



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

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Via WebEx Video Call

Open Session Minutes

Present

Michael L. Wilson, Acting Chair
Mary Ann Rouse, Nominating Committee Chair
Dennis N. Bunker III
Sharon A. Decker
Susan D. DeVore
Theresa J. Drew
Christine P. Katziff
David W. Mildenberg
Tahlieah K. Sampson
Carlos E. Sanchez
Teross W. Young Jr.

Absent

Fred W. Klein Jr.
J. Brett Keeter

Guests/Staff in Attendance

Joan Lorden, Interim Chancellor
Anonymous Caller
Jacob Baum, Student
John Bogdan, Associate Vice Chancellor of Safety and Security
Kim Bradley, Chief of Staff
Anna Clark, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff
Betty Doster, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Constituent Relations
Sharon Gaber, Chancellor-elect
Beth Hardin, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Jesh Humphrey, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
Jeff Jensen, Senior Associate General Counsel
Richard LaLiberté, Real Estate Manager
Colleen Penhall, Chief Communications Officer

Call to Order. Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order and reminded 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. A quorum was constituted by a roll call taken by Ms. Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins recorded the minutes.

Mr. Wilson recused himself in order for Ms. Rouse, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to serve as acting Chair to conduct the election for the Board's 2020-2021 officers.

Election of 2020-2021 Officers of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Rouse advised the Trustees that Chair Michael Wilson had appointed Mssrs. Klein and Young, and her to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Rouse then read the Committee's proposed officer slate developed by the Committee at their June 3, 2020 meeting, indicating that the Committee agreed that it would be advisable to maintain consistency, given the Chancellor transition. The slate included the incumbent officers:

Chair – Michael Wilson
Vice Chair – Susan DeVore
Secretary – Dennis Bunker

Ms. Rouse advised the Board that nominations would also be accepted from the floor for each of the officer positions, as was communicated to them via email, dated July 2, 2020.

Ms. Rouse called for further nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. Ms. Rouse declared the nominations closed for all positions.

Action. Ms. Rouse, reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee moved to re-elect the incumbent officers, Michael Wilson as Chair, Susan DeVore as Vice Chair, and Dennis Bunker as Secretary for 2020-2021. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wilson presided over the rest of the meeting as the newly re-elected Chair.

Reopening Plan for Fall Semester. Dr. Lorden gave a brief overview of the agenda for the presentation on the comprehensive planning process.

Mr. Bogdan gave a detailed description of the plans to bring students back to campus safely, including the comprehensive planning process, and protocols for testing, tracing, and monitoring. Robust discussion ensued regarding requests for clarification on some topics.

Dr. Lorden then discussed academic protocols, instruction delivery and classroom standards, and engagement and communication. Trustees asked multiple questions and offered kudos for all of the hard work that was involved with the logistics of the planning process.

BOT Chair Remarks. Mr. Wilson stated that he and other Board members have heard from constituents about the fall schedule that the University has adopted. He stated schedule is comparable to what other system universities are doing, the only real difference being the start and end dates. Dr. Lorden added that the intent is that face-to-face exams should be administered early during the exam period, leaving the online exams towards the end to allow students to return home and take exams off-site.

Mr. Wilson then recognized Chancellor-elect Gaber and invited her to say a few words. Chancellor-elect Gaber shared that she is experiencing a good transition, which has involved weekly calls with Chancellor-emeritus Dubois, joining some meetings, and working on a communication plan for her start date on July 20.

Off-Site Storage Lease. Dr. Lorden provided an overview of the request to obtain an off-site storage lease for the Atkins Library repurposing project. Ms. Hardin discussed the supporting financial information.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Sanchez, seconded by Ms. DeVore, the Board unanimously approved the authorization for the University to lease space for the Atkins Library space repurposing project for an annual cost not to exceed \$320,000 for up to a ten-year term.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Wilson called for a motion for the Board 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)(6), To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual, public officer or employee, or prospective public officer or employee;*
- b. *(a)(3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; to consider and give instructions concerning a potential or actual claim, administrative procedure, or judicial action.*

Action. On a motion by Ms. Devore, seconded by Mr. Sanchez, the meeting convened in closed session.

Closed Session Minutes

Closed session minutes are filed in the office of the assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Open Session

Action on Tenure Recommendations. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve the tenure recommendations as discussed in closed session.

Action. On a motion by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved the faculty tenure recommendations as discussed in closed session.

Adjourn. There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees is September 22, 2020. The location and modality will be dependent upon the status of the current pandemic.

Submitted: Kim S. Bradley 9/22/20
Kim S. Bradley Date
Assistant Secretary to the Board
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees

Approved: Mike L. Wilson 09.22.20
Mike L. Wilson Date
Chair
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees