

Board of Trustees Meeting
November 15, 2023
Zoom
5:30 p.m.

The Southern Arkansas University System Board of Trustees met via Zoom on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The following were in attendance: Erica Woods, Laura Winning, Jason Sullivan, Monty Harrington, David Lanoue, Donna Allen, Shawana Reed, Roger Giles, Sarah Jennings, Josh Kee, and Sheryl Edwards, Guests included Abe Tucker (Faculty Senate President), and Margarita Norment (Staff Senate President). As this was an open meeting, faculty, staff, and community members were in attendance. The attending media included Shelly Whaley, SAU Communications.

Erica Woods, Chair of the Board of Trustees, took roll call. All members were in attendance. She also thanked everyone for their work in ensuring a smooth transition during this time.

Board members then exited into the executive session. (5:32 p.m.) Upon returning from the session, the board chair, Erica Woods reconvened the group (6:06 p.m.) Nate Evers motioned to appoint Dr. David F. Rankin as the interim president of SAU effective November 27, 2023 and will remain until the search for a permanent president is concluded. Monty Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Erica asked for a motion to adjourn. Laura Winning made the motion and was seconded by Monty Harrington.

The meeting was adjourned. (6:08 p.m.)