



University of Alabama System
UAB Institutional Board of Trustees Meeting
February 06, 2026
10:45 am-11:45 pm Central Time

- I. Roll Call
(Mark Foley)
- II. Introduction of Press
(Jessica Vickers)
- III. Adoption of Agenda
(Pro tem Phelps)
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda
(Pro tem Phelps)
- V. Approval of the November 7, 2025 Minutes and the December 18, 2025 Special-Called Meeting Minutes
(Pro tem Phelps)
- VI. Administrative Report
- VII. Report from Chancellor Sid J. Trant
- VIII. Institutional Reports
 - A. UAB President Dr. Ray L. Watts
 - B. UAB Faculty Representative Daniel Givan, Ph.D.
 - C. UAB Student Representative Saad Khan
- IX. Executive Committee Report
- X. Investment Committee Report
- XI. Finance Committee Report
 - A. UAH
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC for Financial Advisory Services for Exploration Plaza Redevelopment and UAH
 - 2. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Contract Amendment with Rieth Jones Advisors for Professional Services for Exploration Plaza Redevelopment and UAH
- XII. Physical Properties Committee Report
 - A. UA Construction Items
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project scope and budget; granting authorization to execute a Construction Contract for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Facility and Student Veterans Center at UA (Stage IV)
 - 2. Consideration of Resolution approving the proposed architectural design for the Central Bryce Parking Lot and Roundabout at UA (Stage III)

3. Consideration of Resolution approving the reallocated project budget and proposed architectural design for the Farrah Hall Renovation at UA (Stage III)
4. Consideration of Resolution approving the preliminary project scope and budget; granting authorization to execute an Owner/Consultant Agreement for the University Boulevard Rose Administration to 6th Avenue Infrastructure Improvements and Storm Drainage Extension at UA (Stage I & Stage II)
5. Consideration of Resolution approving the preliminary project scope and budget for the Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical and Biological Engineering at UA (Stage I)

B. UA Real Estate Items

1. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Real Estate Sales Agreement for the acquisition of property at 211 University Boulevard East
2. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to Execute a Real Estate Sales Agreement for the disposition of the Corona Area Tracts in Walker County
3. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Real Estate Sales Agreement for the disposition of the Groom Tract in Mobile County
4. Consideration of Resolution approving the acceptance of gift property; granting authorization to execute a Real Estate Sales Agreement for the disposition of the Noblin Gift Property (Malvern Tract) in Geneva County
5. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Facility Lease Agreement with Main Street Enterprise Realty, LLC

C. UAB Construction Items

1. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project budget; granting authorization to execute a construction contract for the Renovations and Addition to Bartow Arena for Entrance Lobby and Concourse Improvements, Enhanced Spectator Seating, and Club Level Lounge at UAB (Stage IV)
2. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project budget; granting authorization to execute a construction contract for the Renovation of the 5th Floor of the Rebel and Sophie Zeigler Medical Research Building at UAB (Stage IV)

D. UAB Real Estate Items

1. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Real Property Gift Agreement with the UAB Educational Foundation for property at 1101 17th Street South
2. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Lease Agreement with Upton Holdings, LLC to support the UAB Heersink School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology Substance Abuse Division
3. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute Amendment #3 to the Lease Agreement with Vaughan Regional Medical Center, LLC

E. UABHS Real Estate Item

1. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Lease Agreement with LHPT Birmingham THE, LLC for space in Medical Office Building 52

F. UAH Construction Item

1. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project budget; granting authorization to negotiate an Owner/Consultant Agreement and to execute a construction contract for the Center for Cybersecurity Research, Education & Advanced Training at UAH (Stage II & Stage IV)

G. UAH Equipment Item

1. Consideration of Resolution approving the purchase and installation of Campus Access Controls System Upgrades at UAH

H. UAH Real Estate Item

1. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Real Estate Sales Agreement for the disposition of the Austin Drive Residential Properties

