

SUMMARY MINUTES
Special Meeting
Florida A & M University
Board of Trustees
July 11, 2007

Trustees Present:

R. B. Holmes, Vice Chairperson; Solomon Badger; Laura Branker (by telephone); Robert Brown (by telephone); Al Cardenas (by telephone); Richard Dent (by telephone); Mary Diallo; Pamela Duncan; Monique Gillum; Spurgeon McWilliams; Daryl Parks; Karl White (by telephone)

Trustees Absent: Chairman C. Williams Jennings

The meeting of the Florida A & M University (FAMU) Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Vice Chairperson R. B. Holmes. The roll call established a quorum. The minutes of May 24, 2007, were presented, after several corrections; Trustee Parks moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Trustee Gillum and the motion carried. The Agenda was adopted.

Vice Chairperson Holmes began by welcoming new Trustees Solomon Badger, Robert Brown, Richard Dent and Karl White. He continued by offering a special prayer on the behalf of the FAMU family for deceased SBI professor Dr. Sheryl Shivers-Blackwell, whose untimely death shocked the campus, and for the FAMU law student Mrs. Janise Joseph Woodward and her 6-month old son, who were victims of a recent Florida plane crash in Sanford, Florida. Next, Chairperson Holmes stated that the operating policies and procedures of this board require that the board elect its officers at the first meeting following July 1 of the odd-numbered year. There was an election held in May because of the departure of several Board members. C. William Jennings was elected chair and Rev. R. B. Holmes was elected as the vice chair. The Board can ratify these elections. Trustee Parks moved that the Board ratify the elections that occurred in May. Trustee Dialleo seconded the motion and it carried.

Vice Chairman Holmes noted that Chairman Jennings regrets that hi health prevents him from joining the Trustees at the meeting in Tallahassee. Further, the Board of Trustees commended the work of the Transition Advisory Committee under the leadership of Dr. Cynthia Hughes-Harris for their hard work, wisdom and commitment. Rev. Holmes outlined the process that led to the election of the tenth president of Florida A&M University. He extolled the virtues of the ultimate candidate and introduced Dr. James H. Ammons to his first meeting as President.

After receiving a standing ovation, President Ammons thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve. He stated that there can be no higher honor for him than leading his *alma mater*. Further, he expressed a commitment to the Board of facing the future together. After welcoming new members of the Board, he expressed his desire to achieve a relationship with the Board that will become a model relationship.

President Ammons introduced his Leadership Team: