



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Audit, Compliance, and Enterprise Risk Management Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
The Dubois Center, UNC Charlotte Center City, Auditorium

Open Session Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Larry Shaheen Jr., Chair
Tom Scrivener, Vice Chair
John Bailey
Sasha Weintraub
Dontá Wilson, *ex officio*

Committee Member Not in Attendance

Geoff Gray

Other Trustees in Attendance

Michael Smith

Staff/Faculty in Attendance

Sharon Gaber, Chancellor
Richard Amon, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Jesse Beauman, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Deputy CIO
Kim Bradley, Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Joe Bost, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships
Mike Carlin, Vice Chancellor for OneIT and Chief Information Officer
Tina Dadio, University Public Records Officer/Legal Specialist
Steven Dunham, Chief Risk Officer
Shari Dunn, Senior Director of Executive Communications
Sarah Edwards, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Chris Gonyar, Associate Vice Chancellor for Safety & Security
Maya Hood, Paralegal
Andrew James, University Communications, Media Relations Specialist
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
Stephanie Klein, Lieutenant/Accreditation Manager
Anna Parks, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
Michelle Reinken, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Civil Rights and Title IX/Title IX Coordinator

Tarveras Rogers, IT Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor
Erica Solosky, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Ethics, Policy, and Compliance
and Interim Deputy General Counsel
Buffie Stephens, Director, Media Relations & Issues Management
Kevin Vehar, Internal Audit Manager, Certified Internal Auditor
Greg Verret, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Director of Treasury Services
Jennifer Walker, Chief Audit Officer
Richard West, Sergeant/Criminal Investigations Division

Technical Support Staff

Justin Ashe, Client Engagement, Director, Client Solutions and Support
Brad Bowen, Manager, Digital Media Communications – Video Support
Emily Brown, Classroom Technology and Support Services, A/V Event Support Technician-
Dubois Center
John Finger, Media Production Team, Online Multimedia Specialist
Alex Frizzell, Media Production Team, Lead Production Manager
Harrison Hieb, Digital Media Communications, Cinematographer/Videographer
Adrian Jelley, OneIT, Technology Analyst
Casey Leblanc, OneIT, Technology Support Analyst
Griff Myers, Learning Space Technology, Classroom Support Supervisor
Sean Stallings, Media Production Team, Media Production Specialist, Remote Technician
Natasha Stracener, Media Production Team, Instructional Media Production Manager, In-person
Technician
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Guests

Davis Cuffe, Editor-in-Chief, Niner Times

Call to Order. Mr. Shaheen called the meeting to order and reminded Committee members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act and advised Committee members to notify him immediately if anyone should become aware of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest during the meeting. No conflicts were reported.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Mr. Shaheen requested action on the August 22, 2025, Audit, Compliance, and Enterprise Risk Management Committee (ACERM) meeting minutes.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Dr. Weintraub, the Committee approved the August 22, 2025, Audit, Compliance, and Enterprise Risk Management Committee minutes.

Internal Audit Update. Ms. Walker provided an update on the status of the FY26 Internal Audit Plan and summarized the results of internal audit projects that were completed since the last ACERM Committee Meeting, with no high-risk findings reported. Ms. Walker also reported on the completion of the Internal Quality Assessment Review of the Internal Audit Department, confirming full compliance with the Institute of Internal Auditors' Global Internal Audit Standards. Ms. Walker indicated that there were no exceptions noted, and no changes were required to current practices in the Department.

Gramm Leach Bliley Act (GLBA) Annual Report Update. Ms. Solosky and Mr. Verret presented the University's Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (GLBA) Annual Report. Mr. Verret indicated that the GLBA Committee identified Niner Central and the Office of Financial Aid as the primary focus areas for this year's risk assessment. Ms. Solosky reported that both areas are operating effectively and complying with their prescribed policies and procedures, with no risks or vulnerabilities. Ms. Solosky noted that the GLBA Committee, including the following campus partners: the Office of OneIT Security and Compliance, the University Bursar's Office, the Office of Student Financial Aid, and the Office of Ethics, Policy, and Compliance, will reconvene in January 2026 to identify areas and units for next year's risk assessment.

Information Security Update. Dr. Carlin and Mr. Beauman presented the annual information security update to the Committee. Dr. Carlin reported that the University faces hundreds of millions of external cyberattacks daily but maintains strong defenses. Dr. Carlin also reported that 98% of employees have completed the mandatory IT security training, which now includes a module on AI privacy and security. Dr. Carlin provided a brief overview of the Spring 2026 Network Penetration Test and stated that the report results will be shared with the Committee once completed. Dr. Carlin indicated that their next steps include refining existing security tools, leveraging AI to enhance current resources, and adopting new technologies to improve campus safety without causing major disruptions, while personalizing security measures based on individual behavior.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Shaheen called for a motion to convene in closed session.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Dr. Weintraub, the Committee convened in closed session pursuant to the following General Statutes of the State of North Carolina:

- a. *N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1), to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the laws of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, such privilege or confidential arising under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g) or N.C.G.S. Ch. 126, Art. 7; and*
- b. *N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with and receive advice from counsel; and*
- c. *N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual, public officer or employee, prospective public officer or employee.*

Mr. Shaheen excused all attendees except the Trustees, Chancellor Gaber, Dr. Amon, Mr. Beauman, Ms. Bradley, Mr. Bost, Dr. Carlin, Ms. Dadio, Mr. Dunham, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Gonyar, Ms. Hood, Ms. Jenkins, Dr. Reinken, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Solosky, Mr. Vehar, Mr. Verret, and Ms. Walker.

