

# **Stephen F. Austin State University**

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**



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**Stephen F. Austin State University  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Regents  
Nacogdoches, Texas  
September 27, 2021  
Austin Building, Room 307  
Meeting 350**

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

The meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order in open session at 1:04 p.m. by Chair Karen Gantt.

**PRESENT:**

Board Members:       Mrs. Karen Gantt, Chair  
                              Mr. Tom Mason, Vice Chair  
                              Mrs. Jennifer Winston, Secretary  
                              Mr. David Alders  
                              Mr. Robert Flores  
                              Mrs. Brigettee Henderson  
                              Mrs. Judy Olson  
                              Dr. Laura Rectenwald  
                              Ms. Nancy Windham  
                              Mr. Spencer Coffey, Student Member

General Counsel:       Mr. Damon Derrick  
President:                Dr. Scott Gordon  
Chief Audit Exec.:     Mrs. Gina Oglesbee

General Counsel attended the meeting via videoconference.

Chair Gantt called the meeting into executive session at 1:07 p.m. to consider the following items:

Consideration of Individual Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of an Officer or Employee, including but not limited to the vice president for finance and administration, and the president (Texas Government Code, Section 551.074)

The executive session ended and the Board of Regents meeting returned to open session at 9:51 p.m.

The following board statement was issued.

The Stephen F. Austin State University Board of Regents met today in Executive Session to consider the question of revoking the contract of President Scott Gordon. The Board of Regents deliberated on and weighed the concerns expressed by the faculty, staff and students. After careful consideration of all factors, the Board did not take the action requested regarding the President's contract. The Board recognizes that the relationship between President Gordon and the academic community

currently is strained and must be reestablished by both parties with mutual respect and cooperation in order for the university to fully achieve its potential. The Board acknowledges the SFA faculty and staff to be a primary driver of the university's performance and expresses its appreciation for the continuing efforts of the faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university to advance the quality of SFA's instruction, operations and overall reputation. The Board is committed to greater accessibility in its own relationship with all sectors of the university community and affirms its own and the President's accountability for promoting a campus culture of excellence and integrity.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gantt at 9:53 p.m.