

## **SECTION 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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The Board of Regents is the governing board for the 35 institutions of the University System of Georgia, of which NGCSU and GSC are part. The Board of Regents was created by the Georgia legislature in 1931 as “Regents of the University System of Georgia” to oversee and manage all state colleges and universities. The USG Board of Regents has the legal authority to consolidate NGCSU and GSC because of authority vested in them as stated in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA), Section 20-3-31:

The board of regents shall have power:

- (1) To make such reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary for the performance of its duties;
- (2) To elect or appoint professors, educators, stewards, or any other officers necessary for all of the schools in the university system, as may be authorized by the General Assembly; to discontinue or remove them as the good of the system or any of its schools or institutions or stations may require; and to fix their compensations;
- (3) To establish all such schools of learning or art as may be useful to the state [REDACTED] desired; and
- (4)