Closed Session

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Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees.*

Open Session

Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Shaheen requested a motion to adjourn.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Bailey, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Sarah O. Edwards Feb. 18, 2026
Sarah Edwards Date
Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity
and General Counsel

Approved: [Signature] 2/18/26
Larry Shaheen Jr., Chair Date
Audit, Compliance, and Enterprise Risk Management
Committee



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9:40 – 10:20 a.m.
Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City, Auditorium

Open Session Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Dontá Wilson, Chair
Sasha Weintraub, Vice Chair
John Bailey
Geoff Gray
Isaiah Grayson
Larry Shaheen Jr.
Michael Smith

Staff/Faculty in Attendance

Sharon Gaber, Chancellor
Rich Amon, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Lauryn Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Joe Bost, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships
Kim Bradley, Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board
Beth Crigler, Vice Chancellor for Advancement
Sarah Edwards, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Chris Gonyar, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Safety & Security
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
NiCole Lynch,
Buffie Stephens, Director, Media Relations & Issues Management
Jen Ames Stuart, Chief Communications Officer/Associate Vice Chancellor for University
Communications
Jennifer Troyer, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Greg Verret, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance

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Guests

Davis Cuffe, Editor-in-Chief, Niner Times

Call to Order. Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order and reminded Committee members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act, in accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and advised the Committee members to notify him immediately if anyone should become aware of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest during the meeting. No conflicts of interest were reported.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wilson requested action on the minutes from the August 22, 2025, Executive Committee meeting, and the October 6, 2025, Executive Committee Special Meeting, as distributed.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Shaheen, seconded by Dr. Weintraub, the Committee unanimously approved the August 22, 2025 and October 6, 2025, meeting minutes.

Chair Remarks. Mr. Wilson stated for the purpose of the minutes that the Executive Committee convened for a special meeting on October 6, 2025, and unanimously approved a time-sensitive authorization of the adjustment/reduction of the scope of the Smith Comprehensive Renovation capital improvement project. He also reported that the Committee conducted an email vote on October 14 and unanimously approved the compensation package for Sinead Byrne as the women's soccer head coach.

Approval of Revised Plan for Lowe's Distinguished Professor in Computer Science. Provost Troyer presented a recommendation to revise the plan for the Lowe's Distinguished Professor in Computer Science. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve the revised plan, as presented.

Action. On a motion by Dr. Weintraub, seconded by Mr. Shaheen, the Committee unanimously approved the revised plan for the Lowe's Distinguished Professor in Computer Science, as presented.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to the following General Statutes of the State of North Carolina:

- a. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(2), to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award; and
- b. to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(1);
- c. to prevent the disclosure of sensitive public security information, as defined in N.C.G.S. §132-1.7(a);
- d. to consult with and receive advice from counsel pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(3).

Action. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shaheen, the Committee convened in closed session.

Mr. Wilson excused all attendees except trustees, Chancellor Gaber, Ms. Bradley, Ms. Jenkins, and Cabinet members.

Closed Session

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Open Session

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.

Submitted: Kim S. Bradley 2/18/26
 Kim S. Bradley Date
 Assistant Secretary to the Board
 UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees

Approved: Dontá L. Wilson 2/18/26
 Dontá L. Wilson Date
 Chair
 UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Academic and Student Life Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
The Dubois Center, UNC Charlotte Center City, Auditorium

Open Session Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

John Bailey, Chair
Michael Smith, Vice Chair
Isaiah Grayson
David Longo
Dontá Wilson, ex officio

Other Trustees in Attendance

Lawrence Shaheen Jr.

Staff/Faculty in Attendance

Sharon Gaber, Chancellor
Lauryl Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Joe Bost, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships
Kim Bradley, Chief of Staff
Beth Crigler, Vice Chancellor for Advancement
John Daniels, Vice Chancellor for Research
Shari Dunn, Senior Director, Executive Communications
Sarah Edwards, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Penny Hawkins, Associate Vice Chancellor for Development & Interim Executive Director of the Athletic Foundation
Jesh Humphrey, Interim Director of Athletics
Andrew James, Media Relations Specialist
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
Josh Jones, Director of Business Services, Housing and Residence Life
Stephanie Klein, Police & Public Safety, Lieutenant/Accreditation Manager
Anna Parks, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
Erica Solosky, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Ethics, Policy, and Compliance and Interim Deputy General Counsel
Buffie Stephens, Director of Media Relations & Issues Management, University Communications
Jennifer Troyer, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Casey Tullos, Associate Vice Chancellor for Housing and Residence Life
Greg Verret, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance
Juan Vivero-Escoto, Professor, Department of Chemistry

