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1 (06:00 o'clock p.m.)
2 MR. FULLWOOD: I'll call the
3 meeting to order. Good evening to everyone.
4 Thanks for joining us for this special committee
5 meeting this evening. And perhaps, Janese, we can
6 begin with the role call.
7 MS. FAILS: Yes, sir. Mr. Willie
8 Deese.
9 MR. DEESE: Present.
10 MS. FAILS: Mr. Spence Broadhurst.
11 MR. BROADHURST: Here.
12 MS. FAILS: Mrs. Pamela McCorkle
13 Buncum.
14 MRS. BUNCUM: Here.
15 MS. FAILS: Mrs. Karen Collins.
16 MRS. COLLINS: Present.
17 MS. FAILS: Mr. Emerson Fullwood.
18 MR. FULLWOOD: Here.
19 MS. FAILS: Mr. Al Lineberry, Jr.
20 MR. LINEBERRY: I'm here on speaker
21 phone by myself.
22 MS. FAILS: Mrs. Faye Tate
23 Williams.
24 MRS. WILLIAMS: Present.
25 MS. FAILS: And Mrs. Patricia

1 Miller Zollar.

2 MRS. ZOLLAR: (No audible response)

3 MR. FULLWOOD: Okay. Thanks,

4 Janese. I appreciate that very, very much. So

5 we're going to begin our session today and I'd

6 like to begin with some procedural matters

7 concerning our meeting this evening. I think we

8 have the special committee assembled. We all are

9 trustees for the board. At the board of trustees

10 meeting in February, the chief of the board,

11 Mr. Willie Deese, appointed the executive

12 committee of the board. That's a special

13 committee. And our charge lies in this

14 information from various interested parties

15 concerning the issue of whether or not A&T should

16 agree to allow a road to be built across part of

17 the A&T farm, which if done would result in an

18 extension of Florida Street to McConnell Road.

19 Now that the members have heard the

20 presentations last Friday, the people in our

21 committee will deliberate and try to arrive at a

22 recommendation to be presented to the full board

23 of trustees at the next week, April 19th meeting.

24 So being the chair of this committee, I will

25 preside over this evening's meeting. And I want

1 to stress that this meeting is not a debate about
2 the public. It is an opportunity for the
3 committee members to discuss and evaluate the
4 information presented to us previously. Some of
5 you may hear statements this evening with which
6 you either agree or disagree. But we ask that you
7 be courteous and not interrupt. Visitors will not
8 be permitted to speak this evening. Only members
9 of this committee may speak.

10 So, with that in mind, we had our
11 meeting on April 5th. We had a very, very good
12 meeting and our Vice Chancellor, Robert Pompey,
13 which I will introduce to you, had taken some
14 courteous notes of our session for last Friday. I
15 thought it was a very, very good meeting with good
16 participation from the communities and the city,
17 and of course the leadership of the university.
18 And I think it would be appropriate for some of
19 you who weren't with us last Friday. Maybe Robert
20 could come and maybe recap the session that we had
21 last Friday, so I'd like to ask Chancellor Pompey
22 if he'd be kind enough to -- I just want to ask if
23 there are any other questions before I change the
24 comments.

25 (No audible response)

1 And if not, then I'd like to turn the
2 microphone over to you.

3 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Okay.
4 Good afternoon.

5 ALL: Good afternoon.

6 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Okay.
7 Ms. Zollar, are you on the line?

8 MRS. ZOLLAR: Yes, I'm here,
9 Robert, thank you.

10 MRS. ZOLLAR: Yes, I'm here,
11 Robert, thank you.

12 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Great.
13 Thank you. We have everyone. As Emerson just
14 said, we had our meeting last Friday, April the
15 5th, 2013, and we had a tour with some of our
16 trustees, the farm, after the meeting and we -- I
17 wish you could all be there. We learned a lot of
18 things including the maternal instincts of swine,
19 inside and outside. But very educational.

20 But after our meeting, the chancellor
21 gave a brief history of the extension in our road,
22 at North Carolina A&T. Then we had the Dean of
23 our School of Agriculture give an overview of our
24 A&T Farm and he talked about the strategic plan
25 for the farm for the future.

1 Then we had a discussion with our city
2 manager, Denise Turner Roth and the deputy
3 director, Jim Westmoreland, to talk about the --
4 kind of the history of the extension. The history
5 of the thoroughfare in the City of Greensboro and
6 kind of the next steps. And then we had a very
7 long discussion with our university community,
8 including alumni, students, members of the
9 surrounding neighborhood communities and a number
10 of our individuals in the university community.
11 So the following is a very brief and -- and very
12 brief -- quick synopsis. I'll thank you for your
13 time.

14 We learned that the Florida Street
15 extension first appeared on the Greensboro
16 thoroughfare plan in 1960. The overall goals of
17 the plan were to enhance vehicular access on all
18 parts of the city, from north, south, east and
19 west. The Florida Street extension was a part of
20 the plan to enhance the access from north to south
21 on the eastern side of Greensboro.

22 The additional funding for the extension
23 was included in the City of Greensboro's \$73.75
24 million 2000 transportation bond project.

25 Funding, however, there were 21 projects included

1 in that issue. Only 13 of those projects were
2 completed before the funds were exhausted;
3 therefore, the funding for this extension and the
4 other projects were moved to a 2008 bond issue
5 from the City of Greensboro that totaled a hundred
6 and thirty-four million dollars. And then
7 recently the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan
8 Planning Organization and the North Carolina
9 Department of Transportation have approved the
10 funding for the extension through funds from the
11 actual Department of Transportation.

12 As it relates to the proposed path, the
13 initial conversations between the city and members
14 of our university in 2002 through 2003. We
15 reviewed these paths in conjunction with the city
16 and determined that the paths that were proposed
17 were truly detrimental to our university farm. So
18 at that point in time, there was a lull as far as
19 activity related to this path.

20 In the 2005, 2006 time frame a new
21 alignment was proposed and revised by the city
22 that would pose less of an impact on the farm.
23 This proposal was shared with university
24 administrators; however, no approval or no
25 decisions were made by our university to proceed

1 with the proposed path.

2 In 2012, they -- discussions began
3 surfacing again about the farm. There were talks
4 -- there were feasibility studies. At that point
5 in time, our chancellor convened a meeting with
6 university officials to be in conversations about
7 any type of proposed extension. The overall goal
8 was to learn more about what the city was doing,
9 why they wanted to do it and to make it known that
10 any decisions made that would impact our
11 university would lie with our university and in
12 particular our board of trustees.

13 In May of 2012, the city began
14 conducting a project planning study. The overall
15 purpose of the study was to establish a final path
16 upon an alignment to perform an environmental
17 spree and standing and to solicit feedback from
18 the community. There have been two public
19 meetings that were held related to this -- to
20 these plans, one in May and one in November of
21 2012 and there's another one that is to be
22 scheduled.

