleconference and was livestreamed.

I. Call to Order

President Brian Noland welcomed the participants and introduced Melissa Steagall-Jones, a member of the ETSU Board of Trustees who was selected by the Board to serve as the Chair of the Audit Committee. Chairman Steagall-Jones called the committee meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

II. Roll Call

In accordance with Tennessee Code § 8-44-108 section (c) (3), Secretary Adam Green explained that before a roll call could be taken, a series of questions must be presented to the committee members, and that due to some Trustees participating remotely, all votes taken must be taken by roll call. Trustee Steagall-Jones and Ron Ramsey were physically present. Trustee Scott Niswonger, participating via Zoom, indicated that he could hear clearly and that there was no one present in the room with him. Trustees Stegall-Jones and Ramsey confirmed that they could hear Trustee Niswonger.

Secretary Green continued with information around meeting necessity in light of the remote participation by the public due to COVID-19. In accordance with Tennessee Executive Order 60 permitting safe, open and transparent public meetings by electronic means, Secretary Green stated that the committee business is critical to the operations of the university, and in light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and the statewide recommendations as well as those from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, social distancing measures and a limit on groups that gather are being observed. Secretary Green stated that a quorum of the committee members by electronic or other means of communication is necessary and he requested a roll call vote to determine the necessity of holding the meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Ramsey and was seconded by Trustee Niswonger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

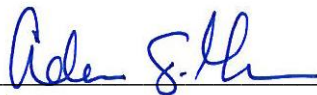
Secretary Green closed by noting that other Non-Audit Committee Trustees present included Janet Ayers, Virginia Foley, Linda Latimer and Austin Ramsey.

III. Adjournment and Move to Executive Session

Chair Steagall-Jones stated that the purpose of the meeting was to keep her informed as the new chair of the committee of active audits currently taking place at ETSU, and she requested that the committee move into Executive Session. Trustee Ramsey made a motion to move into executive session, and Trustee Niswonger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0.

The committee meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. and went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Green", written over a horizontal line.

Adam Green
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 17, 2021 meeting.