

**Lincoln University Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee  
Friday, December 18, 2020**

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**MINUTES**

The Lincoln University Board of Trustees, Executive Committee met via teleconference on Friday, December 18, 2020 for a special meeting. Theresa R. Braswell, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Theresa R. Braswell, Board Chair; Brenda A. Allen, President; Trustees: Robert Allen; Gerald Bruce; James Jordan; S. Kenric Lewis; Frances Paul; Sandra Simmons, Kevin Vaughan, Joseph Williams; and Staff Liaison, Diane Brown

Board Chair, Theresa Braswell informed the Committee that, at a special meeting, the Trustees, Degrees and Nominations (TDN) Committee approved the nomination of Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris to receive an honorary degree at Lincoln's 2021 Commencement ceremony. She also noted that Dr. Allen will invite Vice President-Elect Harris to serve as the Commencement speaker if her nomination is approved and she is able to accept the honor.

The Chair stated that, as timing in this instance is of the essence, she called this special meeting of the Executive Committee to act on the nomination brought forward by the TDN Committee.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris to receive an honorary degree at Lincoln University's 2021 Commencement ceremony and authorized President Allen to extend a letter of invitation.

**NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE KAMALA D. HARRIS  
VICE PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 11, of the Lincoln University By-laws (Amended February 12, 2011) sets forth the functions of the Committee on Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations; and

**WHEREAS**, after Faculty input as required by the University By-laws, the Committee on Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations has made its recommendation for the award of honorary degrees to be awarded at the May 2021 Commencement exercises; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation of the Trustees, Degrees, and Nominations Committee for the award an honorary degree to ***the Honorable Kamala D. Harris, Vice President, United States of America*** at the May 2021 Lincoln University Commencement.

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.