23 As proposed this current extension will
24 stretch on the western edge of our farm and our
25 Gateway University Research Park property. It's

1 approximately one-half mile long and it's a 2.7
2 acre stretch. The proposed road would include a
3 two-lane median divided road with a bike lane and
4 sidewalks. If approved, the project will be
5 completed in the spring of 2017 and the estimated
6 project cost is \$3.2 million.

7 So then we discussed and had discussions
8 about our farm and an overview of our farm. The
9 farm was established in its current location on
10 McConnell Road in 1950. It's approximately 2.2
11 miles from campus, approximately five to seven
12 minutes. We have 490 acres. We have -- we house
13 a modern research, teaching and extensive
14 facilities. In our School of Agriculture and
15 Environmental Sciences we have 900 students and
16 the farm serves as a significant education,
17 research and recruitment tool. We at the
18 university consider our farm to be our largest
19 classroom and our laboratory on our campus. The
20 current -- three academic departments use the farm
21 and they have -- with a total of 26 courses. The
22 estimated value of the land and the buildings on
23 our farm approximately \$140 million -- again, \$140
24 million. And over the last ten years, our faculty
25 has conducted research that -- approximately \$8.6

1 million.

2 Our farm hosts a number of extension
3 activities through outreach, whether it's through
4 farmers, whether it's to our community or whether
5 it's just students. And that would include tours
6 and various programs under our Discovery
7 Agriculture. Over the last seven years, over
8 15,000 students have explored the farm and one of
9 the things that the dean and I made abundantly
10 clear is that it is essential that our farm stay
11 in this current location of approximately 2.2
12 miles from campus.

13 Then Dean Randall talked about the
14 division for our farm and where we are looking to
15 go and the overall goal there was to look at the
16 leverage of things that we already excel. And the
17 things that we already excel include our animal
18 production, our sustainable and extended season
19 crop production, child and adult nutrition, exotic
20 mushrooms and value-added products. Accordingly,
21 the school's going to pursue new academic programs
22 in sustainable land management, urban and
23 community horticulture and food and agribusiness
24 management. Our research focus will all six stand
25 in sustainable food production, food safety and

1 security, value added foods, human nutrition and
2 bioproducts and biofuels.

3 From a capital standpoint, a building
4 standpoint, the school is going to look to
5 leverage our strength through the construction of
6 a multi-use pavilion that will house extensive
7 research and academic activities. We'll also have
8 a -- include a community food concept and we'll
9 also have a food processing center. And in
10 addition we're going to establish a community
11 garden standpoint -- concept. Additionally one of
12 the things the school will do is to establish a
13 student-led farm. The dean and our team, we know,
14 and I'm one of those people that the farmers of
15 tomorrow won't come from the country in Kinston,
16 North Carolina, but they will come from urban
17 communities, so it's important that we're able to
18 educate students from urban communities about the
19 farm and the things that we have.

20 Other plans entail the potential
21 building of an urban and community food
22 amphitheater, the urban and community food complex
23 itself will be located on the western end of our
24 farm right off McConnell Road so you will be able
25 to easily see it as you drive down McConnell Road.

1 Other strategies, potential strategies out at the
2 farm includes a collaboration with our joint
3 School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering with the
4 pursuit of nanotechnology in agriculture. And
5 potential public and private partnerships that
6 will study large animal biomedical research. It's
7 important to note the need to make it abundantly
8 clear that whether we have this path or not, the
9 school will pursue these growth strategies and our
10 goal is to significantly engage our community as
11 we go forward even more than what we've done in
12 the past.

13 We heard then from our community.
14 Again, we had representatives from our student
15 body, our community, our neighborhood that are in
16 close proximity to the farm. And the overall,
17 overwhelming sentiment from those that spoke was
18 against the extension. There are a number of
19 reasons for the opposition and they included the
20 following: That there is no current need or future
21 need for -- to grow from a traffic standpoint;
22 feeling that the university is trying to force the
23 community's acceptance for this proposed
24 extension; that it will have a negative impact on
25 the community and a negative impact on the

1 environment; that it will negatively impact the
2 farm grazing area for our herd; and that there
3 would be substantial costs related to relocation
4 of assets from having a path. There were concerns
5 about will this path really impact economic
6 development on the eastern side of Greensboro.
7 And there were concerns about this path having a
8 negative impact on our teaching and research. And
9 feelings that there were larger priorities in East
10 Greensboro than having this road. And then there
11 were also concerns for us about what happens next
12 if this path were to come through. Were there be
13 other plans that would vastly -- adversely impact
14 our farm?

15 So as we go forward, some of the
16 considerations I think that you, as board members
17 and that we've talked about and need to think
18 about is, you know, how does this impact -- this
19 path potentially impact the extension of -- how
20 does it impact North Carolina A&T State
21 University, positively or negatively and how does
22 it impact our Gateway University Research Park?
23 What's the impact to the surrounding community and
24 neighborhoods and what's the impact to the City of
25 Greensboro including our partnership with the

1 city?

2 Potential benefits: As the farm
3 increases its engagement efforts through
4 initiatives such as the Urban and Community Food
5 Complex and which would include community
6 gardens, a food processing center and a multi-use
7 pavilion, the proposed extension could potentially
8 provide improved access. As we also can in
9 engagement with our joint School of Nanoscience
10 and Nanoengineering, a direct path between the
11 joint school and our farm can also prove
12 advantageous. As the Gateway University Research
13 Park explores future expansion, I propose the
14 extension would also enhance access. Areas of
15 concerns that were voiced was this -- this path is
16 going to go on the western side of our farm? It
17 will impact also the western border of our Gateway
18 University Research Park. There is an impact on
19 our current grazing with our herd that we have out
20 there and pasturing opportunities. And this would
21 force our farm management team to make decisions
22 about potentially repurposing the acreage or
23 reducing our herd population. The extension has
24 a potential security risk with the road and then
25 increased traffic that would have to be addressed

1 for the farm in addition to potential significant
2 costs related to any relocation efforts. The
3 extension poses concerns for our community,
4 neighbors also as it relates to safety and as it
5 relates to potential increases in noise.