Richard West, Police & Public Safety, Sergeant/Criminal Investigations Division
Leslie Zenk, Associate Provost and Chief of Staff

Technical Support Staff

Brad Bowen, Manager of Digital Media Communications – Video Support
Emily Brown, Classroom Technology and Support Services, A/V Event Support Technician-
Dubois Center
John Finger, Media Production Team, Online Multimedia Specialist
Alex Frizzell, Media Production Team, Lead Production Manager
Harrison Hieb, Digital Media Communications, Cinematographer/Videographer
Casey Leblanc, OneIT, Technology Support Analyst
Griff Myers, Learning Space Technology, Classroom Support Supervisor
Mark Price, OneIT, Manager, Green Team, Desktop Support
Sean Stallings, Media Production Team, Media Production Specialist, Remote Technician
Natasha Stracener, Media Production Team, Instructional Media Production Manager, In-person
Technician
Matthew Wheeling, Media Production Team, Media Production Specialist

Guests

Davis Caffè, Editor-in-Chief, Niner Times

Call to Order. Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order and reminded members of the Committee of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act in accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes and advised the Trustees to make him aware of any conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Committee at any time during the meeting. No conflicts of interest were reported.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Bailey requested action on the minutes of the August 22, 2025, Academic and Student Life Committee meeting.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee unanimously approved the August 22, 2025, meeting minutes.

Athletics Fundraising. Mr. Humphrey and Ms. Hawkins presented on Athletics fundraising. Mr. Humphrey covered the current state of Charlotte Athletics and new transfer portal regulations for football, along with the decision to realign the Athletic Foundation with University Advancement to ensure university-wide coordination on Athletics fundraising efforts. New fundraising goals and a quick ramp-up strategy were detailed by Ms. Hawkins, emphasizing collaboration with the city of Charlotte. The report concluded with plans for long-term sustainable growth.

Academic Program Review. Provost Troyer brought forth the first Academic Program Review summary report, which is to be presented annually to the Board of Trustees and submitted to the UNC President. Provost Troyer explained that each degree program is reviewed on a seven-year cycle on five dimensions: student demand, workforce demand, student outcomes, costs and productivity, and critical professions. She reported that in 2025, UNC Charlotte reviewed 29 academic programs; 72% were determined to be complete and 28% will be monitored.

Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning Policy. Provost Troyer brought forth the revised policy on Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning. She explained that the policy is required as a result of recent changes made by the Board of Governors to the UNC Policy Manual.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Grayson, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Committee unanimously approved the revised Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning Policy as presented.

Tiny Particles Working Together to Improve Medicine. Dr. Vivero-Escoto presented his lab's cutting-edge research on using tiny particles, called nanoparticles, to address major medical challenges, including cancer and antibiotic resistance. He reported that by harnessing the unique, multifunctional properties of these particles, his team aims to develop new ways to destroy cancer cells and fight bacteria that no longer respond to traditional antibiotics. Dr. Vivero-Escoto's research has received funding from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health.

Housing at UNC Charlotte. Ms. Tullos provided an update regarding on-campus housing occupancy; the implementation of the First-Year Live-On Requirement; and the University's strategic investment in two off-campus apartment communities, The Edge at UNC Charlotte and Mallard Green Apartments, to increase the availability of housing for undergraduate and graduate students.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Bailey requested a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to the following General Statutes of the State of North Carolina:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes because it is considered a confidential trade secret pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 132-1.2(1) and pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Grayson, the Board convened in closed session.

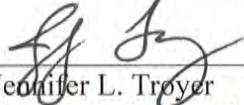
Mr. Bailey excused all attendees except trustees, Chancellor Gaber, Ms. Bradley, Ms. Jenkins, Ms. Zenk, Mr. Verret, Ms. Anderson, and Cabinet members.

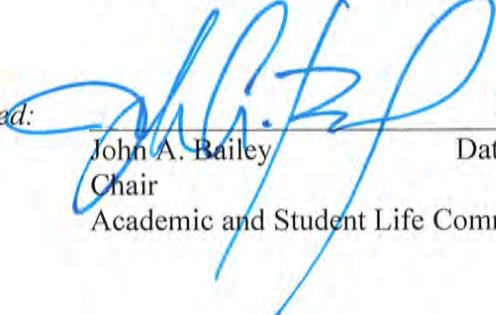
Closed Session

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Open Session

Adjourn. There being no further business before the Committee, Mr. Bailey adjourned the meeting.

