In Attendance: Executive Committee Members (via teleconference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Todd Black, Jackie Eastwood, Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Alex Walker. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, Cailee Griffin, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Mark Rubinstein, Joe Scala, Marjorie Smith, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Also participating (via teleconference): John Riley (UNH Student), Cathy Provencher, Karen Benincasa, Lisa Thorne, Tia Miller, Jim McGrail, and Ron Rodgers.

Call to Order: At 4:05 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order, called the roll, and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business.

Determination of Conditions Necessary for the Conduct of a Telephonic Meeting: Chair Morone made the following findings and declaration, sufficient for conducting a telephonic meeting and counting all members toward the quorum requirement whether or not physically present in the meeting location:

Under the NH Right to Know Law, RSA 91-a:2, III (b), a governmental body such as this Board of Trustees is authorized to meet by conference call when “immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action.” In consultation with USNH General Counsel, it is my determination that a meeting by conference call is justified considering the following facts:

• The individual members of this Board live and work in locations remote to any single meeting place;

• The Governor’s declaration of emergency and Executive Order 2020-04, dated March 13, 2020, permits and encourages governmental bodies to conduct public meetings on an emergency basis using telephonic communications;
• Given the members’ various professional and personal schedules it is not reasonably practical to gather a quorum of the Board members in a single place for a physical meeting;

• The matter to be considered at this meeting developed only very recently;

• The interests of USNH, its students, faculty, and staff, and the State of New Hampshire will be best served by Board’s expeditious consideration of and decision on the matter presented; and

• The notice of the meeting was posted and members of the public are permitted to observe and listen to the proceedings at the Board Room at the System Office at 5 Chenell Drive in Concord, NH.

Campus Updates: The four presidents each provided an oral update on the status of operations including the delivery of educational programs at their respective institution.

Nonpublic Session: At 4:20 pm, on motion moved by Chair Morone and seconded by Vice Chair Burnett, the committee voted unanimously by roll call to go into nonpublic session for the purposes indicated:

VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purposes of (1) discussing personnel matters including the performance of one or more public employees, (2) confidential, commercial, or financial information, (3) matters of market strategy which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are contrary to those of the general public, (4) matters likely to affect collective bargaining strategy, and (5) consultation with legal counsel, all as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, I (a) and (b) and (b); 91-A:3, II (a), (b), and (d); and 91-A:5, IV.

Executive Nonpublic Session: At 5:45 pm, on motion made by Chair Morone, seconded by Vice Chair Burnett, and voted by roll call, the committee unanimously adopted the following motion:

VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into executive nonpublic session as authorized by USNH Board Bylaws Article V, Section 4g.

Return to Public Session: At 6:15 pm, on motion moved by Chair Morone and seconded by Secretary Ardinger, the committee returned to public session. Chair Morone announced the committee unanimously approved the following action item while in nonpublic session (motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Rutman, and voted by roll call):

Motion to Recommend Ratification of the Tentative Agreement between Keene State College/USNH and the Keene State College Adjunct Association (KSCAA)

VOTED, on recommendation of the President of Keene State College, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees ratify the tentative agreement between the Keene State College Adjunct Association (KSCAA) and the Board of Trustees of the University System of NH/Keene State College as described in the attached document. AND FURTHER, hereby authorizes the
President of Keene State College to sign and execute the 2019-2024 collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment: At 6:18 pm, Chair Morone called for further business to come before the committee and, hearing none, accepted a motion to adjourn, duly seconded and approved by the committee, and adjourned the meeting of the Executive Committee.