6 Other consideration, will for the extension
7 provide substantial economic impact to East
8 Greensboro and to the community? What will be the
9 perception of the university community and our
10 neighbors if we were to approve or disapprove the
11 extension? And then finally considerations are
12 partnerships with the city. Under our
13 chancellor's leadership the university has
14 significantly enhanced our partnership with our
15 city. Over the past year, the city completed a
16 \$2.6 million storm and sewer project through the
17 heart of our campus. The overall purpose being to
18 reduce some of the flooding issues that we've
19 experienced on the southwest side of our campus
20 and particularly in our engineering complex. The
21 city also funded the repaving and resurfacing of
22 Benbow Road from the intersection of Market Street
23 to our stadium. That cost was a hundred and six
24 thousand dollars. The city -- we receive
25 fellowship from the city for a section of Luther

1 Street and there's also a plan to resurface Buford
2 and Laurel Streets in the summer 2013. And we've
3 also held discussions with the city about the
4 future of the Memorial Stadium where we play our
5 baseball games, and that Memorial Stadium Complex,
6 including renovations. Will the approval of
7 extension provide or further enhance our current
8 partnership with the city and provide
9 opportunities for other strategic priorities that
10 will benefit our farm and our campus?

11 Mr. Chair, that concludes our remarks.
12 We'll be glad to entertain any questions or any
13 additional feedback from our meeting.

14 MR. FULLWOOD: Thanks, Vice
15 Chancellor. Actually, I'll just add from the
16 special committee, Chairman Willie Deese and
17 myself, we were able to visit the farm and it was
18 a wonderful, wonderful visit. I walked away with
19 a deeper understanding of the School of
20 Agriculture and Environmental Sciences being core
21 to the university and our institution and it
22 appears to have a very strong strategic vision and
23 is really in good hands -- good capable
24 leadership. So it was really terrific to be able
25 to have that tour and to get a little more out of

1 what is being proposed with the road extension
2 there and any impacts that it would have.

3 Willie, I don't know if you have any
4 comments or not relevant to our tour. We also
5 asked -- at the April 5th meeting, we had maps. I
6 know some of the committee that's joining us
7 today, but we have a very good appreciation for --
8 exactly for the road if it was coming through, if
9 in fact it's something that's being -- is
10 recommended.

11 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: This
12 is -

13 MR. DEESE: This is Willie. I'm
14 going to echo your comments. It was the first
15 time that I spent any time at the farm but I
16 thought we had a great tour. We were out there
17 for almost two hours. As you said it was very
18 clear, seeing it in person, where the road would
19 go. It would wind up how much acreage it would
20 take and you could see where a connection would be
21 made from McConnell Road to Lee Street, so very
22 straightforward, very clear and you can understand
23 both the potential positives and the negatives
24 associated with this proposal that we're
25 discussing here today.

1 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Mr. Chair,
2 this is Robert. If any of you have the potential
3 to mute your phones if -- when you're not talking,
4 that would be great. We have -- we're kind of
5 hearing some background noise as you are listening
6 in. I have a fancy Blackberry so I'm able to do
7 that but if you all have iPhones, you may have
8 trouble doing that.

9 MR. FULLWOOD: Vice Chancellor.
10 Why don't we open the floor up to the committee to
11 either plan on any clarification and/or feedback
12 or questions relative to what you just took us
13 through?

14 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Okay.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. LINEBERRY: This is Al. Has
17 anybody talked about if the city was to buy
18 property from A&T, from the farm? Did we suggest
19 any of these options?

20 MR. FULLWOOD: Vice Chancellor,
21 would you want to comment on that or...

22 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Yes. We
23 have not received any offers to -- from the city
24 to purchase the property from us. What we would
25 talk about with the city if we were to do

1 something of this nature would be centered around
2 other benefits we could potentially obtain or
3 support from the city.

4 MR. LINEBERRY: Was there any
5 discussion -- I'm looking at the map, page 13, on
6 the connecting road opposite 30. There's a --
7 there's number four. There's a yellow number
8 five. There's a -- I call it a pink. I'm not
9 sure what color that is. Maybe making the yellow
10 with a two conference purposes suggested -- it
11 seems like it could be yellow right there. And
12 then let it curve up to the pink. Just north of
13 that. It will take less acreage. Any comment?

14 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Hang on.
15 We're finding where you're talking about. You're
16 saying you're on page 13 and which option are you
17 talking?

18 MR. LINEBERRY: The connecting
19 road, options 4 and 5.

20 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Yes.
21 Okay, now say that one more time, your question.

22 MR. LINEBERRY: Okay.

23 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: I'm sorry.

24 MR. LINEBERRY: Where the culvert
25 side is on the yellow connecting four, there's a

1 four. If -- would it be possible to use that
2 where it is yellow where it merges into the pink
3 part just north of there and use less of the farm?
4 I mean a lot less it looks like to me.

5 MR. PERKINS: This is Andy Perkins.
6 The options 4 and 5 were actually a combination
7 that allowed us to, first of all, avoid the
8 cemetery that was on the far western border of the
9 yellow route. And the pink route essentially went
10 through a church that's on the corner adjacent to
11 our farm off of McConnell Road. So in addition
12 when they did these, they did it without looking
13 at what the impacts were to other owners of that
14 area. So the alternative as you see on the
15 preferred site that we have eliminated having to,
16 first of all, go nix on through the cemetery and
17 also the alignment goes to the eastern side of the
18 church that faces McConnell Road.

19 MR. LINEBERRY: Okay. Is there any
20 economic impact, positive impact for A&T to do
21 this?

22 MRS. WILLIAMS: Ask him to repeat
23 that. I couldn't...

24 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Your
25 question was is there any economic or positive

1 impact for A&T to do this?

2 MR. LINEBERRY: Yeah, financial
3 positive, financial impact for A&T to do this.

4 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: From an
5 impact for us and it may not be as much financial
6 as much as improving our core -- we're wanting to
7 do in the future. As we are building food
8 complexes which would entail a small farmer's
9 market concept. As we are having our food
10 processing center, which we would have a number of
11 people come in and we would provide services to
12 there is a financial impact at that point -- from
13 that part but the increased connectivity, the ease
14 of people being able to get there from our Lee
15 Street area, Florida Street to that area would
16 help. And also as we are looking to enhance our
17 partnership with our joint school, a direct road
18 from our joint School of Nanoscience and
19 Nanoengineering and then Gateway Research Park to
20 our farm property would also be a benefit.

21 MR. LINEBERRY: Would it not also
22 be a greater exposure for the farm?

23 MR. PERKINS: There would be
24 security issues that we would -- measures that we
25 would definitely have to have in place. You're

1 right, with a road that will now have access on --
2 from two sides to our farm, there are things that
3 we would definitely have to have in place from a
4 fencing and other types of ---

5 MR. LINEBERRY: I meant marketing.

6 MR. PERKINS: I'm sorry?

7 MR. LINEBERRY: I meant marketing
8 as far as nearing a more built facility to the
9 general public.

10 MR. PERKINS: There's definitely
11 that possibility too where it would be a positive
12 impact from a marketing standpoint.