Submitted:  2/18/20
Jennifer L. Troyer Date
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Approved:  2/18/20
John A. Bailey Date
Chair
Academic and Student Life Committee



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Advancement and Public Relations Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 11:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City

Open Session Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Geoff Gray, Chair
Henry Atkins
David Ravin

Committee Members Not in Attendance

Sasha Weintraub, Ph.D., Vice Chair

Staff/Faculty in Attendance

Jen Ames Stuart, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor & Chief Communications Officer
Joe Bost, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships
Beth Crigler, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement
Penny Hawkins, Associate Vice Chancellor of University Development & Interim Executive Director of the Athletic Foundation
Andrew James, Media Relations Specialist
Robert Keynton, Ph.D., Dean of W.S. Lee College of Engineering
Melanie Moore, Project Manager, Board Engagement & Events
Anna Parks, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
Laura Sharpe, Executive Director of University Engagement and Events
Linguang Song, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Engineering Technology and Construction Management
Adam Wassell, Executive Director of Development

Technical Support Staff

Alex Frizzell, EMC, Instructional Media Production Manager, Technician

Call to Order. At 11:05 a.m., Mr. Gray reminded Committee members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes. He advised Committee members to notify him immediately if anyone should become aware of a conflict of interest or any items that may create the appearance of a conflict of interest during the meeting. No conflicts of interest were reported. Mr. Gray called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Gray requested a motion to approve the August 22, 2025 Advancement and Public Relations Committee meeting minutes as distributed.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Ravin, the Committee unanimously approved the August 22, 2025 meeting minutes.

School of Construction Presentation. Dr. Song and Mr. Wassell provided an update on UNC Charlotte's planned School of Construction, the first of its kind in North Carolina and only the fifth in the nation. Addressing the projected need for 20,000 new construction jobs in North Carolina by 2030, the school will prepare students to manage the full life cycle of construction projects through expanded curriculum, applied research, innovation labs and workforce-focused programs. Development priorities for the school include endowed professorships and scholarships, a construction field lab and a high-performance computing lab, all designed to strengthen student success, academic leadership and workforce readiness.

Marketing and Communications Update. Dr. Stuart presented an overview of recent University-wide Marketing and Communications efforts by outlining three overarching goals for communications strategy: advance the University's reputation; elevate brand and digital engagement; and foster a thriving campus community. She reported strong outcomes in earned media, which generated an estimated \$366 million in value, a 16.5% increase over the previous year and highlighted several high-visibility initiatives, including new airport banners. She also provided an update on the University's website modernization project which focuses on a modern information architecture to improve performance.

Fundraising Update. Ms. Crigler shared that as of this morning, the University's capital campaign, *For the Love of Charlotte*, has raised \$35 million of its \$75 million FY26 goal. Last year on this date, the fundraising total was \$6.7 million. Of note, leadership is confidently growing the giving pipeline, with fifty \$1+ million gifts, totaling \$215 million and 150 gifts in the \$35,000- \$1 million range, totaling \$18 million, currently in the pipeline. Ms. Hawkins shared about the University's recent realignment of Athletics with University Advancement and discussed football fundraising strategies, including a community crowdfunding initiative, *Fuel the Future*, which aims to raise \$5 million by December 31, 2025. She reported that as of December 10, \$3.5 million has been raised.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Gray requested a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to the following General Statutes of the State of North Carolina:

Action. On a motion by Mr. Atkins seconded by Mr. Ravin, the Committee convened in closed session pursuant to the following General Statutes of the State of North Carolina:

- a. *To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(1).*

Closed Session

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Open Session

Adjourn. There being no other business, Mr. Gray adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Submitted: DocuSigned by:
Beth Crigler 02/19/2026 | 8:18 PM EST
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Beth Crigler Date
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

Approved: Signed by:
Henry Atkins 02/19/2026 | 4:21 PM EST
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Henry Atkins Date
Acting Chair
Advancement and Public Relations Committee



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Finance and Physical Properties Committee Meeting
December 10, 2025, 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
The Dubois Center, UNC Charlotte Center City, Auditorium

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Michael Smith, Chair
Thomas Scrivener, Vice Chair
Amy Klein Aznar
Larry Shaheen Jr.
Dontá Wilson, ex officio

Other Trustees in Attendance:

John Bailey
David Longo

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Joe Bost, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for External Relations and Partnerships
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Sarah Edwards, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Katharina Findlater, Business Affairs Operation Manager
Sharon Gaber, Chancellor
Isaiah Grayson, Student Body President
Andrew James, Media Relations Specialist
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
Josh Jones, Director of Business Services for Housing & Residence Life
Doug Lape, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Services
Elizabeth Moll, Senior Budget Analyst for Non-General Fund
Anna Parks, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Carrie Smith, Deputy Chief Budget Director
Ken Smith, Associate Vice Chancellor for University Budget
Buffie Stephens, Director of Media Relations & Issues Management
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Approval of the Minutes. Mr. Smith requested approval of the August 22, 2025, minutes of the Finance and Physical Properties Committee (FPPC).

Action: On a motion by Mr. Shaheen, seconded by Mr. Scrivener, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes for the August 22, 2025, meeting.

2026-27 Tuition and Fee Recommendations. Dr. Amon presented the process for adjusting tuition and fees for the 2026-27 academic year and presented a recommendation for a 2.99% increase for undergraduate resident tuition, a 9.98% increase for graduate resident tuition and a 9.99% increase for undergraduate and graduate nonresident tuition.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee voted 4:1 to recommend full Board approval of a 2.99% increase for undergraduate resident tuition for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Scrivener, the Committee voted 4:1 to recommend full Board approval of a 9.98% increase for graduate resident tuition 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee voted 4:1 to recommend the full Board approval of a 9.99%tfg increase for undergraduate and graduate nonresident tuition for the 2026-27 academic year.

