



University of Alabama System
UAH Institutional Board of Trustees Meeting
April 17, 2026
10:15 am-11:15 am 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 February 6, 2026 Minutes
(*Pro tem Phelps*)
- VI. Administrative Report
- VII. Report from Chancellor Sid J. Trant
- VIII. Institutional Reports
 - A. UAH President Dr. Charles L. Karr
 - B. UAH Faculty Representative Andrea Word, Ed.D.
 - C. UAH Student Representative Christopher Pinckard
- IX. Investment Committee Report
- X. Finance Committee Report
 - A. UAS
 1. Consideration of Resolution Approving Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional Schools Tuition and Fees at UA, UAB, and UAH for Academic Year 2026-2027
- XI. Physical Properties Committee Report
 - A. UA Construction Items
 1. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project budget; granting authorization to execute a construction contract for the Central Bryce Parking Lot and Roundabout at UA (Stage IV)
 2. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project budget; granting authorization to execute a construction contract for Gorgas Library Phase III at UA (Stage IV)
 3. Consideration of Resolution approving the proposed architectural design for the Quad Security Enhancements at UA (Stage III - substantial visual impact)

4. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to negotiate an Owner/Consultant Agreement for the Capstone College of Nursing Addition and Renovation at UA (Stage II)
5. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to negotiate an Owner/ Architect Agreement for the Science and Engineering Complex Renovation for Chemical & Biological Engineering at UA (Stage II)

B. UA Real Estate Items

1. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to the Capstone Health Services Foundation to negotiate and execute a Facility Lease Agreement for Suite 502 in DCH Medical Tower I
2. Consideration of Resolution granting authorization to execute a Commercial Lease Agreement with Hui Pan and Xin Sui d/b/a Swen Chinese Restaurant

C. UAB Construction Items

1. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project scope and budget; granting authorization to execute a construction contract for the Renovation of the Education and Engineering Complex at UAB (Revised Stage II, Stage IV)
2. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project scope and budget for the Renewal of Building Envelope and Interior of the Blount Residence Hall at UAB (Revised Stage II)
3. Consideration of Resolution approving the revised project scope and budget; granting authorization to negotiate an Owner/Architect Agreement for the UAB School of Dentistry - North Alabama Rural Dental Clinic (Stage II)
4. Consideration of Resolution approving the preliminary project scope and budget for the Renewal of the University Dining Facility at UAB (Stage I)

D. UAB Information Item

1. 2025 Campus Master Plan Update Information Item for review

E. UABHS Real Construction Item

1. Consideration of Resolution approving the preliminary project scope and budget; granting authorization to execute an Owner/Architect Agreement for the Endoscopy Unit Renovations - Phase IV at University Hospital (Stage I & Stage II)

F. UAH Real Estate Item

1. Consideration of Resolution approving the appointment of Mr. Christian Reed as the Designated Agent for Real Estate Management at UAH
- G. UAS Board Rule 415 Item
1. Consideration of Resolution approving revision of Board Rule 415, Attachment D
- H. UAS Information Item
1. Report on Interior Renovation Contract Awards
- XII. Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Report
- A. UAS Information Items
1. SACSCOC Updates for the University of Alabama System Campuses at UA, UAB, and UAH
 2. Tenure Report for the University of Alabama System Campuses at UA, UAB, and UAH
- B. UA Individual Action Items
1. Consideration of Resolution Granting Final Approval of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Artificial Intelligence (CIP Code 11.0102) in the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering 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 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Organizational Leadership (CIP Code 52.0213) in the School of Leadership and Policy at UA
- C. UA Administrative Action Items
1. Consideration of Resolution Granting Approval of and Permission to Submit to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) a Substantive Modification Proposal creating a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Business Administration in the Manderson Graduate School of Business in the Culverhouse College of Business (CIP Code 52.0101) at UA
 2. Consideration of Resolution Granting Approval of and Permission to Submit to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) a Substantive Modification Proposal creating a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Applied Statistics and Operations Management in the Manderson Graduate School of Business in the Culverhouse College of Business (CIP Code 52.1399) at UA

3. Consideration of Resolution Approving the Establishment of the Don and Fran Birdwell Endowed Professorship in Management at UA
4. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Shameka Cody, PhD, as Saxon Endowed Chair in Rural Nursing at The University of Alabama

D. UA Information Items

1. Establishment of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Autism (CIP Code 13.1001) at UA
2. Establishing an Italian Concentration within the existing Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Romance Languages (CIP Code 16.0900) at UA
3. Addition of Online Delivery Method to the existing Master of Science (M.S.) in Artificial Intelligence (CIP Code 11.0102) at UA
4. Changing the Existing Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Operations Management (CIP Code 52.1301) to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Supply Chain Analytics (CIP Code 52.1301) in the Department of Information Systems, Statistics, and Management in the Culverhouse College of Business at The University of Alabama
5. Revising the Name of the Department of Mathematics to the Department of Mathematical Sciences in the Barefield College of Arts & Sciences at The University of Alabama
6. Alteration of CIP Codes in the Department of Advertising & Public Relations at UA
7. Deletion of the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Instructional Leadership with a concentration in Nurse Education in the College of Education from The University of Alabama Academic Program Inventory (CIP Code 13.0404) at UA

