



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026-3PM
2013 4th AVENUE NORTH-6th FLOOR
AUBURN UNIVERSITY in BIRMINGHAM**

BOARD MEMBERS:

**Zeke Smith, Chairman
Carl Jamison, First Vice Chairman
Robert Hope, Second Vice Chairman
Brandon Bishop
Tony Cochran
Dr. Patricia Sims
Gary Smith
Sandy Stimpson
Mayor Spiro Cheriogotis**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.**
- 2. ROLL CALL / QUORUM DECLARATION.**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**
- 4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES.**
 - 4.1 Minutes from August 13, 2026.
[Board of Directors Meeting - Aug 13 2026 - Minutes - Html](#) 
 - Motion to approve the Minutes from August 13, 2026.
 - 4.2 Annual Election of The Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair, Article VI, Officers of the Authority, Section 6.2.

[APA Bylaws - Updated 2024.pdf](#) 

Motion to approve the Nomination and Election of the First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- 5.1 Marketing & Operations Committee - Dr. Patricia Sims, Chair.
Committee Meeting Minutes-August 11, 2026.

[Minutes-Aug 11 2026 Marketing and Operations Committee.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve the Committee minutes from August 11, 2026.

- 5.2 Legal Committee - Gary Smith, Chair.
The Legal Committee recommended the following items to the Board for Approval:

- 5.3 Resolution 2026-21 - Sapphire Solutions - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer
[Resolution 2026-21 to Engage Sapphire Solutions for Professional Services-Oracle Database.pdf](#) 

- 5.4 Resolution 2026-22 – RSM (UKG Implementation) - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-22- Engage RSM for Professional Services for UKG HRMS System 2027.pdf](#) 

- 5.5 Resolution 2026-23 – Elanza, Inc - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-23 to Engage Elanza, Inc. for Professional Services.pdf](#) 

- 5.6 Resolution 2026-24 – GBIT - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-24 to Engage GBIT for Professional Services.pdf](#) 

- 5.7 Resolution 2026-25 – RAM Consulting - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-25 to Authorize Contract with RAM Consulting, Inc. Oracle EAM.pdf](#) 

- 5.8 Resolution 2026-26 – Apps Associates - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-26 to Engage Apps Associates for Professional Services.pdf](#) 

- 5.9 Resolution 2026-27– Datafyze - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-27 to Engage Datafyze for Professional Services.pdf](#) 

- 5.10 Resolution 2026-28 - Acrisure - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Resolution 2026-28 to Engage Acrisure Cyber Risk Advisory for Professional Services.pdf](#) 

- 5.11 Resolution 2026-29 - Day 2 Marketing - Maggie Oliver, Chief Development Officer.
[Resolution 2026-29 to Approve Agency of Record Letter of Engagement with Day 2](#)

[Marketing.pdf](#) 

- 5.12 Resolution 2026-30 - Direct Communications - Maggie Oliver, Chief Development Officer.

[Resolution 2026-30 to Renew contract with Direct Communications.pdf](#) 

- 5.13 Resolution 2026-31 - Fine, Geddie & Associates LLC - Catherine Reaves, Chief Policy Officer.

[Resolution 2026-31 to Renew contract with Fine, Geddie & Associates LLC.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Resolutions 2026-21 through 2026-31.

- 5.14 Finance & Audit Committee - Carl Jamison, Chair.

The Finance & Audit Committee recommended Resolutions 2026-32 and 2026-33 to the Board for Approval.

- 5.15 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.

[FY 2027 Budget Presentation.pptx](#) 

- 5.16 Resolution 2026-32 - FY2027 Operating Budget - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.

[FY 2027 Operating Budget Board.pdf](#) 

[Resolution 2026-32 - Approval of Operating Budget FY 2026.pdf](#) 

- 5.17 Resolution 2026-33 - Fiscal 2027 Capital Budget - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.

[FY 2027 Capital Budget Board.pdf](#) 

[Resolution 2026-33 - Approval of Capital Budget FY 2027.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Resolutions 2026-32 and 2026-33.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Douglas C. Otto, Jr., P.E., Director & Chief Executive Officer.

[Director-Sep 2026-PPT.pptx](#) 

[September 2026 Director's Report.pdf](#) 

7. NEW BUSINESS.

8. BOARD MEMBER or STAFF COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE / LOCATION.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026/Mobile.

10. ADJOURN.

11. ADDENDA-DIVISION REPORTS.

- 11.1 Human Resources & Safety Board Report - Heather Neese, VP of Human Resources.
[Human Resources Safety - September 2026 Board Report.pdf](#) 
- 11.2 Operations Board Report - Alex King, Chief Operating Officer.
[Operations- Sep 2026 Board Report .pptx](#) 
- 11.3 General Cargo Board Report - Bill Inge, VP of General Cargo & Central Services.
[General Cargo - September 2026 Board Report.pdf](#) 
- 11.4 Technical Services Board Report - Jason Krick. P.E., Chief Engineering Officer.
[Technical Services - September 2026 Board Report.pdf](#) 
[JKrick Technical Services Update-SEPTEMBER 2026.pptx](#) 
- 11.5 Marketing Development Board Report - Maggie Oliver, Chief Development Officer.
[Marketing & Development - Sept 2026 Board Report .pdf](#) 
[Marketing-Media Report FINAL.pdf](#) 
- 11.6 Policy & Government Affairs Board Report - Catherine Reaves, Chief Policy Officer.
[Policy & Government Affairs - September 2026 Board Report.pdf](#) 
- 11.7 Finance Board Report - Chris Ransom, Chief Financial Officer.
[Financial Services Board Report - September 2026.pdf](#) 
[Financial Services - Sept 2026.pptx](#) 