School Based Tuition Adjustments Dr. Amon presented the recommendation for a tuition adjustment for four graduate programs: \$7,560 for the newly proposed Master of Entrepreneurship in the College of Business, and \$4,400 for the newly proposed Master of Artificial Intelligence in the College of Computing and Informatics. He also presented a \$540 increase for the Master of Health Administration in the College of Health and Human Services, and the \$2,160 rate to be added for residential students of the Master of Science in Computer Engineering for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend full Board approval of the School Based Tuition Adjustments, as presented.

Mandatory Fees Recommendation. Dr. Amon presented a recommendation for no increase of the Mandatory Fees for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Scrivener, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend full Board approval of no increase of the Mandatory Fees for the 2026-27 academic year, as presented.

International Student Fee Recommendation. Dr. Amon presented a recommendation for an increase to the International Fee of \$200 for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend full Board approval of an increase to the International Student Fee of \$200 for the 2026-27 academic year.

2026-27 Housing Rate Recommendation. Dr. Amon presented a recommendation to the Committee to increase housing rates by 3% for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee voted 4:1 to recommend full Board approval of the 3% housing rate increase for the 2026-27 academic year.

2026-27 Dining Rate Recommendation. Dr. Amon presented a recommendation for a 3.9% increase to the dining plan rates for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Scrivener, the Committee voted 4:1 to recommend full Board approval of a 3% increase in dining meal plans for the 2026-27 academic year.

2026-27 Parking Rates Recommendation. Dr. Amon presented a recommendation for no increase to the Parking Rates and Transportation Fee for the 2026-27 academic year.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend full Board approval of no increase in the Parking Rates and Transportation Fee for the 2025-26 academic year.

Capital Action Items

Requests for Designer Ratification - Multiple Projects. Mr. Cooks presented three requests for designer ratification:

Stormwater Master Plan Phase 2 – Selected: Mc Adams; 1st Alt: Kimley- Horn

Friday Classroom Renovations – Selected: C Design; 1st Alt: McMillan Pazdan Smith; 2nd Alt: Design Collaborative

Lynch Residence Hall Roof Replacement – Selected: REI Engineering, Inc.; 1st Alt: Wolf Trail Engineering

Action: On a motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Scrivener the Committee unanimously approved the selected designers and alternates as presented for the Stormwater Master Plan Phase 2, Friday Classroom Renovations and the Lynch Residence Hall Roof Replacement.

Request for Acquisition & Disposition of Real Property by Lease. Mr. Cooks requested approval for an acquisition of real property by lease of a modular unit from the UNC Charlotte Foundation and the disposition of real property by lease for a modular unit for the Early College High Schools. The modular will be installed by July 1, 2026 for fall classes with an annual lease amount of approximately \$150,000 for 5 years.

Action: On a motion by Mr. Scrivener, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend full Board approval for the acquisition of real property by lease of a modular unit from the UNC Charlotte Foundation and the disposition of real property by lease for a modular unit for the Early College High Schools as presented.

Financial Information Items

UNC Charlotte Budget Update. Mr. Smith provided an update of the university budget as of October 2025, including a comparison of the year-to-date budgets versus the year-to-date actuals for all general funds, housing, athletics, parking, and dining.

Financial Health Dashboard. Mr. Verret provided an update on the key financial metrics of enrollment, investment performance, research awards, and housing occupancy.

FY 25 Financial Summary. Mr. Verret provided the Committee with a financial summary for FY25 and discussed highlights of the university's revenues, expenses, and change in net position for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Capital Information Items

Capital Improvement Projects Update. Mr. Cooks reported that there are 18 projects in design, 2 in bidding and 10 in construction.

Notice of Designer Approval through Delegated Authority. Mr. Cooks reported that 9 projects and 14 selected designers have been approved through delegated authority with project budgets under \$750,000.

Adjourn. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Submitted:  2/18/26
Rich Amon Date
Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

Approved:  2/18/26
Michael Smith Date
Chair
Finance and Physical Properties Committee



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
The Dubois Center, Auditorium
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Open Session Minutes

Board Members in Attendance

Dontá Wilson, Chair
Henry Atkins
Amy Klein Aznar
John Bailey
Isaiah Grayson
David Longo
David Ravin
Thomas Scrivener
Larry Shaheen Jr.
Michael Smith

Board Members Not in Attendance

Hugh McColl Jr.
Sasha Weintraub, Vice Chair

Staff/Faculty in Attendance

Sharon Gaber, Chancellor
Lauryn Anderson, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Rich Amon, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Jeffrey Baker, Police & Public Safety, Chief of Police
Kim Bradley, Chief of Staff and Assistant Secretary to the Board
Mike Carlin, Vice Chancellor for OneIT and Chief Information Officer
Beth Crigler, Vice Chancellor for Advancement
John Daniels, Vice Chancellor for Research
Sarah Edwards, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Katharina Findlater, Business Affairs Operations Manager
Chris Gonyar, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Safety & Security
Sarah Edwards, Interim Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Andrew James, University Communications, Media Relations Specialist
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
Stephanie Klein, Police & Public Safety, Lieutenant/Accreditation Manager
Anna Parks, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Erica Solosky, Associate General Counsel and Director of Ethics, Policy, and Compliance
Debra Smith, Faculty Council President