13 MR. LINEBERRY: Thanks.

14 MRS. ZOLLAR: Hello, this is Pat
15 Miller Zollar. I guess (inaudible) that report.
16 I think it sounds like there are a number of
17 reasons to be cooperative with the city. We all
18 operate under the -- the university operates in
19 the City of Greensboro and to that said we have --
20 you know, the closer the relations the better for
21 A&T and all of its constituents. But this is
22 actually -- you know, this is -- you know, asking
23 something great of A&T, and it's asking us to do
24 something pretty large. So the next question is
25 around this partnership and how we -- and who's

1 having those discussions and how certain we can be
2 that -- that this value that we would be giving up
3 has the same perception of value to the city so
4 you know, there is a -- there is a reason for the
5 city to want to do things for A&T, to you know, to
6 continue to deepen the relationship and being a
7 partner with us.

8 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: So we --
9 in these conversations our chancellor has convened
10 a number of conversations with our city officials
11 or a few conversations with them. We've had other
12 conversations with the city concerning our stake
13 in it and things of that nature. I think you're
14 right on point that if the university were to
15 approve or to think about doing anything that we
16 would definitely want to make sure that we are
17 getting good value and that there are a number of
18 strategic things that we would like to see happen
19 that would positively impact our university. That
20 would definitely need to make sure that those
21 things would happen if we were to do something of
22 this nature.

23 MRS. BUNCUM: This is Pam. I guess
24 my concern would be, I guess sort of two-fold.
25 Hearing -- I'm not hearing the dollar amounts for

1 what impact -- what the impact would be for the
2 university. I think one of our trustees, maybe
3 Faye Tate Williams, asked how much of a financial
4 impact it would have on the university, this road,
5 the extension and it wasn't clear and it was not
6 answered -- by the city, it was from someone from
7 the city.

8 The other -- the inconvenience of it
9 during the construction process, I mean, you know,
10 do you take two steps forward just to take four or
11 five steps backward? Given the growth, I asked
12 Dean Randall, you know, does the period of time
13 that he envisioned for the farm, how long -- I
14 think it's a three-year kind of window he wanted
15 to do some of these things. Well, that's a very
16 -- length of time that this -- and grow the
17 enrollment as well -- the length of time that this
18 road, extension, would take place, the
19 construction of it all. And then too, the impact
20 of all that on our neighbors. We have been good
21 stewards, tried to be, with the farms and with the
22 neighbors and this decision impacts them greatly.
23 So we're just not talking about the City of
24 Greensboro and what kind of deals we can make for
25 the future with the City of Greensboro. How is it

1 going -- in the long term, how is it going to
2 impact our neighbors, the neighborhood there,
3 right there by the farm as well?

4 But the resounding statements would be
5 on Friday was when -- I don't know if someone
6 asked the question or the statement was made that
7 there's really no traffic reason, no demand for
8 this road to -- like traffic or to deal with
9 traffic problem. And the other piece was, was
10 there a plan "B" if the university does not agree
11 to do this. So if this road is so important to
12 the city and to the connectivity that they keep
13 talking about, you would think that there would be
14 more than one plan. And the fact that there was
15 only one plan and that was to have us agree to
16 give up some of the farm land and no other plan;
17 that concerns me. So I had -- I was dealing with
18 all of those statements and information somebody
19 needing to try to come to some conclusion in my
20 mind as well.

21 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Was that
22 -- I guess you brought up a number of great
23 points. You're right. There is an impact of --
24 an unknown impact of construction on our community
25 and an unknown impact on our farm especially as it

1 relates to the herd that we have out there, the
2 relocation and the noise impact as things are
3 happening. And if we were to do -- think about
4 doing anything, you're right. We definitely need
5 to understand the impact with our city and make
6 sure that the proper measures are in place.
7 You're also right that they did say that upon
8 opening there is not a pressing need from a
9 bottleneck standpoint from traffic and things of
10 that nature. So that is also a consideration and
11 you're also right that they did say that there was
12 not a pressing plan "B". And these are all things
13 that when we're making a decision that we have to
14 consider -- or you have to consider. I'm sorry.
15 I have delusions of grandeur. These are all
16 things as a board as you're deliberating that you
17 have to take into consideration.

18 MR. FULLWOOD: We'd like to hear
19 from other members of the committee if at all
20 possible. Your thoughts.

21 MRS. WILLIAMS: Fellow board
22 members this is Faye Tate Williams. I did attend
23 the meeting in person last Friday. And what I'm
24 grappling with right now is that I hear very
25 clearly the impact it would have for the city and

1 that was spelled out for us but when we think
2 about the impact it would have on the university,
3 it's just not as clear. And I was very -- I was
4 quite struck by the presentation from the dean
5 about where the farm is going and the strategic
6 plan for the farm and how it relates to our plans
7 for the university. So my problem right now is I
8 see clearly -- I think I see clearly the impact
9 for the city, which is spelled out but I don't
10 think it is that clear, the impact for the
11 university.

12 MR. LINEBERRY: This is Al again.
13 Strategically speaking plan wise, losing 2.7 acres
14 for strategic relators for the farm in the
15 northwest corner, will that really affect the
16 strategic plan for the farm?

17 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: The things
18 that the dean talked about us doing and the things
19 we recap today, he stated very firmly that we're
20 going to do those things whether there is a road
21 or not so it will not necessarily impact our
22 strategic plan. There is an impact, though, on
23 our grazing area as it relates to our herd that
24 definitely has to be taken into consideration.

25 MRS. WILLIAMS: Not only is

1 grazing, I think, he also said there would be a
2 decrease in number, possibly a decrease in number
3 of the herd as well.

4 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: So we
5 cannot -- if we don't have -- and you know, I'm
6 acting like I'm a farmer now, again, but if we
7 don't have a viable option for the repurposing of
8 our farm to allow us to have the same numbers,
9 you're right, there would be a potential decrease
10 in the herd.

11 MRS. BUNCUM: Isn't there -- and
12 this is Pam again -- the question that we would
13 receive information from the community and
14 petition concerning the wetlands. And I was clear
15 Friday from the map on what portion of the farm
16 area that would impact. Is that the wetlands
17 part of the farm as well or where are the wetlands
18 located on those maps?

19 MR. PERKINS: This is Andy Perkins.
20 There are no wetlands.
21 (Off-record comments)

22 MR. PERKINS: This is it. This is
23 the old version but I'll show you where it is.

24 MR. LINEBERRY: Excuse me. Could
25 you tell me which is the first site? I'm stuck on

1 four and five.

2 MR. PERKINS: You're stuck on the
3 right ones, Al. We're going to get you off of
4 there and the preferred one in a moment.

