

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA  
PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**September 9, 2021  
3:15 p.m.**

A meeting of the University of South Alabama's President Search Committee (PSC) was duly convened by Ms. Alexis Atkins, Chair, on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 3:18 p.m. in the Chief Calvin W. McGhee Grand Ballroom of the MacQueen Alumni Center.

Members: Alexis Atkins, Zeke Aull, Owen Bailey, Robbie Baker, Madeleine Boudreaux, Chandra Brown Stewart, Mike Chang, Martin Heslin, Andi Kent, Kim Lawkis, Alexandria Lee, Todd McDonald, Lenus Perkins, Beth Shepard, Jimmy Shumock, Alvin Williams and Jim Yance.

Member Absent: Grace Sekaya.

Others: John Cleary, Tom Corcoran, Krisha Creal, Kristin Dukes, Monica Ezell, Bill Funk, Ron Graham, Charlie Guest, Mike Haskins, Arlene Mitchell, Margie Tuckson and Mike Windom.


The meeting came to order and the attendance roll was called. Ms. Atkins called for consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2021. On motion by Mr. Yance, seconded by Ms. Lawkis, the committee voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

Ms. Atkins turned to Mr. Bill Funk, the University's search consultant, for comments. Mr. Funk shared insights concerning the results of an anonymous straw poll completed by the PSC that ranked the nine semifinalist candidates who were interviewed remotely over September 8 and 9. He guided the committee through a discussion to further narrow the pool to a set of finalist candidates who would be scheduled for on-campus interviews. Following a thorough exchange, Mr. Yance made a motion that the committee approve a slate of candidates to recommend to the Board of Trustees comprised of the four top-ranked, semifinalist candidates as reflected by the straw poll. Mr. Shumock seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mr. Funk reminded the group that the identities of the finalist candidates should remain confidential until follow-up conversations with the candidates could be completed and the results of additional background checks were available. Mr. Shumock and Mrs. Atkins briefly discussed the next steps of the search process, addressing such aspects as candidate publicity, campus interviews and selection of the next president by the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Attest to:

  
Chandra Brown Stewart, Secretary

Respectfully submitted:

  
Katherine Alexis Atkins, Chair