



BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform
(September 24, 2020)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Executive Committee Members (via video conference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Todd Black, Cathy Green (for Jackie Eastwood), Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Alex Walker. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Bix, Jim Dean, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Tyler Minnich, Mark Rubinstein, Michael Shannon, Marjorie Smith, Wally Stevens, Greg Tewksbury, Melinda Treadwell, David Westover, and Jonathan Melanson (for Governor Sununu). Staff members participating (via video conference): Lisa Thorne, Cathy Provencher, Karen Benincasa, Tia Miller, Doug Bencks, and Ron Rodgers. 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 Tia Miller at tia.miller@usnh.edu.

Campus Updates and COVID Testing Dashboards: Chair Morone called on the Presidents to provide updates on campus reopening and the COVID testing programs at their institutions. The outlook by each of the presidents is cautiously optimistic. The students are very glad for the opportunity to attend classes in person. The Educational Excellence Committee at its next meeting will review the results of the recently administered system-wide student survey regarding

instructional satisfaction. Each of the institutions is planning for the spring semester, including start and end dates as well as spring break, if any. Plans will be finalized, and details made available, in the near future. It appears the UNH laboratory for COVID testing will have capacity to serve some amount of the testing needs at KSC and PSU as of the first of the new year. Members of the committee again expressed appreciation for the hard work done to make the start of the fall semester a success.

Approval of Project Budget for Health Science Initiative: President Dean presented the proposed project budget for the health science initiative including a \$9 million capital appropriation from the state of New Hampshire and \$400 thousand from UNH operating funds. In addition, the university is making a substantial co-investment in the clinical faculty needed to support the program expansion. While originally expected to double the enrollment in the nursing program, the university now anticipates an even greater increase in program enrollment. After a brief discussion by committee members, Chair Morone moved the motion, Trustee Burnett seconded it, and the committee unanimously approved the project budget as proposed.

***VOTED**, on recommendation of UNH President James Dean, that a \$9.4 million project budget be approved for the UNH Health Science Initiative – Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC) **AND FURTHER**, that the project be funded through \$9 million in state funding and \$400,000 in UNH Operating funds.*

Approval of Tenure for UNH Faculty Member Appointment: President Dean presented to the committee a request for the conferral of tenure on a recently appointed member of the UNH faculty. The individual is a lateral hire from another institution for the purpose of filling a university deanship. The request comes following the full customary review by and endorsement of the department, college, and university administration. On a motion moved by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Burnett, the committee unanimously approved the request to grant tenure.

***VOTED**, on recommendation of President Dean, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of one professor with tenure at the University of New Hampshire, as presented in the supporting material.*

Plan for Presentations at the Board Meetings on October 22 and 23: Chair Morone announced presentations at the upcoming Board meeting will include each president reviewing the status of the financial and administrative restructuring project at their institution and President Rubinstein's plan for developing the system-wide capacity for delivery of online educational programming. The Board and committee meetings will be held on the Zoom videoconference with a physical meeting location available in Concord.

Non-public Session: At 4:50 pm, the Executive Committee voted to go into non-public session for the reasons described below. On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Burnett, 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 a personnel matter as authorized by the Right to Know Law provisions regarding personnel matters including the hiring and compensation of a public employee, RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (b).*

Executive Non-public Session: At 4:55 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 Burnett 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 5:50 pm, on motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Committee voted to return to public session. Chair Morone announced the committee took one vote while in non-public session and moved the following motion to seal the record of the non-public session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rutman and the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll call to seal the record until after the public announcement is made, at which time the record would be automatically unsealed.

***VOTED**, the Executive Committee hereby seals the record of the motion approved in the preceding nonpublic session until such time as the action is announced publicly, at which point the record of the motion will be automatically unsealed.*

No other votes were taken, or decisions made during the nonpublic session.

Adjourn: At 5:55 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.