

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

April 28, 2023

ZOOM MEETING/ H.F. Robinson Building, Room 501A

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University (Board) met on April 28, 2023, in Room 501A of the H.F.R. Administration Building. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**Attendance**

**The following members of the Board were present:** Chair Bob Roberts, Ms. Haden Boliek, Mr. William Brawley, Ms. Becky Brown, Mr. Casey Cooper, Mr. Joe Crocker, Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Tim Haskett, Mr. Ken Hughes, Mr. Bryant Kinney, Mr. Jake Robinson, Ms. Rebecca Schlosser, and Mr. CJ Mitchell.

**Present – Faculty and staff of Western Carolina University:** Chancellor Kelli R. Brown; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; 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 Roberts 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 Roberts reminded everyone that the meeting is a public meeting and is being recorded, via the Zoom platform, and is being livestreamed, and members of the media may be present.

**Closed Session**

Chair Roberts asked for a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Greeley made a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information, or information not considered a public record pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(2) as described on the April 28, 2023, Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Closed Session Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crocker. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Chair Roberts asked Chancellor Brown, Dr. Melissa Wargo, and Mr. Browning to remain for Closed Session. The Closed Session discussion item is exempt from disclosure pursuant to § NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(2): To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award. Discussion followed regarding the Closed Session Agenda Item.

### **Resumption of Open Session**

Chair Roberts asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Brown made the motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. The board unanimously approved to return to Open Session.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Roberts asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Motion to adjourn Ms. Greeley and a second from Mr. Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved by board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.