MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama held a special meeting by video conference in accordance with its guidelines on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. President pro tempore W. Stancil Starnes chaired the meeting. Mark D. Foley, Jr., served as Secretary.

On roll call, the following Trustees were present:

The Honorable Harris V. Morrissette, Trustee from the First Congressional District;

The Honorable Marietta M. Urquhart, Trustee from the First Congressional District;

The Honorable Mike Brock, Trustee from the Second Congressional District;

The Honorable W. Davis Malone III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District;

The Honorable Kenneth L. Vandervoort, M.D., Trustee from the Third Congressional District;

The Honorable James W. Wilson, III, Trustee from the Third Congressional District;

The Honorable Evelyn VanSant Mauldin, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District;

The Honorable Scott M. Phelps, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District;

The Honorable Ronald W. Gray, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District;

The Honorable Vanessa Leonard, Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District;

The Honorable W. Stancil Starnes, President pro tempore and Trustee from the Sixth Congressional District;
The Honorable Karen P. Brooks, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District;

The Honorable Kenneth Simon, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District;

The Honorable Barbara Humphrey, Trustee from the Seventh Congressional District

The meeting was also attended by Chancellor Finis E. St. John IV; UAB President Ray L. Watts, M.D.; Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean of the School of Medicine at UAB Dr. Selwyn Vickers; UAB Vice President for Advancement Tom Brannan; and support staff from the System Office, the three campuses, and the UAB Health System. The Honorable William Britt Sexton, Trustee from the Fifth Congressional District was unable to attend.

Pro tem Starnes stated that the meeting was called in accordance with Section 16-47-32 of the Code of Alabama and pursuant to a written application, with which he concurred, from Trustees Mauldin, Malone, and Phelps that read as follows:

September 21, 2021

W. Stancil Starnes
500 University Blvd. E.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

President Pro Tempore:

Pursuant to Article II, Section II of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, we request a virtual meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. to consider the following item:

- Approving Naming of the School of Medicine the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine

Respectfully,
The Honorable Evelyn VanSant Mauldin, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District
The Honorable W. Davis Malone III, Trustee from the Second Congressional District
The Honorable Scott M. Phelps, Trustee from the Fourth Congressional District

cc: Chancellor Finis E. St. John IV

Pro tem Starnes said notice of the special meeting was sent to each member of the Board on September 21, 2021.

Director of System Communications Lynn Cole introduced Tyler Patchem with the Birmingham Journal and Melissa Murph with The Crimson White.

Pro tem Starnes welcomed the media and all who were viewing the livestream.

Pro tem Starnes asked if there were any objections to the adoption of the agenda as presented. Hearing none, the agenda was unanimously adopted.

Pro tem Starnes said there is one item of business today: the consideration of a resolution accepting a gift from Dr. Marnix E. Heersink. Prior to opening the floor for discussion, Pro tem Starnes called for a motion to consider the item. On the motion of Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Phelps, the Board opened discussion on the resolution.

Pro tem Starnes recognized President Ray Watts to present the item and respond to any questions.

President Watts said the following

At this time, I am proud to announce that Dr. Marnix Heersink has made a transformational commitment totaling $95 million to the School of Medicine and UAB, which represents the single largest philanthropic commitment from any donor in our university’s history.

It is Dr. Heersink’s desire that this record gift be used to enhance and accelerate critical initiatives in the School of Medicine. This includes accelerating the recruitment of additional top talent and further driving innovation and research in priority areas.
In recognition of this exceptional generosity, UAB wishes to name the School of Medicine in Dr. Heersink's honor, as well as name in his or his wife's honor an institute of innovation, an institute of global health, a new conference center, and multiple supporting endowments.

Dr. Heersink is a renowned innovator, entrepreneur and cataract and laser refractive surgeon. He is the co-owner and chairman of Eye Center South in Dothan, which now has 12 offices in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.

Dr. Heersink and his family opened Health Center South, a 140,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art medical complex for doctors of all specialties in Dothan. He is also an owner or agent of many other companies, including real estate holding companies, and has been an entrepreneur throughout his career.

He is a fellow and member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the International College of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. He has a special interest and training in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of cataracts as well as laser vision correction.

Dr. Heersink's wife of 43 years, Mary Parks Heersink, serves on the UAB School of Medicine Board of Visitors. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Master of Global Health Program, a joint initiative between several international Universities.

