

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

July 14, 2022

ZOOM MEETING/Chancellor's Boardroom, H.F. Robinson Building, Room 501A

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University (Board) met on July 14, 2022, in Room 501A of the H.F.R. Administration Building. Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Attendance

The following members of the Board were present: Chair Bob Roberts, Ms. Haden Boliek, Mr. Joe Crocker, Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Tim Haskett, Mr. Bryant Kinney, Mr. Jake Robinson, Ms. Rebecca Schlosser, and Ms. Gordillo-Rivas.

The following members of the Board were absent: Mr. William Brawley, Ms. Becky Brown, Mr. Casey Cooper, and Mr. Ken Hughes.

Present – Faculty and staff of Western Carolina University: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, Dr. Richard Starnes, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; and Mr. Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance.

Roll Call

Mr. Browning 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.

Election of Officers

Election of Chair

Chair Roberts asked Vice Chair Greeley to preside over this action item. Vice Chair Greeley opened nominations for Chair from the floor. Mr. Haskett made a motion to nominate Mr. Bob

Roberts for Chair of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Roberts was reelected Chair of the Board of Trustees by acclamation.

Election of Vice Chair

Chair Roberts opened nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Kinney made a motion to nominate Ms. Kathy Greeley for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Greeley was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees by acclamation.

Election of Secretary

Chair Roberts thanked Ms. Schlosser for her service as Secretary to the Board of Trustees for the past two years. Chair Roberts shared that pursuant to the bylaws, Ms. Schlosser is not eligible for reelection as secretary, as she has served two consecutive terms in that office. Chair Roberts opened nominations for Secretary. Ms. Schlosser made a motion to nominate Ms. Brown for Secretary. Ms. Brown was elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees by acclamation.

Vote on Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Chair Roberts moved that the Board of Trustees confirm the reappointment of three committee chairs and three committee vice chairs. Chair Roberts reappointed Ms. Haden Boliek for Chair of Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee, Ms. Kathy Greeley for Chair of Administration, Governance, and Trusteeship Committee, and Mr. Casey Cooper for Chair of Finance and Audit Committee. Chair Roberts reappointed Ms. Rebecca Schlosser for Vice Chair of Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee; Mr. Tim Haskett for Vice Chair of Administration, Governance, and Trusteeship Committee; and Mr. Ken Hughes for Vice Chair of Finance and Audit Committee.

Chair Roberts asked for a second to the motion requesting confirmation of the Chairs and Vice Chairs as listed in TAB 1 of the Trustee materials. Ms. Greeley seconded the motion. The committee Chairs and Vice Chairs appointments were unanimously confirmed as stated. Motion carried.

Chair Roberts confirmed the appointments of members listed in TAB 1 of the Trustee materials to their respective committees under the Administration and Governance Committee, Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee, and Finance and Audit Committee. Chair Roberts moved to approve the appointment of the individuals to their respective committees as listed in TAB 1 of the Trustee materials. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The appointments of the members to their respective committees were unanimously confirmed as written by the board. Motion carried.

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 information considered exempt from public disclosure pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) as described on the July 14, 2022, Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Closed Session Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

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

Resumption of Open Session

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.