

**MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING 2021
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Livingstone College Board of Trustees Meeting
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

Bishop Kenneth Monroe, Presiding

Bishop Monroe called the meeting to order and asked Bishop Starnes to give the invocation. Bishop Frencher gave the roll call.

Members Present: Bishop Kenneth Monroe; Bishop Daryl B. Starnes; Bishop Michael A. Frencher; Bishop W. Darin Moore; Bishop Seth O. Lartey; Dr. David Aiken; Mr. Nigel Alston; Mrs. Wendee Marie Bailey; the Rev. Patrick Barrett, III; Mr. Joel Bowden, Esquire; Ms. Leslie A. Carter; Bishop George Crenshaw; Attorney C. Douglas Dixon; Bishop Hilliard Dogbe; Dr. James R. Gavin, III; the Rev. Al C. Hamilton; the Rev. Johnnie P. Henderson; Bishop Eric Leake; Bishop Dennis V. Proctor; Dr. Richard Rolle, Jr.; Bishop Brian Thompson; Mr. Bruce Stanback; Mr. Justin Wade; and the Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker.

Members Absent: Bishop Mildred B. Hines (Excused), Dr. T. Antonio Landers, Mr. Robert (Bob) Marshall (Excused), Thomas Penny and U.U. Effiong (Excused),

The minutes stood approved with necessary corrections.

Bishop Monroe greeted the Board.

Bishop Monroe called upon Bishop Starnes to hold the election of Board officers.

Those who were nominated by the committee were:

Chairman, Bishop Kenneth Monroe
Vice-Chairman, Bishop Daryl B. Starnes
Secretary, Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr
Assistant Secretary, Dr. David Aiken
Treasurer, Bishop W. Darin Moore
Chaplain, Bishop Seth O. Lartey

It was moved by Bishop Starnes and seconded that these persons be elected to their respective offices. Motion passed.

Those presented to become Board members: Bishop Brian Thompson, Bishop Eric Leake, the Rev. Al Hamilton and the Rev. Patrick Barrett, III. It was moved by Bishop Starnes and seconded that they be elected to the Livingstone College Board of Trustees. Motion passed.

It was moved by Bishop Starnes and seconded that Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. be elected Trustee Emeritus. Motion passed.

Chairpersons for each of the committees:

Executive - Bishop Monroe

Governance - Bishop Starnes

Academic Affairs - Bishop Proctor

Internal Affairs-Audit – Bishop Lartey

Physical Plant – Bishop Crenshaw

Institutional Advancement – Dr. Gavin

Student Affairs – Rev. Barrett

Investment – Dr. Aiken

Nominations for Honorary Degrees – Bishop Monroe

Finance – Bishop Moore

It was moved by Bishop Starnes and seconded that these persons be confirmed. Motion passed.

Committee on Governance

Bishop Starnes reported that all of the new board members attended the new members' orientation and board retreat. Dr. Alvin J. Schexnider was the facilitator. All trustees were asked to give \$10,000 or whatever they could give to Livingstone College. Board members were also directed to sign the Conflict of Interest forms and return them to Livingstone College. Bishop Monroe thanked Bishop Starnes and the committee.

Committee on Finance

Bishop Moore thanked the committee for an excellent meeting. He gave accolades to Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Dickens for their excellent handling of the college funds. Mr. Dickens gave the financial report, noting that the CARES Act has helped the College during this season of COVID19. The Finance Committee scheduled a meeting in early November to see about meeting the Budget projections.

There were two Action Items:

1. Approve the \$1,189,182.64 for Operations (faculty and staff support, remote learning, improvement of the football field, which includes a new score board and Heritage Hall). It was moved by Bishop Moore and seconded to increase the operating budget to include these areas. The motion passed.
2. Approve an increase in the per diem (There has not been an increase in 15 years). It was asked that it be increased from .35 to .55. It was moved by Bishop Moore and seconded to increase the per diem. Motion passed. Bishop Monroe thanked Bishop Moore and the committee.

