

BOARD OF TRUSTEES JANUARY 19-20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

<u>Meeting Held at University of New Hampshire</u> <u>Memorial Union Building, Stafford Room, Durham, NH</u>

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance 1/19: Trustees present at meeting location: Chair Alex Walker, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Amy Begg, Donald Birx, Zachary Christie, James Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Frank Edelblut, Cathy Green, Shawn Jasper, Kevin Knarr, Christian Merheb, Joel Nkounkou, Peter Paul, Mike Pilot, Gregg Tewksbury (second session), Christiana Thornton, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Trustees participating by videoconference:

by the campus. Trustees thanked the campus for its commitment to accountability and praised the campus's achievement of reaching its fall enrollment target.

Recess Session 2: At 5:21 pm, Chair Walker recessed the Board until 8:00 am, Friday, January 20, 2023 at the same location.

Return to Order Session 3, 1/20: At 8:00 am on January 20, Chair Walker called the meeting back to order and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient to do business. Trustees present at meeting location: Chair Alex Walker, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Amy Begg, Donald Birx, Zachary Christie, James Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Frank Edelblut, Cathy Green, Shawn Jasper, Kevin Knarr, Christian Merheb, Peter Paul, Mike Pilot, Gregg Tewksbury, Christiana Thornton, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Trustees participating by videoconference: James Gray, George Hansel, Joel Nkounkou, and Morgan Rutman. Others participating in the meeting: Governor's Office representative Deanna Jurius.

Presidential Presentation, University of New Hampshire: UNH President Jim Dean and Provost Wayne Jones presented on UNH's relationship with the state's business community and how UNH prepares students to enter the workforce. The presentation touched on partnerships with businesses

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Educational Excellence Committee Report and Related

Innovation Center" **AND FURTHER**, that the source of funds be \$6.5 million in state funding, \$10 million in USNH strategic funding, \$4 million in gift funding, and \$10 million in PSU unrestricted funds.

Financial Affairs Committee Report and Related Board Actions: Committee Chair Pilot presented the report of the committee's January 19, 2023 meeting and expressed support for the cooperation among the campus CFOs apparent during their presentation to the committee. The Board then took action on three items of committee business as described in the materials attached to the committee's agenda:

Approval of Debt Issuance to Support UNH Hetzel Hall Renovation: By motion made by Trustee Ardinger and seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the issuance of debt for the renovation of UNH Hetzel Hall as follows:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee that the attached resolution to authorize the issuance of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and delegate authority to USNH officials for the renovation of UNH Hetzel Hall be approved.

Approval of Debt Restructuring Delegation Resolution: By motion made by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Trustee Pilot, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the issuance of debt for the renovation of UNH Hetzel Hall as follows:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee that the attached 5year debt restructuring delegation resolution be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Authorization of Establishment of Honors College at UNH: By motion made by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to authorize the establishment of an Honors College at UNH as follows:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the Board authorize UNH to implement its proposal for establishing an Honors College as described in the memorandum from President Dean dated January 5, 2023.

Nomination Committee Report: Committee Chair Green presented the report of the committee's January 19, 2023 meeting.

Nonpublic Session: At 11:18 am, by motion made by Trustee Ardinger and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to enter nonpublic session as described below:

VOTED, that the Board of Trustees go into nonpublic session for the purposes of discussing matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, as authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c).

Return to Public Session: At 11:18 am, following a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to return to public session.

Sealing of Nonpublic Session Minutes: By motion made by Trustee Pilot and seconded by Trustee Burnett, with a two-thirds majority required, the Board unanimously voted by roll call to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session as follows:

VOTED, that, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.III, the minutes of the January 20, 2023 nonpublic session be sealed and disclosure of action taken therein be withheld until such time as Interim Chancellor Dean determines that disclosure would no longer render the proposed action ineffective.

Chair's Closing Remarks: Chair Walker thanked all of the UNH staff who made the meeting possible, especially in light of today's weather.

New Business: Trustee Jasper commented on the need to ensure that the language the system uses to describe its programs is accurate and does not alienate constituents. Trustee Pilot commented on the effectiveness of the Greensource presentation and encouraged other campuses to develop similar presentations.

Adjourn: At 11:30 am Chair Walker called for further business and, hearing none, adjourned the meeting.

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ADDENDUM TO MEETING MINUTES

Addendum Dated February 28, 2023

As noted in the minutes, during the meeting the Board voted unanimously as follows to withhold disclosure of an action taken in non-public session:

VOTED, that, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.III, the minutes of the January 20, 2023 nonpublic session be sealed and disclosure of action taken therein be withheld until such time as Interim Chancellor Dean determines that disclosure would no longer render the proposed action ineffective.

Interim Chancellor Dean has now determined that disclosure of the action would no longer render the proposed action ineffective. Accordingly, in nonpublic session on January 20, 2023, by motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously by roll call as follows to approve the naming of the proposed UNH Honors College:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the UNH Honors College be named after Dana Hamel.