After the Heersinks' then 11-year-old son Damion nearly died from E. coli in the early 1990s, she wrote "E. coli 0157: The True Story of a Mother's Battle with a Killer Microbe" and became a leading advocate for federal oversight and regulations. She co-founded and sits on the board of directors of STOP Foodborne Illness, a national food safety organization.

Of special note, the Hearsinks have six children: two ophthalmologists, a dentist, an attorney, and two recent UAB School of Medicine graduates. Three of their six children (and a daughter-in-law) are graduates of our School of Medicine and one is a graduate of UAB's School of Dentistry.

Dr. Heersink has already made several important investments in UAB, including the Heersink Family Endowed
Glaucoma Fellowship, the Heersink Family Foundation Scholarship Endowment in Optometry, and the Heersink Family Optometric Scholarship Endowment.

Through The Heersink Family Foundation, he has also made a generous commitment to support the renovation and construction of the Heersink Family Active Learning Resource Center, consisting of the atrium, flip classroom, and study rooms in Volker Hall, the centerpiece of medical education at UAB.

Dr. Heersink requested that UAB use this generous commitment as leverage for securing additional philanthropic support for the benefit of the School of Medicine, which we are pleased to do so. The School will enhance this philanthropic support with a generous gift of $5 million from Triton Health Systems, bringing the total support for the School to $100 million.

At this time, we would like to honor Dr. Heersink’s service to and outstanding support of UAB by requesting approval of the following:

- Naming of the School of Medicine as the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine and the associated Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine Endowed Support Fund;

- Upon establishment, the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation and the associated Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Endowed Support Fund;

- The Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Conference Center, which will be located in the Altec-Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building; and

- Upon establishment, the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health and the associated Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health Endowed Support Fund.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this resolution. Thank you.
Pro tem Starnes thanked President Watts for “this momentous resolution on this indeed momentous occasion.”

Pro tem Starnes asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were none. He then called for a vote, and the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Approving Naming of the School of Medicine the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine, and the associated UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine Endowed Support Fund and the establishment and naming of the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation and the associated Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Endowed Support Fund, the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Conference Center and the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health and the associated Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health Endowed Support Fund

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marnix E. Heersink, M.D., has made a generous commitment totaling $95 million to the School of Medicine (School) and The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) representing the largest single philanthropic commitment from any donor to the University; and

WHEREAS, it is the donor’s wish to enhance and accelerate critical initiatives within the School through this transformational gift that will drive recruitment of talent as well as innovation and research in priority areas, and in recognition of this exceptional generosity, the University wishes to name the School in Dr. Heersink’s honor; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the donor’s pledge totaling $60 million will be used for the purpose of naming the School, which includes $22.75 million for the creation of endowed chairs and professorships in priority areas including precision medicine and pharmacogenomics, pulmonology, oncology, neurology, health disparities, and immunology, among others, $25 million for the creation of an endowed support fund to be used at the discretion of the Dean of the School for named initiatives, and $12.25 million to be used to support innovation, research, and strategic recruitment in priority areas; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the donor’s pledge totaling $30 million will be used to support a new, first of its kind, institute with a primary location at UAB and a prominent physical presence in Dothan, Alabama, focused on entrepreneurial health-care innovation initiatives in the School of Medicine; and
WHEREAS, once established and named, the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation will be sustained through the $22.5 million Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Endowed Support Fund and $7.5 million in non-endowed funds, and its mission will be to foster and facilitate health care and socioeconomic transformation through innovation and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the donor's pledge totaling $5 million will be used to support a new institute focused on global health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, once established and named, the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health will be dedicated to the development and implementation of educational and mentorship programs and experiential opportunities for global health trainees and scholars, and it will be sustained through the $3.75 million Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health Endowed Support Fund and $1.25 million in strategic funds to assist in recruitment; and

WHEREAS, the donor has made payments totaling $30 million in order to name the School of Medicine and support the future establishment and naming of the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation, the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Endowed Support Fund, the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Conference Center the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health, and the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health Endowed Support Fund, subject to receipt of funds and Board approval; and