Ken Smith, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget
Buffie Stephens, Director, Media Relations & Issues Management
Jennifer Troyer, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Jessica Waldman, Staff Council Chair
Leslie Zenk, Associate Provost and Chief of Staff

Technical Support Staff

Brad Bowen, Manager, Digital Media Communications – Video Support
Emily Brown, Classroom Technology and Support Services, A/V Event Support Technician-
Dubois Center
John Finger, Media Production Team, Online Multimedia Specialist
Alex Frizzell, Media Production Team, Lead Production Manager
Harrison Hieb, Digital Media Communications, Cinematographer/Videographer
Adrian Jelley, OneIT, Technology Analyst
Casey Leblanc, OneIT, Technology Analyst
Griff Myers, Learning Space Technology, Classroom Support Supervisor
Sean Stallings, Media Production Team, Media Production Specialist, Remote Technician
Natasha Stracener, Media Production Team, Instructional Media Production Manager, In-person
Technician
Matthew Wheeling, Media Production Team, Media Production Specialist

Guests

Davis Cuffe, Editor-in-Chief, Niner Times

Call to Order. Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order and reminded Board members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act, in accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and advised the Board members to notify him immediately if anyone should become aware of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest during the meeting. No conflicts of interest were reported.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Mr. Wilson requested approval of the December 10, 2025, meeting minutes.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Grayson, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting as distributed.

Board Chair's Remarks. Mr. Wilson once again congratulated Chancellor Gaber on her recent 2025 World Citizen award by the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. He noted the dinner was one of the highest attended dinners in the Council's history, which is a testament to how well-regarded Chancellor Gaber is by the Charlotte community. He then summarized the BOT workshop that he and several other trustees attended in Raleigh on October 15. Lastly, he reminded trustees of the upcoming commencement ceremonies.

Chancellor's Report. Chancellor Gaber recapped highlights from the busy semester. She highlighted the University's steady climb in the US News & World Reports rankings, remaining among the top 10 fastest rising public universities in the nation, moving up 7 spots to #74, one of three public universities in NC to be ranked in the nation's top 75. Chancellor Gaber also noted that, at #38 in the nation, UNC Charlotte

remains the highest ranked university in North Carolina on the US News & World Reports “Most Innovative Schools” list.

Next, Chancellor Gaber reported that the University achieved a new enrollment record for the fall semester, with 32,207 students. She also noted increases in online enrollment for both undergraduate and graduate programs, upward trends in retention rates, and the 4-year graduation rate, which has increased by more than 92% in the last decade. She reported that the university would confer 3,100 undergraduate and graduate degrees and graduate certificates at the fall commencement in two days.

Chancellor Gaber next discussed the University’s “Internships for All” promise, a new initiative which commits to provide an internship opportunity to help build skills, connections, and readiness for every student who wants one.

Chancellor Gaber then discussed research initiatives, including the annual Niner Research Reception held earlier in the semester to celebrate the groundbreaking work of some of the University’s top researchers. She also reported that the University is one of 15 finalists for an NSF Engines grant valued at up to \$160M over 10 years for an initiative focused on Energy Grid Modernization. She also reported that the University continues to develop and deploy its strategy to grow defense-related research and referenced the University’s partnership with the Charlotte Douglas International Airport which has been formalized with the signing of an MOU for the CLT Air Institute.

Next, Chancellor Gaber noted new degrees and programs to respond to current and emerging workforce demands, including a BS in sports analytics, an accelerated BS in nursing, a BS in artificial intelligence (one of just two in the state), an MS in artificial intelligence (the first in NC), a minor in AI for non-College of Computing and Informatics, and an MS in entrepreneurship tied to the CO-LAB, the only degree of its kind offered by a public university in NC.

She also reported on the expansion of the Early College High Schools on our campus and the progress of the North Tryon Tech Hub (NTTH), including the exploration of additional buildings near the Dubois Center that would allow for the establishment of a Cybersecurity and AI-Datacenter Innovation Lab.

Transitioning to the University’s fundraising initiative, Chancellor Gaber reported that the *For the Love of Charlotte* campaign continues to perform very well, already raising \$340.2M toward the \$500M goal. She then recapped some of the recent major gifts, including a \$10M gift from Honeywell, a \$2M gift from Angie and Bo Cauble, and an additional gift from Fred and Gene Klein.

Chancellor Gaber next provided a recap on Niner Nation Week (NNW)/Homecoming 2025, which included 5,000 engagements with alumni, corporate, campus and community members, and 13 corporate pop-ups. She reported that teacher packs were assembled and delivered to 300 teachers in more than 50 schools in the community. She also reported that \$116,000 from more than 1,800 donors was raised on Giving Tuesday, which benefited the Student Emergency Fund and Jamil Niner Student Pantry.