5 MR. LINEBERRY: All right.

6 MR. PERKINS: As you look at the
7 sheet 13 and the yellow and the pink alignments.
8 Those are essentially nothing more than the drains
9 that comes down through when you take a little dog
10 leg to the right where you see the culvert as you
11 go into -- it turns into purple and then into
12 yellow again. That's where the drainage comes in
13 but the wetland areas are essentially just south
14 of the existing road and the Gateway Research
15 Park, coming down that area and then kind of going
16 out to the pink area, coming back around where you
17 see the top of it where the farm equipment area is
18 and coming down toward Lee Street. That is
19 considered as far as the federal government and
20 the corp of engineers as a 401 or 402 wetland
21 area. The rest of the area is nothing more than a
22 normal drainage facility to bring the water coming
23 from the northwest down through this acreage into
24 this wetland area or what we call a retainment
25 area, to get it off of the other areas.

1 MRS. BUNCUM: But with the
2 construction process and runoff or drainage from
3 whatever movement of dirt and whatever it -- would
4 they be impacted just being in the area with the
5 construction of potential roads down through
6 there?

7 MR. PERKINS: Pam this is Andy
8 again. The answer to that question is no. When
9 we did the construction before the Gateway
10 Research Park, we had the same issues in terms of
11 providing a preventative of silkscreens and other
12 installed drainage devices to assure that none of
13 the new material that was disturbed would go into
14 the wetland areas; although it would have been a
15 major fine. So when we -- you decide to allow the
16 city to go through with this extension of the 2
17 point -- roughly three acres to McConnell, we'll
18 put the same devices in place which is essentially
19 the silkscreens, install drainage prevention
20 devices. So that material would not in fact go
21 down the edge of the escarpment because as you're
22 aware this alignment essentially goes along the
23 track of the flattest area coming to McConnell
24 Road. If you go west of this track, you drop off
25 about eight or ten feet into the drainage area;

1 therefore, you've got to fill this back up and the
2 federal government will not allow you to restrict
3 a drainage area going into a wetland areas.

4 MRS. BUNCUM: Thank you.

5 MRS. COLLINS: And this is Karen.
6 So, if we were to agree to any of these options,
7 the modifications that the university farm would
8 have to make, where would that funding come from
9 for those adjustments?

10 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: This is
11 Robert, Karen. If we were to -- my recommendation
12 to our board would be that if we were to do
13 anything that would allow them to -- to have this
14 path, that we would insist upon any relocation and
15 other costs related to us having to make
16 adjustments be funded by the city as part of this
17 project.

18 MRS. COLLINS: Thank you.

19 MRS. BUNCUM: This is Pam again,
20 Buncum. Someone else had mentioned Friday we were
21 talking about relocation. What are we talking
22 about relocating?

23 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: So we --
24 there would need to be a -- some fencing or
25 something along the border that we don't have now.

1 So there would be fencing and things that we may
2 have currently that will be impacted. There would
3 also have to be some relocations and
4 reconfigurations as it relates to where our herd
5 could graze and all that in our farm. And then
6 there are also two -- two manufactured homes and
7 the -- and Barbara Whispering trailers. We say
8 manufactured homes in Kinston ---

9 MR. BROADHURST: Okay, so that ---

10 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: --- that
11 would need to be relocated that are right in the
12 path of the road.

13 MRS. BUNCUM: I guess one of the --
14 this is Pam again. And thank you, Robert, for
15 answering that. One other -- to put information,
16 we had asked for and I appreciate you sending that
17 to us from the city. That's the project --
18 projects that were slated from, you know, on the
19 list, I guess, you said 21. And I don't have that
20 email from you in front of me. But what my
21 question was on Friday, of the ones from that
22 particular 2000 -- and correct me if I'm wrong.
23 It was bond -- the bond that was issued in 2000,
24 right, Robert?

25 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: That's

1 correct.

2 MRS. BUNCUM: Twenty-one project
3 and of those 13 were either substantially
4 completed or completed. And my question, which
5 they couldn't answer on Friday, but they were
6 trying to get us information, was if any of those
7 projects that were put on hold, how many -- first
8 of all, how many of those projects were in
9 District 1, which includes East Greensboro? And
10 then of the ones that were placed on hold, did
11 those include any East Greensboro projects?

12 And so I got my answer with the
13 information that was sent to us and based on the
14 history of the city, it concerns me that we have
15 not seen the action that we would like to see when
16 those types of choices are made or determined.
17 Where does East Greensboro rank on the list of --
18 of a priority for the city? And my concern going
19 down the road, you know, I've listed from the city
20 their priority for doing this road; a development
21 was farther down the Winston development of this
22 part of Greensboro was not one of the first things
23 listed for their priority. And that was the
24 information that was sent to us from the City of
25 Greensboro, that they actually essentially told

1 us, you know, how they prioritize what they claim
2 to do with the change.

3 So, I mean, some of that deal is -- it's
4 sort of standing out in my mind. I mean, you
5 know, it's one thing to say what you're going to
6 do, but what have you done for the last how many
7 years as well, saying that when you have a choice
8 to do something in that part of the city, have you
9 chosen to do so when the money is there? And the
10 money was there.

11 MR. BROADHURST: Pam, this is
12 Spence. I'm trying to factor that into my
13 decision making. Help me with that. I mean, what
14 -- what -- help me with the pertinence of that in
15 my decision making as far as it being effective
16 for the trustee in A&T whether we put a road in or
17 not.

18 MRS. BUNCUM: Well, first of all,
19 do you need a road? I mean, that -- you know, I
20 could go to basics, but that was answered for me
21 on Friday. There is no -- for the real reason of
22 what you build roads or whatever. You know, do
23 you need a road for what they're trying to do?
24 There was no real yes to that. And then what I
25 just said or what I just talked about for the

1 additional information, I mean, I do expect
2 things, and we should, on action rather than
3 words. And quite frankly, the actions have not
4 been that positive when it comes to the things
5 that are not over -- over time. Some things have
6 been done and I think Robert stated those things
7 that have been done in more recent time on our
8 campus.

9 But I'm talking about in that part of
10 the city because we are neighbors. We are a part
11 of the city, so it's not necessarily what have
12 they done at A&T. What have you done for that
13 part of the city? And yes we do, because we are a
14 large part of the City of Greensboro, we should be
15 concerned as a university. And then the Board of
16 Trustees, we certainly should be concerned based
17 on action as opposed to words and a history of
18 what's been done. But...

19 MRS. WILLIAMS: So Robert, do you
20 know the impact of property value of the people
21 living in that area if this manages to go through?

22 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: No, I
23 don't know how it would impact the property value.
24 That's -- that really, I think, would depend on, I
25 think, the future development that would happen in

1 the surrounding area.

2 MR. LINEBERRY: Just a side note.
3 I remember when Bryan Boulevard, when bidding was
4 discussed, there was actually no need from what
5 people said, no need for that boulevard to be
6 built. And the neighbors were real concerned
7 about doing that. And since Bryan is in there,
8 there has been no economic development other than
9 New Garden Road. Their values have not suffered
10 other than what normal 2008 economic problems have
11 caused.