WHEREAS, Marnix E. Heersink, M.D., is a cataract and laser refractive surgeon and co-owner and chairman of Eye Center South in Dothan, Alabama, a practice he and Dr. John Fortin opened in 1980, which now has twelve offices in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink and his family, opened Health Center South, a 140,000-square-foot state-of-the-art medical complex for doctors of all specialties in Dothan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink is an owner or agent of many other companies, including real estate holdings and manufacturing entities in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink is a fellow and member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the International College of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, and he is certified by the American Board of Eye Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, his professional memberships also include the Houston County Medical Society, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, the American Intraocular Implant Society, and the American Medical Association, and he has special interest and training in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of cataracts as well as laser vision correction; and
WHEREAS, in addition to his participation in a number of organizations including the Boys & Girls Club and the Boy Scouts of America, Dr. Heersink has coached numerous youth sports teams for the City of Dothan and has served on the Executive Board of the Alabama/Florida Council of Boy Scouts and the Executive Board of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind; and

WHEREAS, he is also the founder of the Eye Education Foundation, which provides yearly seminars for the purpose of facilitating continuing education by means of doctors sharing their knowledge, experience, and insight; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink was inducted into the Dothan Business Hall of Fame in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink married Mary Parks Heersink, and together they have six children: two ophthalmologists, a dentist, an attorney, and two recent UAB School of Medicine graduates. Three of their six children are UAB School of Medicine graduates; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Heersink cofounded and sits on the board of directors of STOP Foodborne Illness, a national food safety organization. She is the author of *E. Coli 0157: The True Story of a Mother's Battle with a Killer Microbe*, a book she wrote after their son, Damion, had a near-fatal sickness associated with that particular strain of *E. Coli*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Heersink currently serves on the UAB School of Medicine Board of Visitors and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Master of Science in Global Health Program, a joint initiative between McMaster University in Canada, Maastricht University in the Netherlands, the Manipal Academy of Higher Education in India, Thammasat University in Thailand, the University of South-Eastern Norway, Universidad del Rosario in Colombia, and Ahfad University for Women in Sudan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Heersink has served on the boards of directors for numerous nonprofit and civic organizations in the Dothan area, Girls Clubs of Dothan, the Wiregrass Museum of Art, Houston Academy, and Landmark Park; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink has made several important investments at UAB, including the Heersink Family Endowed Glaucoma Fellowship in the UAB Department of Ophthalmology and two scholarships benefiting deserving optometry students, the Heersink Family Foundation Scholarship Endowment in Optometry and the Heersink Family Optometric Scholarship Endowment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink, through The Heersink Family Foundation, has committed a generous pledge to support the renovation and construction of the Heersink Family Active Learning Resource Center, consisting of the atrium, flip classroom, and study rooms in Volker Hall, the centerpiece of medical education at UAB; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Heersink has requested that UAB use this transformational commitment to foster additional philanthropic support for the benefit of the School and the initiatives set forth herein, therefore, the School will enhance this philanthropic support with a generous gift of $5 million from Triton Health Systems, bringing the total support for the School to $100 million; and

WHEREAS, the Heersinks' service to and outstanding support of UAB are transformational, and it is the desire of the UAB administration to honor Dr. Heersink by requesting that the School of Medicine be named the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Dr. Marnix Heersink for his steadfast philanthropic support of The University of Alabama at Birmingham and for his tremendous impact on the University, the study of medicine, and the community at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in profound gratitude for all that Dr. Heersink has done and continues to do for the University, the Board of Trustees hereby approves naming of the following pursuant to the Gift Agreement between Dr. Heersink and the University: (i) the School of Medicine as the UAB Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine and the associated Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine Endowed Support Fund, (ii) upon establishment, the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation and the associated Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Endowed Support Fund, (iii) the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation Conference Center, and (iv) upon establishment, the Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health and the associated Mary Heersink Institute for Global Health Endowed Support Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of this Board and that copies or any parts of it be sent to Dr. Marnix Heersink to share with members of his family; to Dr. Selwyn M. Vickers, Senior Vice President and Dean of the School of Medicine; and to other appropriate officials of The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Pro tem Starnes recognized Dr. Selwyn Vickers for the following comments.

I want to thank Chancellor St. John, President Pro Tempore Starnes, and Trustee Mauldin, who I got to know very well over these last several days. But I want to thank the entire Board for I know they do not take it lightly to name our Medical School. I realize they find it a valuable resource for our State and our country, and I understand that naming was no small issue for them to approve. So, thank you for this truly historic day for UAB, our School of Medicine, the UA System, and the State of Alabama.
Like Ray, I am profoundly grateful to Dr. Heersink and his family, particularly Marnix and Mary. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for your family and the willingness to see this incredible support and entrust us with the opportunity to pursue excellence. There is a lot to be done, and we have done a lot. A large part of this is continued growth, continued investment, and competing for top talent across the country.