Chancellor Gaber also recapped recent events that brought the community to campus, including the blooming of the rare *Cadavera* corpse flower at the McMillan Greenhouse of the Botanical Gardens and the 2025 International Festival, which welcomed more than 10,000 visitors to campus in September. She also highlighted the University’s growing visibility and brand presence, citing the Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band’s appearance in this year’s Thanksgiving Day Parade and the bold branding now greeting

millions of travelers in the ticketing area and Concourses B and C of Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Athletics was another key driver of engagement, with major campus hosted events and a football season that drew 81,000 fans.

Chancellor Gaber then recognized the great work of the University's Facilities Management and Sustainability teams by highlighting the Green Rating score of 92 by the Princeton Review's 2026 Guide to Green Colleges, and the gold rating from the Association of Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education in their STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System) reporting process.

Strategic Plan Refresh Discussion. Chancellor Gaber provided an update on the strategic plan refresh process. She reported that the Strategic Plan Update Committee, co-chaired by faculty members Ahmed Helmy and Natasha Randle and composed of faculty, staff, students, and administrators, has embraced its charge of reviewing and updating goals, objectives and actions, and updating and/or establishing new success metrics. She also shared that the Committee administered a survey to collect feedback from the campus community, receiving nearly 1,400 responses from faculty, staff, students and stakeholders. Chancellor Gaber then asked the Board to provide their feedback by scanning the QR code provided to answer the question: "What should we be sure to include in our strategic plan as we move forward?"

Clery Act Requirements and Campus Safety (Education) and Clery Report. Ms. Solosky reviewed the background, context, requirements, and procedures of the four areas covered under the Clery Act: annual disclosure, ongoing disclosure, education programs, and grievance procedures. Ms. Solosky reported that University Police and Public Safety compiles the Annual Security Report (ASR) each year, with input from Legal Affairs, Dean of Students Office, Office of Civil Rights and Title IX, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), and numerous others on campus.

Chief Baker presented a summary of statistics from the Annual Security Report for 2024.

Report of the Finance and Physical Properties Committee. Mr. Smith reported that the Committee reviewed several financial and capital items including designer selection ratifications for the Stormwater Master Plan Phase 2, the Friday Classroom Renovations, and the Lynch Residence Hall Roof Replacements. He reported that the Committee also reviewed the University budget, the Fall 2025 fiscal health dashboard, the FY25 financial report summary, the capital improvement projects, and designer approvals through delegated authority.

Dr. Amon provided a summary of the Tuition and Fees recommendations for the 2026-27 academic year, which required Board consideration and action.

2026-27 Tuition and Fees Recommendation. Mr. Smith presented the Committee's recommendation for Board approval of tuition and fees adjustments. Mr. Wilson stated that action would be taken on each of the recommendations separately.

- ***2.99% increase for undergraduate resident tuition***

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the 2.99% increase for undergraduate resident tuition, as presented.

Action. The Board approved the recommended tuition and fees adjustments, as presented, 9:2.

- **9.98% increase for graduate resident tuition**

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the 9.98% increase for graduate resident tuition.

Action. The Board approved the recommended tuition and fees adjustments, as presented, 9:2.

- **9.99% for undergraduate and graduate nonresident tuition**

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the 9.99% increase for undergraduate and graduate nonresident tuition.

Action. The Board approved the recommended tuition and fees adjustments, as presented, 9:2.

- **School Based Tuition Increment (SBTI) adjustments**

Adjustment for four graduate programs:

\$7,560 for the newly proposed Master of Entrepreneurship in the College of Business;

\$4,400 for the newly proposed Master of Artificial Intelligence in the College of Computing and Informatics;

\$540 increase for the Master of Health Administration in the College of Health and Human Services;

\$2,160 rate to be added for residential students of the Master of Science in Computer Engineering for the 2026-27 academic year.

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the School Based Tuition Increment (SBTI) adjustment, as presented.

Action. The Board unanimously approved the recommended School Based Tuition Increment (SBTI), as presented.

- **Mandatory Fees - no increase**

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of no increase of Mandatory Fees, as presented.

Action. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation for no increase of Mandatory Fees.

- **\$200 increase in the International Student Fee**

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the International Student Fee, as presented.

Action. The Board unanimously approved the recommended increase in the International Student Fee, as presented.

Dr. Amon provided a summary of the 2026-27 Auxiliary Rate recommendations including Housing, Dining, Parking, and Transportation.

Mr. Smith then presented the Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the 2026-27 Auxiliary Rates as presented. Mr. Wilson stated that action would be taken on each of the auxiliary rates recommendations separately.

2026-27 Housing Rates Recommendation. Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of a 3% increase for housing rates for the 2026-27 academic year, as presented.

Action. The Board approved the recommended housing rates increase. 10:1.

2026-27 Dining Rates Recommendation. Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of a 3.9% increase to meal plans for the 2026-27 academic year, as presented.

Action. The Board approved the recommended dining rates increases. 10:1.

2026-27 Parking Rates and Transportation Fees Recommendation. Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of no increase to the parking rates or transportation service charge for the 2026-27 academic year, as presented.

Action. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation for no increase to the parking rates or transportation service charge.

Acquisition and Disposition of Real Estate by Lease. Dr. Amon provided a summary of a request for acquisition and disposition of real estate by lease.

