



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

APRIL 19, 2018

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DURHAM, NH

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Participants: John Small, chair, Joe Morone, vice chair, Amy Begg, Don Birx, Todd Black, Jamie Burnett, Ted Dey, Jackie Eastwood, Ricky Fife, Suzanne Foster, Adam Geddis, Mark Huddleston, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Ken Moulton, Chris Pope, Mark Rubinstein, Morgan Rutman, Melinda Treadwell,

Guests: Rhonda Hensley, Governor's Office

Staff: Jim McGrail, Cathy Provencher, Ron Rodgers, and Tia Miller

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**Call to Order**

Chair Small called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.

**Minutes**

Chair Small moved, Trustee Morone seconded the following motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee of February 1, 2018 and April 3, 2018 as presented.*

**Legislative Update**

Chancellor Leach provided a brief update that the bill restricting the University System of New Hampshire's ability to respond to unions, did not pass out of the Senate. The bill putting legislative members on the Board of Trustees, passed out of Senate, but with the amendment that they be nonvoting members, will now go to Committee of Conference.

Chancellor Leach also reported that President-Elect Jim Dean did a meet and greet with legislators during his last visit.

### **Nursing Updates**

President Birx reported that there is nothing new to report. Plymouth's accreditation visit went well and feedback was positive.

Interim President Treadwell reported that Keene also had their nursing visit by CCNE and the State Board of Nursing. The NCLEX predictor exam had all 17 candidates passing, which is very positive.

### **Governance Committee**

The Governance Committee Preliminary Recommendation from the KSC after Action Review were briefly discussed. The Executive Committee was in agreement with the recommendations of the Governance Committee listed below. The first three recommendations will be reviewed and given back to the Governance Committee and the fourth will be handled by a subcommittee and will be brought back to the full board at the fall retreat.

- (1) The hiring, evaluation, oversight, and support of the chief executive officers.
- (2) The Board of Trustees' ability and capacity to fulfill its governance responsibilities, including:
- (3) The enhancement of a climate and culture of openness, transparency, trust, confidence, and collaboration within, between, and among the Board, the system office, and the component institutions.
  - (a) the selection and development of trustees,
  - (b) the selection and development of board officers
  - (c) the committee structure,
  - (d) the timing and conduct of meetings,
  - (e) the collection, analysis, and assessment of information, and the development and implementation of effective and timely decisions.
- (4) The near-term execution of a process and plan to respond strategically to changing market conditions, enabling the successful accomplishment of USNH's mission in service to the state of New Hampshire.

Ron Rodgers will also redistribute the full KSC After Action Report.

### **Audit Committee**

Trustee Black moved, Trustee Moulton seconded the following motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

*VOTED, on recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Executive Committee hereby formally assigns the top 10 system wide risks identified in the annual January 2018 ERM report to the appropriate Board committees, as specified in the attachment, for purposes of oversight.*

**Nonpublic Session**

A roll call vote was taken to go into nonpublic session at 4:24 pm.

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purpose of discussing the hiring and compensation of a public employee as authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (b).*

A motion was made and seconded to come out of nonpublic session at 4:46 pm.

Chair Small noted that the following votes and actions were taken.

**Motion to Approve the Appointment of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Plymouth State University**

Trustee Small moved, Trustee Dey seconded the following motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

*VOTED, on recommendation of President Don Birx of Plymouth State University, with endorsement of the Compensation Committee, that the Executive Committee hereby recommend the approval of the appointment of Dr. Robert ("Robin") Dorff, to the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Plymouth State University, contingent upon his acceptance of the appointment, under the terms outlined below.*

**Motion to Authorize the Sale of UNH Personal Property**

Trustee Morone moved, Trustee Dey seconded the following motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee hereby determines the sale by the University of New Hampshire of a painting by Laurence Sisson with an appraised fair market value of \$3,000, to John W. Small, a member of this Board of Trustees, is in the best interest of and fair to the University and, **FURTHERMORE**, hereby approves and authorizes the transaction for the fair market value price of \$3,000 to be given as a going away gift to President Huddleston's wife, Emma Bricker.*

**Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.