I know Marnix, Mary, and their children understand that. They have one foot, if you will, in Dothan, and one foot in the world. They understand that talent is what often drives successful institutions. Marnix has often said, success is contributable to three “E’s”, Excellence, Expansiveness, and all Encompassing. We clearly want to build on those three “E’s” to continue to accelerate the growth of UAB and UAB School of Medicine as well as our entire System. This gift will allow us to continue to pursue our top research priorities when the competition for awards and talent is at its most challenging time.

The creation of these endowed professorships and chairs will allow us to attract the top talent to UAB and to our UA System as a part of our growth of the School of Medicine. Ray did mention that we had the fortune to have four of their children to finish UAB and three of them at the UAB School of Medicine.

We are proud to say they are graduates and we are proud to have had the opportunity to further their careers. On a personal note, I clearly shared with the Board that after visiting with Marnix and Mary, I was deeply moved by a chance to hear their passion for investing in the growth of our school and in the values they had. I am proud of the fact that their names will rest on the School of Medicine at UAB. As you heard, Marnix is extremely involved in the Dothan community. When I visited him, I met nearly everyone who was important in Dothan, including the president of the city council, the chamber of commerce leadership, and the mayor, all of whom spoke glowingly about the Heersink family and their service to their city as well as their contribution to growth in Dothan.

You heard Ray say that Mary serves on our Board of Visitors, and she is a great asset. We enjoy her advice, particularly her perspective around global health. She serves also at McMaster University in Canada in partnership with Maastricht University in the Netherlands, Manipal University in India, and Thomassat University in Thailand.

As I close, I want to say that this gift is unique. Since 1967, there have been only 200 major gifts of this size. That includes the names of Bloombergs and Gates, who gave gifts of this magnitude or greater. In 2020, there were only 17 people who gave gifts of this size in the country and only one gift of $100 Million to an academic institution. This is a significant and transformative opportunity for UAB, our UA System, the state of Alabama, and arguably the south and the world. There are very few public schools, if any, in
the Deep South that have a naming gift and there are a few schools in the entire country that do, such as Penn and Northwestern. It puts us in a very unique category. It is a great privilege but also a challenge for us to continue our growth to pursue excellence which I know is at the heart of why Marnix gave this gift. Thank you, Trustee Starnes, for giving me a chance to speak briefly about what this means to the School of Medicine."

Pro tem Starnes thanked Dr. Vickers for his comments and said, “this is just one more milestone for the extraordinary number of benchmarks that has served this medical school so well under your tenure as Dean.” Thank you.

Pro tem Starnes then recognized Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee Chair Evelyn VanSant Mauldin for the following comments:

This very generous, and as we have been saying, “transformative gift,” in the total amount of $95 Million to the School of Medicine from Dr. Marnix Heersink will improve the life and health citizens of Alabama. It will also propel our medical school to the status of a world class medical center. Several Trustees have really helped hammer out the legal aspects of this gift, namely Trustees Davis Malone and Scott Phelps. We also relied heavily on the good advice of Sid Trant and John Daniel.

Dr. Vickers and Dr. Watts have devoted their attention to how we are going to spend the gift in view of having the highest standard of excellence in medicine at The University of Alabama at Birmingham. Everyone working on this gift, both the lawyers and doctors, were unified about how important this was to our State. I want to say a special thank you to Tom Brannan, Vice President of Advancement at The University of Alabama at Birmingham. I agree with Drs. Vickers and Watts that this gift will elevate the School of Medicine in status and influence in the world and in our Country. I want to thank the Heersinks for their fantastic gift. Thank you very much.

Pro tem Starnes thank Trustee Mauldin for her comments and then recognized Trustee W. Davis Malone, Vice Chair of the Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee, for the following comments:
In relation to the gift that has been presented today to the Board of Trustees for approval, I very much appreciate this opportunity to make some comments about Marnix Heersink and his wife, Mary. We in Dothan are extremely proud of our medical community, having two hospitals serving the area. We have been very fortunate that our community has had, and have, many terrific physicians and medical personnel in particular, including Marnix, who came to Dothan over forty years ago.

There has been said today, and there will be hereafter a lot said and written about Marnix, Mary, and their family’s many successes and accomplishments. Great success and accomplishments will speak for themselves. However, while the Heersinks have been very generous and charitable over the many years, one thing that is probably not widely known about them is their long-term focus has been and continues to be primarily philanthropic. Marnix and Mary are very family oriented, and they have instilled in their children the same strong philosophy of family and philanthropy that they have. Today, we are seeing their long-term focus pursuit.

