

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
April 4, 2023
ZOOM MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University (Board) met on April 4, 2023, via Zoom. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm PST/3:30 pm EST.

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 Ms. Estefany Gordillo-Rivas.

Present – Faculty and staff of Western Carolina University: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Dr. Cory Causby, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and Payroll; 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)(6) as described on the April 4, 2023, Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Closed Session Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Chair Roberts asked Chancellor Brown, Provost Starnes, Dr. Wargo, Mr. Browning, and Dr. Causby to remain for Closed Session. Discussion followed on the Closed Session Agenda Item.

Resumption of Open Session

Chair Roberts asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Kinney made the motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper. The board unanimously approved to return to Open Session.

Personnel Item: Approval of Salary Adjustment for SAAO Tier 1 Employee

Chair Roberts asked for a motion to approve the salary adjustment for the SAAO Tier 1 Employee, Dean Kim Winter, as discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Kinney made the motion to approve the salary adjustment for the SAAO Tier 1 Employee, Dean Kim Winter. Mr. Crocker seconded the motion. The salary adjustment for the SAAO Tier 1 Employee, Dean Kim Winter was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm PST/4:00 pm EST.