12 My only problem is whatever law --
13 whatever -- if we were ever to do anything where
14 we require, well, the city to put up a sound
15 barrier so the neighborhood would not be affected
16 greatly with noise.

17 MR. PERKINS: Al, when we did the
18 initial Gateway Research Park, part of that
19 discussion was to provide a sound barrier wall for
20 the neighborhood. That was, in fact, done and put
21 into place. It's now been in place for the number
22 of years we've had the Gateway Research Park in
23 existence. And it has done exactly what we
24 designed it to do, which is to reduce the noise
25 level and on the intrusion of animals, whatever,

1 getting into that neighborhood from the farm.

2 MR. LINEBERRY: Thank you.

3 MR. FULLWOOD: Questions and/or
4 comments that you may have over the road.

5 MR. LINEBERRY: My problem is
6 there's a carrot hanging out there a little bit,
7 seems like, by the city. But I don't know what
8 the carrot really is or call it, the partnership
9 with the city, I guess. Is there any more on that
10 thought?

11 MR. FULLWOOD: Well, I think you've
12 -- perhaps you've -- an appropriate word in terms
13 of this being a carrot, and it seems to me that to
14 really understand our interest and what the city
15 is willing to -- to do well to the interests such
16 as we have it, it would require a lot more
17 discussion with the city. I think there have been
18 several points that -- that have been outlined
19 tonight relevant to both cost, farm-approved list.
20 We've talked about the stadium. There's probably
21 not a property surrounding the area site. To me,
22 I think this was all a part of this carrot in the
23 negotiations and/or discussions relevant to --
24 this is, you know, the willing partner on the
25 other site. And, you know, I think at least in my

1 mind to get to the right point, you almost have to
2 -- to understand, you know, how far this public
3 part will this go.

4 MR. LINEBERRY: I don't mean to be
5 -- I feel like I'm taking over the conversation,
6 but I don't -- I don't know that our board next
7 week needs to come up with a plan decision, yes or
8 no. Am I wrong on that?

9 MR. FULLWOOD: Well, I -- I will --
10 what I'm -- I guess consideration to a decision to
11 perhaps allow the university to enter into more
12 discussions with -- with the city. That, you
13 know, such a committee can -- you know, and we
14 need to discuss this, but -- but could kind of
15 recommend to the full board and have a full
16 discussion that -- that there's a proposition here
17 that -- that perhaps needs more -- more
18 discussion, more thought, more understanding, and
19 we could be very affirmative that the university
20 could move in that direction. So that would be my
21 thought and other people may have different
22 thoughts on it, but that's one thought.

23 MRS. COLLINS: But I think that
24 what's in the conversation would offer some -- a
25 grade of clarity and insight because, well, I'll

1 use the word "carrot." I'm not sure I'm sensing
2 it's a carrot or if it's extortion. I -- I'm not
3 there.

4 (Applause)

5 MRS. BUNCUM: I guess -- this is
6 Pam again. I don't know if the assumption was
7 made that it would be a very easy thing or
8 decision for the university to make without
9 expecting us to have concerns or to want to hear
10 more from the city. That part puzzles me. I
11 mean, something as important as, you know, the
12 land that we're talking about, not to mention the
13 institution mentioned when it comes to the
14 agriculture piece of what we do and how we
15 educate. It's -- I guess I would have expected
16 more at the table, discussion with more detail.
17 And the fact that that wasn't, you know -- this is
18 what we'd like. This is how you -- it would be a
19 win/win for both of us. Maybe that was discussed,
20 but it didn't come through loud and clear on
21 Friday that that had been part of the discussion
22 to that extent. So for that reason, I feel, you
23 know, maybe we should get more -- give this more
24 time so that we can hear more information along
25 those lines, mainly from us saying this is what we

1 would expect because they're not saying what
2 they're going to do, but we need to tell them what
3 we -- what we would expect if we, in fact, are
4 entertaining this in a very serious manner.

5 MR. FULLWOOD: That's right.

6 CHANCELLOR MARTIN: Pam, this is
7 Harold. I think that's precisely why we are
8 having this discussion now. This dialogue was on
9 a fast track down a path where we were hearing
10 from only a segment of our population that
11 vehemently opposed this road and was driving a
12 small group politically of the city council to
13 make a decision, a most inappropriate place for
14 that decision to be made. It should be placed
15 right here in the hands of you, as our board, to
16 be having these deliberations. And if there's
17 additional information that's necessary, then this
18 conversation expands to allow for that discussion
19 to occur as it appropriately should.

20 MRS. BUNCUM: I agree.

21 MRS. ZOLLAR: Just in thinking
22 about the next steps here, we got lost. Just
23 given the events, so clearly a lot of questions
24 have been raised and the city is looking to the
25 board of trustees for some -- the city is kind of

1 looking for and what is -- what is the timeline of
2 things right now on behalf of making a -- making a
3 final decision?

4 MR. DEESE: Pat, let me -- let me
5 comment on part of your question. We can make a
6 decision about what we want to do and I want what
7 we told the city, we said we would study the facts
8 and we would come back with the recommendations.
9 So, we can change that. It is within our purview
10 to change that. But that's what we said. I don't
11 think we're on any timeline other than the one we
12 need to be on. But I do have a couple of thoughts
13 on this and I'll share them with everybody. I
14 didn't want to share mine until everybody had had
15 a chance to -- to register theirs.

16 Prior to going out to the farm on last
17 Friday, I was in a camp that said if we were
18 getting the right exchange, the right quid pro
19 quo, from the city, then it probably made sense to
20 do that. I know one of those proposals has been
21 the renovation of a memorial stadium and either
22 it's seizing over to us or we get a lease for 99
23 years of a dollar a year, something along those
24 lines, was one of the concessions. One of the
25 other concessions that they discussed was that

1 infrastructure into the farm once the other
2 strategic endeavors are pursued that Dean Randall
3 talked about last week, that the city helped with
4 those as well.

5 Now my -- my view on this is that if we
6 are going to get those kind of give-backs, then to
7 me it would make sense for an exchange of 2 ½
8 acres. However, if those things are not in the
9 offer, based on what I saw at the farm the other
10 day, I wouldn't do it. And I wouldn't do it
11 because it does move the pasture which can be
12 moved, but it does trigger a farm as it exists
13 today. My view is that I would vote to do this if
14 I had a high level of confidence that those kind
15 of improvements that we'd like to see on behalf of
16 A&T were forthcoming. And that's one person's
17 view. That's not -- which carries no more weight
18 than everybody else on this committee. But that's
19 my view.

20 MRS. ZOLLAR: Willie, on that
21 point, because I think you raised -- you know, you
22 raised a couple of issues. How -- how do you get
23 that certain view?

