



BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform:

(September 10, 2020)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Executive Committee Members (via video conference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Todd Black, Jackie Eastwood, Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Alex Walker. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Michael Shannon, Marjorie Smith, Wally Stevens, Greg Tewksbury, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Staff members participating (via video conference): Lisa Thorne, Cathy Provencher, and Karyl Martin. Member of the public observing (via video conference): Daniela Allee from New Hampshire Public Radio.

Call to Order: At 4:00 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business.

Conduct of a Telephonic Meeting: Chair Morone made the following announcement regarding the conduct of a telephonic meeting and counting all members toward the quorum requirement whether or not physically present in the meeting location:

This meeting is being held by electronic means in conformance with the Governor's emergency declaration of March 13, 2020, and subsequent emergency orders, as well as the applicable provisions of the New Hampshire Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A. If during the conduct of this meeting, anyone has difficulty connecting or staying connected to the video or audio feed please contact Karyl Martin at karyl.martin@usnh.edu.

Approval of Minutes: On motion made by Trustee Ardinger and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee unanimously approved the minutes for the meetings of August 20 and August 27.

VOTED, that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of August 20, 2020, and August 27, 2020, as presented.

Campus Updates and COVID Testing Dashboards: Chair Morone asked each of the Presidents to provide updates on campus reopening and the COVID testing programs at their institutions. President Dean presented the current COVID test results dashboard for UNH and results as of September 10, 2020. President Dean noted that the quarantine and isolation numbers are lower than expected because the number of close contacts for purposes of exposure and quarantine have been lower than originally estimated. He clarified the differences between quarantine and isolation and provided further information about the number of students in quarantine and the availability of on-campus quarantine housing for students who live off-campus. President Dean also provided an updated on the UNH testing laboratory, which is running close to four thousand tests per day and will soon exceed that amount.

President Birx provided an update on COVID testing at PSU, which currently has three active cases and only one positive case from the latest round of testing. President Birx mentioned the need to combat boredom among students and stated that many campus activities are starting up again to address this issue. President Treadwell presented the latest COVID testing dashboard for KSC. She said the College has very low incidence rates of positive cases.

President Treadwell described the wastewater testing being done by the City of Keene and KSC and recent wastewater testing results. She also discussed surveys of students' compliance in meeting expectations for re-opening, with strong compliance results. President Treadwell described the wristbands being worn to signify participation in surveillance testing, with 99% of students participating.

President Rubinstein provided a brief update that the fall academic term at GSC will begin in two weeks, fully online. He also described a recent experience of a potential workplace exposure at GSC and stated that employees were able to undergo COVID testing at UNH Law.

Board Self-Assessments: At the request of Chair Morone, Trustee Ardinger summarized the results of the Board Self-Assessment surveys. Summaries of the results are posted in the Board's meeting packet. The survey was reopened over the summer to allow greater participation and nineteen Board members had participated as of August 20, 2020. The survey questions can be categorized into four groupings: governance, culture and engagement, board organization, and administrative support. Trustee Ardinger summarized the questions that were flagged based on either the current year's average rating or the change in average rating over the preceding year(s) (2016 through 2020). She also described the levels of participation in responding to the committee questions and effectiveness ratings. The Committee discussed using the data and narrative feedback for strategic planning in upcoming meetings.

Non-public Session: At 5:15 pm, the Executive Committee voted to go into non-public session for the reasons described below. On motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Pope, the committee voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session:

VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purpose of discussing the annual performance evaluation of the USNH presidents and chancellor as authorized by the Right to Know Law provisions regarding personnel matters including the performance of one or more public employees, RSA 91-A:3, II (a).

Executive Non-public Session: At 5:16 pm, the committee voted to go into executive non-public session to discuss the annual performance evaluation of the USNH presidents and chancellor. On motion made by Trustee Pope and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive non-public session:

VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into executive nonpublic session as authorized by USNH Board Bylaws, Article V, Section 4g.

Return to Public Session: At 5:55 pm, on motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Committee voted to return to public session. Chair Morone announced the committee took no votes and made no decisions while in non-public session.

Adjourn: At 6:00 pm, Chair Morone called for further business and, hearing none, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly moved, seconded, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.