

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

By Norris

A RESOLUTION relative to the confirmation of appointments to the state university board of Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-101, provides for the governance of Tennessee State University by a state university board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that the governor shall appoint eight (8) members to the state university board of Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the eight (8) gubernatorial appointees of the state university board of Tennessee State University shall be joined by a faculty member of the institution who shall be selected by a method determined by the faculty senate and a non-voting student member who shall be appointed by the state university board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, further provides that at least three (3) of the gubernatorial appointees shall be alumni of the institution for which they are serving and that at least six (6) of the nine (9) voting members of the state university board shall be residents of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(f)(2)(A), provides that the initial terms of the members appointed by the governor to a state university board shall be three (3), four (4), and six (6) years. Three (3) members shall serve a three-year term; three (3) members shall serve a four-year term; and two (2) members shall serve a six-year term; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Dr. Deborah Cole of Nashville, Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Sr., of Brentwood, and Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, to the state university board of Tennessee State University, each for a term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Bill Freeman of Nashville, Obie McKenzie of Princeton, New Jersey, and Joseph Walker III of Brentwood to the state university board of Tennessee State University, each for a term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Stephen Corbeil of Nashville and Pam Martin of Mt. Juliet to the state university board of Tennessee State University, each for a term of six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Cole is president and chief executive officer of Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company; she is a graduate of Tennessee State University and Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Sr., is the owner of Lewis & Wright Funeral Home; he is a graduate of Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell is a clinical professor of medicine and medical oncology for the Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University; she is a graduate of Tennessee State University and the Medical College of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bill Freeman is chairman of Freeman Webb, Incorporated, a real estate development firm; he attended the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Obie McKenzie is the managing director of BlackRock, Incorporated; he is a graduate of Tennessee State University and Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Walker III is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Nashville and presiding Bishop of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship, International; he is a graduate of Southern University, Vanderbilt University, and Princeton Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Corbeil is president of TriStar Division of Hospital Corporation of America; he is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Pam Martin is the president of Cushion Employer Services; she is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the state university board of Tennessee State University shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Deborah Cole to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Richard Allen Lewis, Sr., to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Bill Freeman to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Obie McKenzie to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Joseph Walker III to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Stephen Corbeil to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Pam Martin to the state university board of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2023.