24 MR. DEESE: I will have to go back
25 to the leadership of the university chancellor for

1 -- to answer that question.

2 CHANCELLOR MARTIN: Based on the
3 instructions of the (inaudible), we would frame
4 out a business conversation with the city. We've
5 not had those discussions because we didn't want
6 to get out from this board pushing for aggressive
7 agenda with the city until there was some -- some
8 direction, some assessment, as to where we are
9 with you. Given -- given additional dialogue and
10 guidance, instructions from you, we would have a
11 very aggressive, consistent discussions that were
12 critical to defining what was in our best interest
13 as a university, taking into consideration all
14 possible perspective that you would deem
15 appropriate as we had this conversation with the
16 city. And we're prepared to do that and I assure
17 you the city -- the mayor of the city, manager,
18 and council would expect that kind of dialogue to
19 occur.

20 MRS. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair, that
21 really clarifies it for me because as I said on
22 Friday and what we heard was how it would benefit
23 the city. We did hear kind of three factors on
24 what was behind door number three and we need to
25 know if we do this, we need to see what's behind

1 door number three. We need specifics and how we
2 would benefit from this plan, from this deal.

3 MRS. BUNCUM: And -- it's Pam
4 again. It's not only what we -- how we benefit
5 but, you know, one of their main reasons they were
6 stressing to the city -- when I say "they," the
7 City of Greensboro representative on Friday,
8 connectivity, that word kept ringing if that's
9 what they're trying to do to make it easier to
10 access that part of the city that will drive,
11 because developers and people, if they expected
12 something, they -- that was one thing that they
13 needed from the city, is to be able to have easier
14 access to them, to get from one road to the other,
15 but that would boost economic development. It's
16 not just us.

17 I really feel like if we're at the
18 table, we need to have something concrete which
19 has not always been on the drawing board or on the
20 table that I can remember for that time with the
21 city. Grocery stores and other retail for that
22 area, that has to be part of the plan too. They
23 need to say these are the things we're looking at
24 doing for that part of the city because now we
25 have the connectivity, as a result of this road

1 coming in, so it's all had to come together in
2 that sense to get -- we -- you know, our main
3 thrust would be for the university. But we need
4 to do those types of things as well in the
5 conversation.

6 MRS. COLLINS: I think that's
7 right. And I also think that, you know, I have
8 concerns over change in city government over time.
9 And so whatever's agreed to, whether it's agreed
10 -- you know, whether we agree to move forward or
11 not to move forward, whatever ultimately is agreed
12 to in -- in that language or that contractual
13 agreement, once there's a change in government,
14 government isn't the same. Will it be sustainable
15 over time or will someone else, a new
16 administration, come in and start that?

17 MRS. BUNCUM: Uh-huh (yes). And I
18 can see them in the -- in the information we
19 received. You know, it could be approved in one
20 particular project that's listed as part of that
21 government. But then for whatever reason it's
22 taken out because the money went elsewhere or was
23 needed, you know, to go to other projects and then
24 there was no money left over. So we need to make
25 sure that this is definitely something that we can

1 carry on into the future and won't be tabled at
2 some point.

3 MR. FULLWOOD: Well, things are
4 beginning to define a path that we can take to the
5 full board next week and I -- before we get to
6 either a vote or a motion or consensus, if there's
7 other kinds of comments that we need to hear prior
8 to try to bring this to a path forward here let's
9 hear them.

10 MRS. ZOLLAR: The only thing I
11 would add to -- to Pam's comment, I think that the
12 city having a plan for the broader community is a
13 -- is as terrific thing. I mean, I think for this
14 development to really take place it benefits
15 everyone, there does seem to be kind of a long-
16 term conceived plan. But I am leery of -- of
17 doing things that are kind of outside the purview
18 of what we are -- what we are passing as fiduciary
19 at the -- of the Board of Trustees of North
20 Carolina A&T State University. So these things
21 that kind of get outside of that, I rather loathe
22 to have that be saying that we are opining on as
23 well. I would like for this to be a decision
24 around what is the action of the university, what
25 are the risks of the university? How do -- how do

1 those risks get mitigated and what will this
2 partnership, this long-term partnership, with the
3 city look like?

4 MR. BROADHURST: This is Spence. I
5 think Pat's right on point.

6 MRS. BUNCUM: My only concern there
7 -- this is Pam again -- is if we don't know what
8 the future plans would be for that portion of the
9 city. More particularly, if they do, in fact,
10 have plans, then how that's going to impact us.
11 It should be something on the drawing board or the
12 sheet itself that could have a great impact on the
13 farm's assets. So just for that reason we need to
14 know, at least here, what they're planning,
15 particularly when it impacts the university.

16 MR. FULLWOOD: So let me see if I
17 can summarize where I think we are and I'd be
18 interested in any comments. It sounds to me that
19 we have a two-step process in terms of our past
20 board; that our first step is to recommend to the
21 board or ask them -- the university to build a
22 path and have further discussions with bringing
23 out the things that we think are of the best
24 interest to the university and to some extent our
25 community. And -- and that we would have the

1 university go forward with that and then we would
2 expect to -- to hear back from -- and have
3 feedback from that discussion. That -- those
4 things would be the -- a kind of two-step process
5 that we're looking for or is there something
6 missing?

7 MRS. BUNCUM: You know, I -- this
8 is Pam. I think that's what I'm looking for at
9 this point given the conversation we've had this
10 evening.

11 MRS. COLLINS: I also agree with
12 that Emerson.

13 MRS. WILLIAMS: I agree.

14 MR. LINEBERRY: Just two bullet
15 points, those items that we've all kind of talked
16 about, make sure they come up in the discussions.

17 MRS. COLLINS: Right.

18 MR. FULLWOOD: And Chancellor, with
19 a process like that, I mean, is this the line the
20 way the crowd feels thinking in terms of how we
21 can move forward?

22 CHANCELLOR MARTIN: I'm making
23 notes here. I think I have the gist of what the
24 implications are. We have to put some substance
25 around this. I'll probably meet with a few direct

1 reports who are engaged in this conversation more
2 extensively with me to frame this out, run it back
3 by you. And then we'll use that as a guide for us
4 to move into a more extensive discussion with the
5 mayor, city manager, and appropriate members of
6 the city council as necessary to define what I
7 will characterize as the -- the fullness of a
8 partnership with the city that frames out the
9 partnership relationship that supports the win/win
10 for both the university and the city as it relates
11 to the connecting road. Is that -- is that
12 essentially the gist of what you were suggesting?

13 MR. FULLWOOD: Yes. Yes, it is. I
14 think you've outlined it very, very well. And is
15 Charles with us tonight?

16 CHANCELLOR MARTIN: Yes.

17 MR. FULLWOOD: From a meeting,
18 legalistic perspective, do we need a motion? Do
19 we need -- what exactly do we need to make our
20 recommendation to the full board?

