

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VIA TELEPHONE

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University (Board) met by telephone in a special session on October 14, 2020 in Room 501A of the H. F. Robinson Building. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Kinney.

ATTENDANCE

Present from the Board: Chair Bryant Kinney, Mr. Kenny Messer, Mr. Bob Roberts, Ms. Becky Brown, Mr. Ken Hughes, Mr. Tim Haskett, Ms. Joyce Dugan, Mrs. Rebecca Schlosser, Ms. Kathy Greeley, and Mr. Dawson Spencer.

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Haden Boliek, Mr. John Lupoli, and Mr. Casey Cooper.

Present – Faculty and Staff of Western Carolina University: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, Dr. Brandon Schwab, Associate Provost; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; 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.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Chair Kinney: “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 conflict 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 or 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.” **There were no conflicts disclosed.**

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

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Roberts moved that the Board go into closed session to consider the competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial appointment, of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Mr. Messer seconded the motion. The motion to go into Closed Session was unanimously approved by the board.

Chair Kinney asked Chancellor Brown, Dr. Schwab, and Mr. Browning to remain for the closed session items.

Chair Kinney recognized Chancellor Brown and Dr. Schwab for the Personnel Discussion of the College of Business Dean candidate. Dr. Schwab shared the cover letter, CV, and Academic SAAO-Tier 1 Employment Agreement and recommended the Dean of College of Business candidate to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Chair Kinney recognized Chancellor Brown for the Personnel Discussion of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs candidate. Chancellor Brown shared the CV, AA-12, and Senior Academic/Administrative Officer-Tier 1 Employment Agreement and recommended the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs candidate to the Board of Trustees for approval.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to return to open session. Mr. Roberts moved that the Board return to Open Session. Mrs. Schlosser seconded the motion. The motion to return to Open Session was unanimously approved by the board.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the recommended Dean of College of Business candidate as discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the candidate and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the recommended Full Professorship of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs candidate as discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the candidate and Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the recommended Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs candidate as discussed in Closed Session. Mrs. Greeley made a motion to approve the candidate and Mrs. Schlosser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Messer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.