

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

June 29, 2021

8:30 am

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

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University (Board) met on June 29, 2021 in Room 501A of the H.F.R. Administration Building. Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance

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

The following members of the Board were absent: Ms. Joyce Dugan.

Present – Faculty and staff of Western Carolina University: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown; Provost Richard Starnes; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Mr. Alex Gary, Athletics Director; Dr. Sam Miller, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Dr. BaShaun Smith, Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Mr. Benny Smith, Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations; and Ms. Jessica Woods, Assistant to the Chancellor/Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees to take minutes.

Roll Call

Ms. Woods called the roll of the Board members in attendance. A quorum of the board was present.

Ethics Statement

Chair Kinney 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 Kinney reminded everyone that the meeting is a public meeting and is being recorded.

Closed Session

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Mr. Roberts called a motion for the Board to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information, or information not considered a public record within the meaning of the NC Public Records Act to: prevent the disclosure of information considered exempt from public disclosure pursuant to § NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(1); (a)(2); (a)(3); and (a)(6) as described on the June 29, 2021 Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University Closed Session Agenda. Mr. Lupoli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Chair Kinney asked for Chancellor Brown, Provost Starnes, and Mr. Browning to remain for the first closed session item.

Chair Kinney asked for Chancellor Brown, Dr. Wargo, Mr. Browning, and Mr. Gary to remain for the second closed session item.

Chair Kinney asked for Chancellor Brown, Mr. Browning, Dr. Miller, and Dr. Smith to remain for the final closed session item.

Resumption of Open Session

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to return to open session. Ms. Brown made the motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Greeley. The board unanimously approved.

Personnel Item - Discussion of Tenure, Promotion, or Reappointment Candidate

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the rank of Associate Professor for the candidate ad discussed in closed session. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the rank of Associate Professor for the candidate ad discussed in closed session. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve Tenure for the candidate as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Greeley made a motion to approve Tenure for the candidate as discussed in closed session. Mrs. Schlosser seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Student Conduct Appeal

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the Student Conduct Appeal decision, as discussed in closed session. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the Student Conduct Appeal decision as discussed in closed session. Mr. Haskett seconded the motion. The decision was unanimously approved. Chair Kinney asked Mr. Browning to please communicate the board's decision to the appellant as soon as practical.

Adjournment

Chair Kinney asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Motion to adjourn from Mrs. Schlosser and a second from Mr. Lupoli. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Chair Kinney adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.