Mr. Smith presented the Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the acquisition of real property by lease of the modular unit from the UNC Charlotte Foundation and the disposition of real property by lease for the modular unit for the Early College High Schools, as presented.

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Finance and Physical Properties Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the acquisition of real property by lease of the modular unit from the UNC Charlotte Foundation and the disposition of real property by lease for the modular unit for the Early College High Schools, as presented.

Action. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation for the acquisition of real property by lease of the modular unit from the UNC Charlotte Foundation and the disposition of real property by lease for the modular unit for the Early College High Schools, as presented.

Report of the Executive Committee. Mr. Wilson reported that for the purpose of inclusion in the minutes, he reminded the Committee of its vote for unanimous approval of the time sensitive authorization of the adjustment/reduction of the scope of the Smith Comprehensive Renovation capital improvement project conducted at its October 6 special meeting. He reported that he also reminded the Committee of the email vote conducted on October 14 unanimously approving the compensation package for Sinead Byrne as the women's soccer head coach. He then reported that at this morning's meeting, the Committee unanimously approved the revised Plan for the Lowe's Distinguished Professor in Computer Science to

bring it into alignment with the gift agreement - that the incumbent shall occupy the position for a term of three years with the possibility of a second term of three years upon the Dean's recommendation.

Report of the Audit, Compliance, and Enterprise Risk Management Committee. Mr. Shaheen reported that the Committee received an update on the FY26 audit plan and a summary of the internal audit report issued this period. He reported that the Committee also received the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (GLBA) annual report. He reported that they also received the annual information security update, including a brief overview of the Spring 2026 Network Penetration Test.

Report of the Academic and Student Life Committee. Mr. Bailey reported that the Committee received updates on athletics fundraising, the current state of Charlotte Athletics, and the new transfer portal regulations for football. He also reported that the Committee received a summary of the first Academic Program Review report, which is to be presented annually to the Board of Trustees and submitted to the UNC President. Lastly, Mr. Bailey reported that the Committee also received a cutting-edge research presentation on Tiny Particles Working Together to Improve Medicine, and an update regarding on-campus housing occupancy.

Mr. Bailey then asked Provost Troyer to provide a summary of the Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning Policy.

Mr. Bailey presented the Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning Policy.

Mr. Wilson requested action on the Academic and Student Life Committee's recommendation for Board approval of the Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning Policy, as presented.

Action. The Board unanimously approved the Undergraduate Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning Policy, as presented.

Report of the Advancement and Public Relations Committee. Mr. Gray reported that the Committee received an overview of the planned School of Construction. He reported that it is the first in North Carolina and fifth in the nation and was created to meet demand from 20,000 new construction jobs projected by 2030. Mr. Gray also reported that the Committee received an update on recent media coverage and the University's website redesign and fall community engagement events. He reported that the University's capital campaign, *For the Love of Charlotte*, has raised more than \$19 million towards its \$75 million FY26 goal. He also reported that the Committee received an update on the realignment of Athletics with University Advancement, including football fundraising strategies.

Report of the University Faculty Council. Dr. Smith shared key initiatives addressed at recent Faculty Council meetings including defining academic freedom in partnership with the UNC System Office, gaining a better understanding of the Commission for Public Higher Education accrediting body, and streamlining internal committee structure. She also spotlighted the work of Dr. Danillo Augusto, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences for securing a \$3.7M NIH grant to investigate the genetic factors influencing immune system responses, a project that provides vital research opportunities for students and promises significant community health benefits.

Report of the Staff Council. Ms. Waldman provided a summary of the fall events hosted by the Staff Council, including a Staff Appreciation Tailgate event at the 49th Acre, the Niner Nation Week Office Decorating Contest and the Chancellor's Cup Golf Tournament. Ms. Waldman also recognized staff member Kamora Varner, UNC Charlotte's recipient of the Janey B. Royster Scholarship.

Report of the Student Government Association. Mr. Grayson reiterated the Student Government Association's (SGA) values of belonging and goals to increase SGA presence on campus, increase SGA hosted events, and focus on student organizations. He reported increases in engagement across SGA social media accounts. Mr. Grayson also reported that SGA experienced its first competitive election since Fall 2021, with the majority of Senate seats filled.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Wilson called for a motion to convene in closed session, and excused everyone except the Trustees, Chancellor Gaber, Ms. Bradley, Ms. Jenkins, and Cabinet members.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Grayson, the Board convened in closed session pursuant to the following General Statutes of the State of North Carolina:

- a. *Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1), to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the laws of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, such privilege or confidentiality arising under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g) or N.C.G.S. Ch. 126, Art. 7;*
- b. *to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(2);*
- c. *to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4);*
- d. *to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5).*

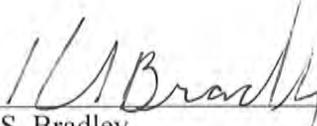
Closed Session

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Open Session

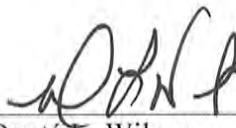
Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Submitted:

 2/18/26

Date
Kim S. Bradley
Assistant Secretary to the Board
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees

Approved:

 2/18/26

Date
Dontá L. Wilson
Chair
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees