KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Special Meeting of the Board of Regents
8:30 a.m., May 9, 2014
Board Room, Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky
Karen W. Bearden, Chair

MINUTES

I. Call to Order:
   a. Chairperson Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 8:30 a.m. on May 9, 2014.

II. ROLL CALL:
   a. Chairperson Bearden asked the Secretary to the President to conduct the Roll Call:

   b. Regent Mindy Barfield, Present
   c. Regent Karen Bearden, Present
   d. Regent David Guarnieri, Present
   e. Regent Travis Haskins, Present
   f. Regent LaVaughn Henry, Present **After Roll Call
   g. Regent Julian Jeter-Davis, Present **After Roll Call
   h. Regent Ekumene Lyonsone, Present
   i. Regent Elgie McFayden, Present
   j. Regent Syamala H.K. Reddy, Present **After Roll Call
   k. Regent Charles Whitehead, Present
   l. Regent Phyllis Williams, Present

   m. Eleven Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

III. OPENING REMARKS:
   a. Chairperson Bearden welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

President Sias did not have any remarks.

V. CLOSED SESSION:

Action: Motion was made to convene a closed session to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation and property acquisition pursuant to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Regent McFayden and seconded by Regent Haskins. The motion passed, 11-0.
VI. **OPEN SESSION:**

The Board reconvened in Open Session. The Board took no action in Closed Session. No action was taken.

Regent Bearden made the following announcement:

Dr. Mary Evans Sias announced that she will be retiring effective June 30, 2014, after serving 10 years as President of Kentucky State University.

Regent Bearden stated that “Dr. Sias’ leadership and vision have helped Kentucky State evolve into a world class academic institution—becoming recognized for community service, advancing science and research and educating the next generation of students capable of leading globally. As a president and as a leader in higher education who has served not only KSU, but the broader higher education community, Dr. Sias has helped others across the nation see the potential of KSU and its students. Both Dr. Sias and her husband, Shad, are people of personal integrity who have given both to the university and to Frankfort."

Regent Bearden further stated that “the Board of Kentucky State University thanks Dr. Mary Evans Sias for her service and her many contributions to Kentucky State University. We wish her and her family the very best in a well-deserved retirement."

In closing, Regent Bearden stated that the Board of Kentucky State University will put an interim president in place by July 1, 2014, and will move quickly to select a search firm and develop a presidential search process to conduct a national search.

**Action:** Motion was made to approve an agreement between KSU and Dr. Mary Evans Sias by Regent McFayden and seconded by Regent Haskins. The motion passed 11-0.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Action:** Motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting by Regent Williams and seconded by Regent Haskins. The motion passed 11-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.
Submitted by:

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Kentucky State University

Karen W. Bearden, Chair
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

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