21 MR. WALDRUP: Mr. Chair, I think it
22 would be preferable for you to accept a motion
23 and the committee vote on the motion.

24 MR. FULLWOOD: So, Robert, I don't
25 know whether you would take an oath or not, but

1 can you kind of restate what it is that special
2 committee is -- is proposing as the next steps to
3 the full board?

4 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Yes. I
5 think what our special committee is proposing is
6 that we engage in further conversations with the
7 city to discuss our partnership with the city and
8 to understand the risks that are involved in such
9 a partnership; to understand how we can mitigate
10 those risks and to further understand potential
11 benefits that -- that would be derived by our
12 university from entertaining this extension. And
13 to a lesser extent or somewhat lesser extent, the
14 potential benefit to the community.

15 MR. FULLWOOD: So if I can have a
16 committee member make the motion, I'd appreciate
17 it.

18 MR. DEESE: Before -- before we do
19 the motion, which I will -- I do support, I just
20 want to make one statement. And that statement is
21 that the chancellor and this cabinet have a
22 responsibility to nurture a relationship with the
23 city. And while I believe this responsibility and
24 this decision rests fully with this board, let's
25 ensure that not only on this particular issue, but

1 on future issues, we lead him and the -- and
2 members of his staff the opportunity to nurture
3 that relationship in a way that's productive for
4 the university. And there are times you cannot do
5 negotiations in public. I just want us to be
6 mindful of that. But I think the question
7 outlined here makes sense.

8 MR. FULLWOOD: Thank you. That's
9 been well said, well stated. Thank you.

10 Now the Chair will entertain a motion
11 framed in the discussion that -- that Robert
12 outlined earlier.

13 MRS. ZOLLAR: Mr. Chair, so moved.

14 MR. FULLWOOD: Could I hear a
15 second?

16 MRS. BUNCUM: Second. This is Pam.

17 MR. FULLWOOD: So you've heard the
18 motion which had lots of discussion. Are there
19 more -- is there more discussion or more questions
20 or are we ready to take a vote?

21 (No audible response)

22 MR. FULLWOOD: Hearing none, all
23 those in favor, please state "Aye."

24 ALL: Aye.

25 MR. FULLWOOD: Opposed, "Nay."

1 (No audible response)

2 MR. FULLWOOD: So the motion has
3 been made that this special committee would
4 recommend to the full board -- and I welcomed in a
5 path forward for further discussions with the city
6 and other partners.

7 Chancellor, any comments that you'd like
8 to make before we close? Willie and/or Robert?

9 CHANCELLOR MARTIN: Thanks very
10 much. Emerson, let me thank the board very
11 significantly for taking on this very important
12 conversation. I realize this is certainly taxing
13 you beyond the normal expectations of you as a
14 board and your time commitments. But be mindful
15 that this is a very important conversation that
16 has been ongoing for far too long and it's
17 important that we take steps to take a position.
18 I realize as well that it is also critically
19 important that our university be clear about the
20 important role we play as we emerge to be more
21 involved in economic development and growth of
22 this region and this community in particular.
23 That we take that very seriously. But we also
24 realize that this is a great challenge in long-
25 term conversation; that we also have to frame in

1 my mind very different thinking in this community
2 about the importance of East Greensboro. Economic
3 development as well. The role we play in helping
4 shape some of the conversation as well.

5 So we appreciate the role the board has
6 taken on in this conversation as -- by all means,
7 and I assure you we will take this conversation
8 very seriously. And frame a very important
9 subsequent discussion with some literature and
10 bring back what we hope will be meaningful
11 conversation and substance for you again to take
12 into consideration as you finalize the decision.

13 I would ask, though, for some sense of
14 time frame you are expecting for this discussion.
15 I would believe that it's probably going to take a
16 couple of months to spend time thinking it through
17 and framing out our discussions with leadership
18 team here as well as with conversations and
19 several meetings with the city and the city
20 council. So I think that a further discussion
21 with the board would probably not occur until some
22 time in the June/July time frame.

23 MR. FULLWOOD: Thank you,
24 Chancellor. That timeline leads to me things
25 very, very (inaudible) and perhaps at next week's

1 meetings we can get a validation of that from the
2 full board. But that timeline seems like it's
3 within the norm that we should be expected here.

4 Willie, any comments you have?

5 MR. DEESE: I do have a couple. I
6 too would like to thank the board. I thought the
7 deliberations were thoughtful and incisive as it
8 should be on issues this important. Based on my
9 experience last Friday, as we move toward making
10 that final decision, I would strongly encourage
11 each of you to get out to the farm. With it being
12 such an important part of who we are, it is the A
13 in A&T. And I can tell you all of the maps and
14 all of what you may have in your mind about what
15 this looks like and its impact, you'll have a much
16 better perspective whether you finish to go one
17 way or the other way, your perspective will be
18 much better formed if you go out and take a look
19 at the farm.

20 MR. FULLWOOD: Thanks Willie.
21 Robert, from kind of a process protocol, I'm kind
22 of moving forward. Any comments that you would
23 have that you'd like to make?

24 VICE CHANCELLOR POMPEY: Again,
25 thank -- thank you to the board. I do echo

1 Willie's recommendation that -- that you and board
2 members get out to our farm. It does give you a
3 whole new perspective on the things that we're
4 doing out there. I don't think there is another
5 way to fit any other thing on our agenda next week
6 between the retirement celebrations and our
7 meeting. Please let us know when you would like
8 to have something like that done and we can
9 arrange and make that happen. From a procedural
10 standpoint, Emerson, what we will do is we will
11 memorialize the recommendation. Then we will have
12 that prepared for you for your presentation to the
13 full board next week at our meeting.

14 MR. DEESE: And then finally I'd
15 just like to say that I think we've ended up in a
16 good place here.

17 MR. FULLWOOD: Well, thanks to
18 everyone. We really appreciate the time that this
19 special committee has devoted to this initiative.
20 I would remind all of us that we're going to end
21 the first part here. This now goes to the full
22 board for ratification, so up until we get that,
23 you know, we don't quite have it all done yet.
24 So, I think we should just be mindful that there's
25 another step to this process. So, thanks to

1 everyone. I pretty much appreciate the time this
2 evening, the time last week, and all of the times
3 you've given to a very, very, you know, complex
4 kind of issue that we have in front of us. It's
5 both an issue and it could be a major, major
6 significant opportunity in the future that we hope
7 and that it would clear up all the parties in the
8 best interest of the total community. So, thanks
9 to all and goodnight.

10 ALL: Thanks. Goodnight.

11 WHEREUPON, at 07:19 p.m., the hearing
12 was adjourned.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Dale L. Ring, Notary Public in and for the County of Forsyth, State of North Carolina at Large, do hereby certify:

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