

**Special Committee on Athletics Minutes**

**Chair Kelvin Lawson**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Kelvin Lawson, Chair

Chair Lawson called the Special Committee on Athletics meeting to order. Ms. Karai Lockley – Senior Associate Athletic Director of Business and Finance/Senior Woman Administrator called the roll. The following committee members were present, and a quorum was established: Trustee Ann Marie Cavazos, Trustee Thomas Dortch Trustee David Lawrence, Trustee Xavier McClinton, and Chair/Trustee Kelvin Lawson.

Chair Lawson opened with a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting. Trustee Lawrence moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cavazos and the motion carried.

The multi-media rights contract was also brought to the board for approval. There was a motion for approval by Trustee Cavazos and seconded by Trustee McClinton.

Chair Lawson needed to amend the agenda to add the revised Athletics repayment plan schedule. Chair Lawson requested for a motion to be made to move the revised repayment plan schedule from discussion to an action item and that was made by Trustee Cavazos/Trustee Dortch and was seconded by Trustee McClinton. At that time, it was approved by the committee. Dr. Robertson spoke to the committee informing them of the reasonings behind the new revised repayment plan with realistic checkpoints. Chair Lawson voiced this is the best decision based on state statute. Dr. Friday-Stroud confirmed that the Foundation commitment to assist with the repayment is built in long term – total of 12 years. The repayment plan reflects old debt that was incurred in past administrations and does not include any Covid-19 implications or losses. Trustee Dortch made a motion to approve the revised repayment plan schedule and Trustee Cavazos second it and the motion was carried.

VP/AD Kortne Gosha was given the floor by Chair Lawson to discuss several items: fundraising efforts, Bragg Memorial Stadium renovations, adidas contract, CLC Licensing, Internal Controls audit, Covid impact, budget and Athletics Strategic Plan.

The Athletics Department has raised approximately \$700,000 and another \$300,000 is projected to come in next year before fiscal year end. Bragg Memorial Stadium renovations will begin in the earlier part of 2021 thanks to the BluePrint Agency grant of \$10M. Since the September board meeting the adidas contract has been approved by General Counsel and Athletics is moving forward accordingly. The CLC Licensing agreement will be expiring in the Spring of 2021 and will be brought back to the board as an action item. The budget has not had much movement with the suspension of Football, Women’s Basketball, Volleyball and Indoor Track. A more updated budget will be presented in the next board meeting for review.

In closing – VP/AD Gosha presented the Athletics Department Strategic Plan that specifically focuses on student-athlete success, competitive excellence, brand enhancement and resources that will provide a first-class NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics experience.