

**Western Carolina University Board of Trustees
Special Telephone Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

VIA Telephone

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University met in in a Special Telephone meeting on September 18, 2019. Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board were present: Chair Bryant Kinney, Mr. Bob Roberts, Mrs. Haden Boliek, Mr. Tim Haskett, Mr. John Lupoli, Mrs. Rebecca Schlosser, Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Casey Cooper, Mr. Tom Apodaca, Ms. Joyce Dugan, and Mr. David Rhode.

Also, present: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance; Mr. Bill Studenc, Chief Communications Officer; Dr. Cory Causby, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and Payroll; Mr. Joe Walker, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management; and Ms. Jessica Woods, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Also, present on the telephone was Kevin W. O'Donnell, Nova Energy Consultants, Inc.

Board Members Absent: Mr. Ken Hughes and Mr. Kenny Messer.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Woods called the roll of the Board members in attendance. A quorum of the board was present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Chair Kinney read the Ethics Statement as follows:

“As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my responsibility to remind all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees’ meeting. If any Board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time.” **No conflicts of interest were disclosed.**

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Roberts moved that the Board go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial appointment, of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Mrs. Schlosser seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chair Kinney asked Chancellor Brown and Mr. Browning to remain for the closed session item. Closed Session Discussion Item: (1). Personnel Discussion. Discussion ensued.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

After a short discussion, Chair Kinney asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Roberts moved to return to return to Open Session. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion.

OPEN SESSION

Chair Kinney shared information that Dr. Morrison-Shetlar will be granted a second semester or Research Leave, ending June 30, 2020, and she will receive her current salary through June 30, 2020. Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the personnel action(s) as discussed in closed session. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the personnel action(s) as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Schlosser seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Mr. Mike Byers shared the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University authorizing the purchase of natural gas from the Tennergy Corporation, as found in the Trustee's materials. Mr. Byers discussed the agreement and terms of the Resolution. Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas from Tennergy Corporation, an energy acquisition corporation formed to acquire secure, reliable and economic long-term supplies of gas for resale to governmentally-owned wholesale customers for ultimate delivery to the residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial consumers in their areas of service. Mrs. Greeley made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas from Energy Acquisition Corporation. Mr. Lupoli seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinney asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Mr. Apodaca made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Boliek seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.