



Special Board of Trustees Meeting
August 24, 2021
Meeting via Teleconference and Streamed Live

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees met on August 24, 2021, via teleconference. Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Chair Harper stated this meeting was being streamed live on the internet and the public was given notice.

Chair Harper asked Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present:

- Dan Allcott
- Trudy Harper
- Tom Jones
- Fred Lowery
- Thomas Lynn
- Rhedona Rose
- Teresa Vanhooser
- Hannah Willis
- Barry Wilmore

A quorum was in attendance but not physically present.

All participating Trustees confirmed that they could simultaneously hear and speak to the Board members, that they received the Board materials in advance of the meeting, and all except Chair Harper confirmed that they were the only person present in the location from which they were calling. Chair Harper shared that Will Hoffert joined her in the conference room with Dr. Oldham.

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AGENDA ITEM 2 – DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY

Chair Harper stated that a determination of necessity was required because a quorum was not physically present. She stated that the Board of Trustees meeting was required to consider the important and time-sensitive matter of considering a name for the new engineering building for which ground will be broken on September 10, 2021.

Tom Jones moved that a determination of necessity existed to allow Board members to participate by electronic means. Teresa Vanhooser seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – NAMING OPPORTUNITY

Chair Harper read TTU Policy 537, Section D with respect to naming opportunities which states special consideration shall be give to a) the historical significance of the contribution of the individual or group to Tennessee Tech, b) individuals that signify an association with either the history of the university or the nation or with the advancement of knowledge and learning that will remain memorable long beyond the lifetime of those who propose the name, and c) any financial contribution of the individual or group to the institution as outlined in the Naming Guidelines of the Tennessee Technological University Foundation.

Dr. Oldham recognized nominee Ashraf Islam, a 1968 civil engineering alumnus of Tennessee Tech, and highlighted his education and career background. On behalf of the naming committee, Dr. Oldham recommended the new engineering building be named for Mr. Islam.

Tom Jones moved that the new engineering building be named the Ashraf Islam Engineering Building in honor of Tennessee Tech alumnus, Ashraf Islam, civil engineering, class of 1968. Fred Lowery seconded the motion. Additional discussion was made regarding industry standards for naming buildings on campus. Additional discussion was made regarding Mr. Islam's connection to Tennessee Tech. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Harper and Lee Wray informed the Board that student life will be highlighted during the next full board meeting in October. The Trustees will tour the dorms and the cafeteria.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Approved,



Lee Wray, Board Secretary