

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VIA ZOOM PLATFORM

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University met in a Special Called meeting on June 29, 2020. Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present from the Board: Chair Bryant Kinney, Mr. Bob Roberts, Mrs. Haden Boliek, Mrs. Becky Brown, Mr. Casey Cooper, Mr. Tim Haskett, Mr. John Lupoli, Mr. Kenny Messer, Mr. Ken Hughes, Mrs. Kathy Greeley, Mrs. Rebecca Schlosser, and Mr. Dawson Spencer.

Absent from the Board: Ms. Joyce Dugan

Present – Board of Governors Liaison for Western Carolina University, Mr. Phil Byers; Faculty and staff of Western Carolina University: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown; Dr. Richard Starnes, Interim Provost; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Mr. Bill Studenc, Chief Communications Officer; Dr. Sam Miller, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Mr. Alex Gary, Director of Athletics; Mr. Bill Studenc, Chief Communications Officer; Ms. Meredith Whitfield, Director of External Relations; Mr. Ricardo Nazario-Colon, Chief Diversity Officer; and Ms. Jessica Woods, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL

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

Chair Kinney reminded everyone that the meeting will be conducted pursuant to the new amendments to the Open Meetings Act that apply during states of emergency. The amendments were signed into law in May, allowing for public bodies to meet via electronic means. The new law does require, however, that all votes are taken via roll call. Additionally, pursuant to the amendments to the law, all chats, instant messages, texts, or other written communications between members of the board regarding the transaction of the public business during the remote meeting are deemed a public record. Chair Kinney asked all committee members, Board members, and participating staff to please identify themselves before participating in deliberations -- including making motions, proposing amendments, and raising points of order.

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.**

Chair Kinney reminded everyone that the meeting is a public meeting and is being recorded, via the Zoom platform.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Browning discussed the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Renaming a University Facility. Discussion followed on the Resolution.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Renaming a University Facility. Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Renaming a University Facility. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. Ms. Woods conducted a roll call vote and recorded the votes as follows.

Haden Boliek – Aye
Becky Brown – Aye
Casey Cooper – Aye
Kathy Greeley – Aye
Tim Haskett– Aye
Ken Hughes – Aye
John R. Lupoli, Jr. – Aye
Kenny D. Messer – Aye
Bob Roberts – Aye
Rebecca Schlosser – Aye
Dawson Spencer – Aye

The Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Renaming a University Facility passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinney asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Mr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Schlosser seconded the motion. Ms. Woods conducted a roll call vote and recorded the votes as follows.

Haden Boliek – Aye
Becky Brown – Aye
Casey Cooper – Aye
Kathy Greeley – Aye
Tim Haskett– Aye
Ken Hughes – Aye
John R. Lupoli, Jr. – Aye
Kenny D. Messer – Aye
Bob Roberts – Aye
Rebecca Schlosser – Aye
Dawson Spencer – Aye

It was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.