

**TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE HBCU SUCCESS ADVISORY BOARD**

FALL MEETING

Conference Room D

Tennessee Tower

October 20, 2021

Dr. Emily House called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Member	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Laschinski Emerson	X	
Dr. Doug Magee	X	
Dr. Andrew Churchwell	X	
Officer Shelley Clemmons	X	
Dr. Carol Johnson Dean	X	
Ms. Ashley Northington	X	
Ms. Brandi Smith		X
Mrs. Elaine Stallworth-Washington	X	
Mr. Ernest Strickland	X	
Ex-Officio Members		
Dr. Forrest Harris		X
Dr. Vann Newkirk	X	
Mr. Richard Donnell (for Dr. Logan Hampton)		X
Mr. Leonard Adams	X	
Dr. Vernell Bennett-Fairs		X
Dr. James Hildreth		X
Dr. Glenda Glover		X

Dr. House called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. At the start of the meeting there were seven (7) voting members physically present, and one (1) voting member present remotely, Dr. Carol Johnson Dean, constituting a quorum. There was also one (1) ex-officio member present remotely, Mr. Leonard Adams. Another ex-officio member, Dr. Vann Newkirk, also joined the meeting physically after the meeting began.

Dr. House addressed the HBCU Advisory Board on the Board's responsibilities and role as it relates to advising the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. 2021-2022 HBCU Success Advisory Board Officers

Shauna Jennings presented the information on the roles of chair, vice-chair, and secretary and opened the floor for nominations for each chair. Dr. Magee made the motion to vote on all positions as a slate. A second from Ms. Northington was made. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

A motion by Mrs. Emerson was made for Ms. Northington to be chair. Dr. Magee seconded the motion. A motion was made by Dr. Churchwell for Mrs. Stallworth-Washington be vice-chair. Ms. Northington seconded the motion. Lastly, Dr. Magee motioned for Mrs. Emerson to be the secretary. Dr. Churchwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motions passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

The gavel was then passed to Chairwoman Northington to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Magee made the motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Churchwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed with 8 ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 20, 2021 MEETING

Mrs. Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Churchwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

DIRECTOR OF HBCU SUCCESS' REPORT:

Dr. Brittany Mosby presented her report.

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II. Strategic Plan for 2021-2023 HBCU Success Advisory Board

Chairwoman Northington acknowledged Dr. Mosby, who presented on the areas outlined in statute on which the Board has the responsibility to provide advice and guidance to the Commission. Afterwards, the newly appointed Advisory Board members engaged in a strategic planning discussion for 2021-2023. The overall goals of the HBCU Success program are to strengthen the seven (7) HBCUs in Tennessee to provide the highest quality education, increase opportunities for these institutions to participate in and benefit from state programs, and ensure that Tennessee has the highest proportion of college graduates from HBCUs in the country. The strategic

planning discussion focused on HBCU performance since 2018 with a keen focus on innovative goals. The intent of the discussion was to translate the ideas discussed into recommendations about the ongoing growth, development, and enhancement of Tennessee's HBCUs.

The discussion included affordability and reducing debt of students graduating from four-year institutions, a study or consultation approach to determine where we are and how to move forward, assisting HBCU's in sharing their stories with potential students, strategic partnerships with two-year institutions to educate college students on the pathway to a four-year HBCU institution, develop a leadership group consistent of legislature members, business members, and institutional personnel to partner with across the state, and the development of a HBCU Night to target high school seniors on HBCU institutions. Mr. Adams expressed that the Advisory Board could encourage grant opportunities to assist in leadership and professional development for HBCU staff or the sharing of best practices of businesses that would be translatable to higher education. Additionally, the Board would like to focus on academic success and additional support for first-year students to improve retention and graduation rates.

Following the discussion, Dr. Churchwell made a motion requesting THEC staff to put together the ideas discussed into a strategic plan for the Board's consideration at the spring 2022 meeting. Mrs. Stallworth-Washington seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

Chairwoman Northington adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

NEXT HBCU ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in Nashville

Chairwoman Northington

Secretary Emerson