

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**January 6, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

A special meeting of the University of South Alabama (“USA,” “University”) Board of Trustees was duly convened by Ms. Alexis Atkins, Vice Chair, on behalf of Ms. Arlene Mitchell, Chair *pro tempore*, on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 9:01 a.m. in the Board Room of the Frederick P. Whiddon Administration Building. Meeting attendance was open to the public.

Members: Alexis Atkins, Chandra Brown Stewart and Jim Yance were present and Ron Graham, Meredith Hamilton, Ron Jenkins, Bill Lewis, Arlene Mitchell, Lenus Perkins, Jimmy Shumock and Mike Windom participated remotely.

Members Absent: Scott Charlton, Steve Furr, Luis Gonzalez, Kay Ivey and Steve Stokes.

Administration & Guests: Owen Bailey, Jim Berscheidt, Jo Bonner, Melinda Gratwick (KPMG), Andi Kent, Spence Larche, John Marymont, Amanda Price (KPMG), Hank Rader (SGA), Kristen Roberts, Sandra Stenson (Faculty Senate), Christina Wassenaar (Faculty Senate), Bret Webb (Faculty Senate), and Ashley Willson (KPMG).

Following the attendance roll call, **Item 1**, Ms. Atkins conveyed condolences to Mr. Shumock on behalf of the Board for the recent passing of his mother. She then noted that, with quorum requirements not met, legal counsel had advised that the assembly could proceed as an educational session. Provost Kent made brief remarks and turned to Ms. Roberts, who introduced the KPMG engagement team – Ms. Ashley Willson, Ms. Amanda Price and Ms. Melinda Gratwick – for a report on the 2024 fiscal year audit, **Item 2**.

Attest to:



Lenus M. Perkins, Secretary

Respectfully submitted:



Katherine Alexis Atkins, Vice Chair

On behalf of:



Arlene Mitchell, Chair *pro tempore*