

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Monday, March 24, 2025
8:30 am

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. for a special called meeting. Chair Kimberly Jeffries Leonard presided.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Mr. Glenn Adams, Mrs. Joyce Adams, Mr. Jerry Gregory, Dr. Donald Moore, Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Dr. Warren McDonald, Mr. John McFadyen, Mr. Fred Nelson, Ms. Johnae Walker, and Mr. William Warner.

Staff persons in attendance were Chancellor Darrell Allison, Provost Monica Leach, Chief of Staff Samantha Holmes, Vice Chancellor Kenny Spayd, Vice Chancellor Wanda Jenkins, Vice Chancellor Wesley Fountain, Vice Chancellor Pam Baldwin, Vice Chancellor Juanette Council, and Vice Chancellor Omar Bell.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chair Jeffries Leonard read the State Government Ethics Act to remind all members of the board of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this act. No conflicts were reported.

ACTION ITEM A-1: LAND TRANSFER

Chancellor Darrell T. Allison presented an action item to the Board for approval. In 2023, The City of Fayetteville gave Fayetteville State University a 3-year option to develop catalyst site 1 through a signed agreement. The agreement would foster greater partnership between the University and the City. Catalyst Site 1 is located within 0.4 miles of Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville's downtown district. The site aligns with FSU's Campus Master plan noted need for future expansion. Chancellor Allison further shared that the City of Fayetteville proposes to deed the approximately 20-acre site to FSU Development Corp in a land swap with vacant FSU Endowment property owned (Washington Dr).

The UNC Board of Governors Policy on Endowment Funds (#600.2.1) gives the Endowment Board the power and authority to "to buy, sell, lend, exchange, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of or to acquire (except by pledging their credit or violating a lawful condition of receipt of the corpus into the endowment fund) any property, real or personal, with respect to the fund, in either public or private transaction .. ." The Policy further provides that "any gratuitous transfer of property or funds from the endowment fund shall be only upon direction of the board of trustees of the institution upon recommendation of the chancellor."

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the gratuitous transfer of property, located at 815 Washington Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301, which is owned by the Endowment Board to the City of Fayetteville.

Trustee John McFadyen asked if the site was a wetland. Trustee Glenn Adams explained that one area does have a small wetland near the creek and the other area is near the railroad. However, the site is not in a flood zone and can be built upon.

Trustee Glenn Adams also provided his full support of the recommendation and shared the impact FSU would have in partnering with the City's plan for innovation.

Trustee Glenn Adams motioned to approve the gratuitous transfer of property, located at 815 Washington Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301 to the City of Fayetteville. Trustee Warren McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jeffries Leonard adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Chair
Karen Bussey, Secretary to the University