E. UAB Administrative Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution Establishing the Pappas-Fairley Endowed Chair for Mycology at UAB
2. Consideration of Resolution Establishing the Michael S. Saag, M.D. Lectureship in Global Health and the Michael S. Saag, M.D. Lectureship in Global Health Quasi-Endowment at UAB
3. Consideration of Resolution Establishing the Seawright Endowed Professorship in Global and Women's Health at UA
4. Consideration of Resolution Granting Approval of the Renaming of the Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics to the Richard J. Whitley, M.D. Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics at UAB

5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Talene A. Yacoubian, M.D., Ph.D., as the Second Holder of the Charlene A. Jones Endowed Chair in Neuroimmunology in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
6. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Gretchen L. Wells, M.D., Ph.D., FACC, as the Second Holder of the Elmer and Glenda Harris Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Disease at UAB
7. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Palaniappan Sethu, Ph.D., as the Second Holder of the Featheringill Endowed Chair in Cardiac Arrhythmia Research at UAB
8. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Kondal Kyanam, M.D., as the Second Holder of the Basil I. Hirschowitz Endowed Chair in Gastroenterology in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
9. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of John F. Engelhardt, Ph.D., as the Fifth Holder of the Ben Vaughan Branscomb Endowed Chair of Medicine in Respiratory Disease in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
10. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Herbert Chen, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.A.C.S, as Distinguished Professor in Surgery at UAB
11. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of James O. Hill, Ph.D., as Distinguished Professor of Nutrition Sciences at UAB
12. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Rajesh K. Kana, Ph.D., as Distinguished Professor in Psychology at UAB
13. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Kathy Lu, Ph.D., as Distinguished Professor in Mechanical and Materials Engineering at UAB
14. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Mark E. Lockhart, M.D., MPH, as Distinguished Professor in Radiology at UAB
15. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointing of Michael J. Mugavero, M.D., M.H.Sc., as Distinguished Professor of Infectious Diseases at UAB
16. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Jianyi (Jay) Zhang, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA, as Distinguished Professor in Biomedical Engineering at UAB

17. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Casey T. Weaver, M.D., as Distinguished Professor in Pathology at UAB
18. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Yogesh K. Vohra, Ph.D., as Distinguished Professor in Physics at UAB
19. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Gregory A. Payne, M.D., Ph.D., as the Second Holder of the United Therapeutics Endowed Professorship in Pulmonary Vascular Disease in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
20. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Richard Kennedy, M.D., Ph.D. as the Fourth Holder of the Emmett G. and Beverly S. Parrish Endowed Professorship in the Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care in the Department of Medicine at UAB
21. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Ashley S. Harms, Ph.D., as the Third Holder of the John A. and Ruth R. Jurenko Endowed Professorship in Neurology in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
22. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Maria (Mia) L. Geisinger, D.D.S., M.S., as the First Holder of the Kent and Phoebe Palcanis Endowed Professorship in Periodontology at UAB
23. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Brigitta C. Brott, M.D., as the Second Holder of the Baker-Dean Endowed Professorship in Interventional Cardiology in The University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine
24. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Yuying Chen, M.D., Ph.D., as University Professor in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at UAB
25. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Renee Heffron, Ph.D., MPH, as University Professor in Infectious Diseases at UAB
26. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Lisa C. McCormick, DrPH, MPH as University Professor in Health Policy and Organization at UAB
27. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Allison Shorten, PhD, MSc, RN, FACM, FAAN, FNAP, as University Professor in Nursing at UAB

28. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Ellen M. Lavoie Smith, PhD, MSN, RN, AOCN®, FAAN, as University Professor in Nursing at UAB

F. UAB Information Items

1. Addition of a Nursing Education Administration Pathway to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree (CIP 51.3818) at UAB
2. Addition of the AI for Healthcare Leaders Track to the Doctor of Science (DSc) Degree in Healthcare Leadership (CIP 51.0701) at UAB

G. UAH Individual Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution Granting Final Approval of a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CIP Code 42.2803) at UAH
2. Consideration of Resolution Granting Final Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A.) in Cybersecurity Management (CIP Code 11.1003) at UAH

H. UAH Information Items

1. Modifications to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in English and Concentrations (CIP Code 23.0101) at UAH
2. Cybersecurity Certificates Deleted in the College of Science (CIP Code 11.1003) at UAH
3. Inactivation of Russian Language Concentrations in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CIP Code 16.0101) at UAH

I. UAH Student Life Spotlight

XIII. 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 the Revision of Naming Opportunities in Mary Hewell Alston Hall at UA
3. Consideration of Resolution Awarding Honorary Doctor of Science Degree for Lee J. Styslinger, Jr. at UA
4. Consideration of Resolution Approving Appointment of Samory T. Pruitt, Ph.D., as Vice President Emeritus at UA
5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Endowed and Quasi-Endowed Funds and Revisions to Endowed and Quasi-Endowed Funds at UA

B. UAB

1. Consideration of Resolution Approving Endowed and Quasi-Endowed Funds and Revisions to Endowed and Quasi-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 COLSA Cybersecurity Lab in the Raymond B. Jones Engineering Building at UAH
3. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the Honeycomb CPAs and Advisors Scholarship in the College of Business at UAH
4. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the Ms. Lynn Troy Collaboration Space in the Raymond B. Jones Engineering Building at UAH
5. Consideration of Resolution Approving Naming of the Titomic Undergraduate Engineering Education Waiting Room in the Raymond B. Jones Engineering Building at UAH
6. Consideration of Resolution Approving Endowed Funds at UAH

XIV. Nominating Committee Report

XV. Adjourn