Committee on Investments

Dr. Aiken reported on the investment portfolio. He highlighted a couple of key aspects of the report. He noted that the investments are at their highest level. Bishop Monroe thanked Dr. Aiken and the committee.

Institutional Advancement

Dr. Gavin noted that there is a great deal of newness to this committee (Bishop Leake, Bruce Stanback), but that the meeting went well. Dr. Gavin presented Dr. Anthony Davis to give the report. Dr. Davis spoke on all the areas of giving. He noted that we had a number of special projects that helped the college. Dr. Gavin stated that, "There is much to celebrate. We are operating and competing above our weight class." He also stated that we still need to double down on our efforts and leverage our success. Bishop Monroe thanked Dr. Gavin, Dr. Davis and the committee.

Committee on Academic Affairs

The new members to this committee included Bishop Crenshaw and Bishop Thompson. Bishop Proctor presented Dr. Kelli Randall, who gave the report. She shared with the board the long, hard and tedious process that brought Livingstone College through the Accreditation and Reaffirmation (approval for the

next 10 years) with no recommendations. She noted that Spelman College was the only other College to have accomplished this – and since ‘L’ comes before ‘S,’ Livingstone College stands out as first. “We need to keep the momentum going.” Dr. Randall spoke about the college applying for Level Three status to include an MBA program, which will be the first graduate program for the college. She also mentioned a possible Master’s in Sport Management. There were no action items, but it was noted that one of the geniuses of Dr. Jenkins is surrounding himself with competent and faithful people. Many board members gave commendations to Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Randall, and others who have been a blessing to Livingstone College. Bishop Monroe thanked Bishop Proctor and the committee.

Committee on Student Affairs

Rev. Barrett presented Dr. Orlando Lewis to give the report. Dr. Lewis reported that student morale is great. He also reported on the various activities taking place, which involved in-person students and remote learning students. Bishop Monroe asked SGA President Mr. Justin Wade to greet the board. He spoke about “LC on the GO” and all the other programs that were taking place at Livingstone College. Bishop Monroe thanked Rev. Barrett, the committee, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Wade.

Committee on Physical Plant and land Use

Bishop Crenshaw presented Mr. Reginald Dickens to give this report. Mr. Dickens spoke about all of the improvements going on around campus, which included the completion of the Shipman Building and repairs and renovations made to several other buildings. Bishop Monroe thanked Bishop Crenshaw, the committee and Mr. Dickens.

Committee on Nominations and Honorary Degrees

Bishop Monroe stated that this report will be given at the February meeting.

Committee on Audit and Internal Affairs

Bishop Lartey stated that they had a wonderful meeting. He said there were two new board members: Bishop Leake and Rev. Hamilton. He presented Mr. Dickens to give the report. Mr. Dickens reported on the student refunds and noted that there were no withdrawals during this period. He also noted that the college was on top of all of its reports, and there were no legal affairs at this time. Bishop Monroe thanked Bishop Lartey, the committee and Mr. Dickens.

State of the College, Report of the President, Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Sr.

It was once again noted that Dr. Jenkins surrounds himself with competent people. Dr. Jenkins greeted the board and noted that the State of the College has already been shared by the Committees. He thanked all of the vice presidents and senior staff members for their committed and excellent work. He stated that the college, though going through the “Best of Times and the Worst of Times,” is in good shape. “We are weathering the COVID-19 storm.” Dr. Jenkins noted that the college has put programs in place that will keep the college progressing. He said the reaffirmation of the college is the “cherry on the cake.” Dr. Jenkins gave special thanks to Dr. Randall, Dr. Davis, Dr. Lewis, Dr. Alexander, Mr. Dickens, SGA President Wade and others for their hard work during this process. After pausing for questions, many board members expressed their appreciation and gave accolades to Dr. Jenkins for his outstanding leadership. “Great progress has been made under the leadership of Dr. Jenkins. It was noted that all the board members and others need to get busy and tell the Livingstone College story.

Following announcements, Bishop Lartey gave the closing prayer

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Angelo Frencher, Sr.
Secretary