I. UAS Information Item

1. Report on Interior Renovation Contract Awards

XIII. Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Report

A. UAS Information Item

1. Report on Centers and Institutes at UAS

B. UA Individual Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution Granting Initial Approval of and Permission to Submit to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), a Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Public Policy (CIP Code 44.0501) in the School of Leadership and Policy at UA

2. Consideration of Resolution Granting Initial Approval of and Permission to Submit to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), a Proposal for a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree (CIP Code 44.0501) in the School of Leadership and Policy at UA
- C. UA Administrative Action Items
 1. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Establishment of the Hugh F. Culverhouse Jr. Endowed Professorship in Leadership and Policy at UA
 2. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Renaming of the James C. Kennemer Center at UA
 3. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Peter D. Harms, PhD, as a Distinguished Research Professor at UA
 4. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Mercy Ngosa Mumba, PhD, as a Distinguished Research Professor at UA
 5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Jason E. Bara, PhD, as a Distinguished Research Professor at UA
 6. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Kimberly Severt, PhD, as a Distinguished Teaching Professor at UA
 7. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Anna Embree, MA, as a Distinguished Teaching Professor at UA
- D. UA Information Items
 1. Addition of Three Concentrations in the Existing Rural Community Health M.S. Program (CIP Code 51.2208) at UA
 2. Reorganization of the Music Education Undergraduate Program at The University of Alabama
 3. Addition of Two Concentrations in the Existing Music Education B.M.E. (CIP Code 13.1312) at UA
 4. Establishment of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical and Behavioral Health (CIP Code 44.0701) at UA
 5. Establishment of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Child Welfare (CIP Code 44.0702) at UA
 6. Establishment of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Policy and Advocacy (CIP Code 44.0799) at UA
 7. Establishment of an Undergraduate Certificate in Paralympic Sports (CIP Code 13.1314) at UA
 8. Establishment of a Post-Baccalaureate Micro-Certificate in Substance Use and Addiction (CIP Code 51.1501) at UA

9. Addition of Online Delivery Method to the existing Computer Science Ph.D. (CIP Code 11.0701) at UA
10. Addition of Online Delivery Method to the existing Book Arts Certificate (CIP Code 50.0799) at UA
11. Updating The University of Alabama System Centers and Institutes List at UA

E. UAB Individual Action Item

1. Consideration of Resolution Granting Initial Approval and Submission to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) a Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in Health Physics (CIP Code 51.2205) at UAB

F. UAB Administrative Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution Approving Closure of the Mucosal HIV and Immunobiology Center in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
2. Consideration of Resolution Approving Closure of the Gorgas Center for Geographic Medicine in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
3. Consideration of Resolution Granting Approval of the Conversion and Renaming of the Marnix E. Heersink Endowed Professorship in Biomedical Innovation to the Marnix E. Heersink Endowed Chair in Biomedical Innovation and Confirming the Appointment of Rubin Pillay, M.D., Ph.D., as the Holder of the Marnix E. Heersink Endowed Chair in Biomedical Innovation at UAB
4. Consideration of Resolution Granting Approval of the Conversion and Renaming of the Robert M. Centor Endowment in General Internal Medicine to the Robert M. Centor, M.D., MACP Endowed Professorship in Medical Education and General Internal Medicine at UAB
5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Jaroslaw Zmijewski, Ph.D., MSc. as the Second Holder of the SK Bioscience Endowed Chair in Pneumonia Research at UAB
6. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Anindya Dutta, MBBS, Ph.D. as the Second Holder of the O'Neal-Sokol Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama Endowed Chair in the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine

7. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Robert C. Brunner, M.D., as the Third Holder of the Women's Committee of the Spain Rehabilitation Center Endowed Chair in Rehabilitation Neuroscience Research in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at UAB
8. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Mahmud Mossa-Basha, M.D., as the Fourth Holder of the Witten-Stanley Endowed Chair of Radiology in the Department of Radiology in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
9. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Mark Thomas Dransfield, M.D. as the Fifth Holder of the Spencer Chair in Medical Science Leadership in the Department of Medicine in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
10. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Rebekah Weil, M.D., as the Inaugural Holder of the Robert M. Centor, M.D., MACP Endowed Professorship in Medical Education and General Internal Medicine at UAB
11. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Krishna Bhat, M.D., Ph.D., as the Inaugural Holder of the Lalitha Varanasi Endowed Professorship in Biomedical Engineering at UAB
12. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of William S. (Steve) Stigler, Jr., M.D., as the Inaugural Holder of the Merritt L. Pizitz and James E. Johnson, M.D., Endowed Professorship in Pulmonary and Critical Care at UAB
13. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Tracy R. Luckhardt, M.D., M.S. as the Second Holder of the Charles and Alice Hohenberg Professorship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at UAB
14. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Ann Elizabeth Montgomery, Ph.D., as the Second Holder of the Quetelet Endowed Professorship in Public Health in The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health

G. UAB Information Items

1. Establishment of a 15-Hour Undergraduate Certificate in Translation of Biomedical Innovations to Clinical Practice (CIP Code 14.0501) at UAB
2. Changing the Name and CIP Code of the Graduate Certificate in eSports Organization and Management (CIP Code 31.0504) to eSports Performance Management and Coaching (CIP Code 31.0599) at UAB

3. Changing the Name of the Undergraduate Certificate in eSports Performance and Coaching in Kinesiology (CIP Code 31.0599) to eSports Performance Management and Coaching (CIP Code 31.0599) at UAB
4. Changing the Name of the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation (CIP Code 51.2399) to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Vision Rehabilitation (CIP Code 51.2399) at UAB

H. UAH Individual Action Item

1. Consideration of a Resolution Granting Approval of and Permission to Submit to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) a Proposal for a Doctor of Engineering (D.Eng.) Degree in Engineering Management (CIP Code 15.1501) at UAH

I. UAH Administrative Action Item

1. Consideration of Resolution Approving Closure of the Center for the Management of Science and Technology (CMOST) at The University of Alabama in Huntsville

J. UAH Information Items

1. New 15-hour Graduate Certificate in Cloud Solutions in the College of Business (CIP Code 11.0902) at UAH
2. New Concentration Added to the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A.) degree in Information Systems in the College of Business (CIP Code 52.1201) at UAH
3. New Concentration Added to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Child, Family, and Community Development in the College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences (CIP Code 19.0707) at UAH
4. Modification to the Optical Science and Engineering Ph.D. program administration (CIP Code 14.9999) at UAH
5. Removal of UAH Centers from the UA System inventory of Centers and Institutes at UAH

K. UAB Student Life Spotlight

XIV. Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee Report

A. UA

1. Consideration of Resolution Accepting Gifts and Pledges from Donors, Expressing Appreciation, and Approving Namings at UA
2. Consideration of Resolution Approving School and Academic Program Naming Opportunities at UA

3. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Revision of Naming Opportunities in the ROTC Training Center at UA
4. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Revision of Naming Opportunities in the Student Well-Being Hub at UA
5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Endowed Funds and Revisions to Endowed and Quasi-Endowed Funds at UA

B. UAB

1. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming Opportunities in Bartow Arena at UAB
2. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the Princiotta Family and Joan Carlisle Players' Lounge in Bartow Arena at UAB
3. Consideration of Resolution Approving Endowed Funds and Quasi-Endowed Funds and Revisions to Endowed Funds at UAB

C. UAH

1. Consideration of Resolution Acknowledging and Expressing Appreciation for Gifts at UAH
2. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the Barrett Family Mother's Room in the Raymond B. Jones Engineering Building at UAH
3. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the Dr. Laurie L. Joiner and Mr. Ronald D. Bowman Student Collaboration Room in the Raymond B. Jones Engineering Building at UAH
4. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the S3 Aerodynamics Lab in the Raymond B. Jones Engineering Building at UAH
5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of Les Stuedeman Field at UAH
6. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming Opportunities in Charger Athletics at UAH
7. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming Opportunities in the College of Science at UAH
8. Consideration of Resolution Approving Revisions to Endowed Funds at UAH

XV. Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Report

XVI. Nominating Committee Report

XVII. Adjourn