

SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VIA TELEPHONE

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University met by telephone in a special session on February 28, 2020 in Room 501A of the H. F. Robinson Building. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Kinney.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board were present: Chair Bryant Kinney, Mr. John Lupoli, Mr. Kenny Messer, Mr. Bob Roberts, Mrs. Haden Boliek, Mr. Ken Hughes, Mr. Tim Haskett, Mrs. Rebecca Schlosser, Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Casey Cooper, and Mr. David Rhode, SGA President.

Board Member Absent: Ms. Joyce Dugan

Present – Faculty and Staff of Western Carolina University: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Ms. Jamie Raynor, Interim Vice Chancellor for Advancement; Ms. Ivy Gibson, Associate 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.

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. Ms. Boliek seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Chair Kinney asked Chancellor Brown, Mr. Browning, and Ms. Gibson to remain for the closed session item.

Chancellor Brown recommended the candidate to the Board of Trustees for approval and reminded the Trustees of the Search Committee members. Ivy Gibson reviewed and discussed the Term Sheet and Employment Agreement for the Director of Athletics.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Roberts moved that the Board return to Open Session. Mr. Lupoli seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the recommended candidate and the Employment Agreement of the Director of Athletics as discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the candidate and the Employment Agreement. Ms. Boliek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Messer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Boliek seconded the motion; and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.