

**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL  
MINUTES  
December 3, 2013  
4:00 p.m.**

Trustees Present: Torey Alston, Solomon Badger, Kelvin Lawson, Spurgeon McWilliams, Rufus Montgomery, Narayan Persaud, Belinda Reed Shannon, Anthony Siders, Marjorie Turnbull, and Karl White.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Dr. Solomon Badger, Chairman*

Chairman Badger called the meeting to order and Attorney Barge-Miles called the roll. A quorum was established.

**II. Approval of Honorary Doctorate for Cleastor William Jennings, Jr.**

Chairman Badger asked Dr. Robinson to provide information regarding this matter. Dr. Robinson informed that Board that Mr. Jennings was being recommended to receive an honorary doctorate by the FAMU Faculty Senate.

Dr. Robinson shared that Mr. Jennings graduated from FAMU in 1969 with a degree in mathematics. He spent most of his professional career with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (Orlando International Airport), serving as Director of Airport Operations, Deputy Director, and most notably Executive Director for last six-years of his 30 year tenure there. Under his leadership, the Orlando International Airport made unparalleled strides. It gained national recognition for its Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program, a program started by Mr. Jennings and the airport was ranked #4 in the nation. Bill is also credited with spearheading the move that encouraged airlines to invest \$3.4 billion to build the south terminal of the Orlando International Airport.

Mr. Jennings is an inaugural member of the FAMU Board of Trustees, having served Florida A&M University in that capacity for more than 12 years, four years as its chair. He was recommended to receive an honorary doctorate because of his extraordinary commitment to FAMU and his significant professional accomplishments. This recommendation was presented to and approved by the FAMU Faculty Senate at its November 2013 meeting.

**Trustee Persaud moved approval of bestowing an honorary doctorate degree upon Mr. William Jennings. It was seconded by Trustee Siders and the motion carried.**

Chairman Badger took a moment of personal privilege to be the first to congratulate Mr. Jennings on receiving that honor. Trustee Persaud added that the Faculty Senate wanted to let everyone know that they are pleased and proud to support Mr. Jennings in receipt of this award, as it was well deserved.

With there being no further business for the Board the meeting adjourned.