Marnix, you are seeing and believing in the momentum of and the tremendous potential in the UAB School of Medicine by making this wonderful gift in order for us to join together. That will substantially forward academic medical excellence around the world. How fortunate we as an institution and we as a people of the state of Alabama are for you and your family’s incredible generosity. Thank you so very much. I congratulate and also thank Dr. Ray Watts, Dr. Selwyn Vickers, Tom Brannan, Trustee Evie Mauldin, Sid Trant, John Daniel, and all the others that have contributed to and made this become a reality.

Pro tem Starnes asked if there were any additional comments from the Board.

Trustee Kenneth Vandervoort gave the following comment:

As a physician, Trustee, and graduate of UAB School of Medicine, I just want to thank Dr. Heersink and his family for this incredible gift that will have an immense impact on the UAB medical enterprise. Thank you, Dr. Heersink.

Pro tem Starnes thank Trustee Vandervoort for his comments and recognized Dr. Marnix Heersink for comments.
Dr. Heersink gave the following comment:

I want to thank everyone. I am sure you can all imagine what a significant day this is for our family. We have talked about this, dreamt about it, and we have prepared for this wonderful opportunity that actually has been provided for you.

UAB is very, very important to us and also to the entire State. Today is the culmination of many things in my life for which I am very grateful. I am joined by my family, and I am very thankful to have the opportunity to make a few remarks. I am also very thankful that there are no exams today because I was worried about it. At the university, there are always exams, but in this case it is not.

I can only tell you all that the opportunity for this is so special. It is transformative for my life, and we hope it will be transformative for others. The goals of all of this, of course, are the things that Dr. Vickers talked about. The opportunity for excellence, expansive, and encompassing things to make the lives of citizens better.

UAB Medical School has been so instrumental to me, even as a medical student in Canada. I was reading textbooks written by Tinsley Harrison and I thought “wow,” that’s a very special person and a special school. Now here I am forty plus years later in Alabama enjoying the opportunity to see the works that he, Dr. Volker, and so many other physicians and people have made the School of Medical so famous. I think we are on the cusp of drawing out to even reach even further wonderful, new, and exciting things.

I am also very aware that this is only possible not only because of the Board but also so many people in our lives. We are grateful to all the people that helped set this up and made it happen, but beyond that, I have been very, very fortunate and blessed in my life to have accumulated enough funds to be able to do this. But you know you do not do this alone. You do it with other people and you should always recognize them. Thank you to all of them that helped make this happen.

I really believe in something as I actually think of it as the inventive part of collaboration. I think that is the key to the future for many things, particularly in medicine. And I know that Dr. Vickers is trying to make that happen to a degree that has not happened before.
With our donation and our gift, we heartedly endorse that. We cannot wait to see things happen. Today is the culmination of a lot of things and I kind of see it as a starting point. The gun went off today thanks to all of you. I think in a few years from now we all will say “boy, this is a great initiative.” I am so proud and so thankful to be a part of it. I appreciate all of you for the trust that you have given us and to allow this to happen. To see things that we expect to happen in Dothan as well. These are my brief remarks. I want to thank my wonderful family for being here. For us, we owe a debt of gratitude to all of you for allowing us to do this.

Pro tem Starnes thanked Dr. Heersink for his comments and said:

Your generosity is exceeded only by your grace. For that, we are most thankful. You have blessed us beyond measure. And obviously, this did not just happen. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Dr. Watts, Dr. Vickers, Chancellor St. John, Trustee Evie Mauldin, Trustee Davis Malone, Trustee Jim Wilson, Trustee Scott Phelps, and indeed all of the Trustees who played a vital role in making this happen.

I additionally thank Tom Brannan, Sid Trant, and John Daniel for their work to bring this to a conclusion. Dr. Heersink, in closing I would just say to you, yesterday and for many, many days, months, and years before, people from around the globe have benefited from the UAB School of Medicine. Thanks to you, people in this city, this State, this region, this country, and indeed around the world, will feel an even deeper and broader impact from the School of Medicine at UAB. And that deeper and broader impact will be felt for generations and decades to come and for time beyond that. For this and your enabling generosity, you have our eternal thanks. Thank you, sir.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Mark D. Foley, Jr.
Secretary of The Board of Trustees