June 25, 2020

In Attendance: Trustees: Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kassandra Ardinger, Amy Begg, Don Birx, Todd Black, Jim Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Frank Edelblut; Cathy Green, Cailee Griffin, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Mike Pilot, Chris Pope, Mark Rubinstein, Morgan Rutman, Joseph Scala, Marjorie Smith, Donna Soucy, Wally Stevens, Melinda Treadwell, David Westover.

Call to Order: At 8:00 am, Chair Morone called the morning session to order and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business.

Conduct of a Telephonic Meeting: Chair Morone made the following announcement regarding the conduct of a telephonic meeting and counting all members toward the quorum requirement whether or not physically present in the meeting location:

This meeting is being held by electronic means in conformance with the Governor’s emergency declaration of March 13, 2020, and subsequent emergency orders, as well as the applicable provisions of the New Hampshire Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A. If during the conduct of this meeting, anyone has difficulty connecting or staying connected to the video or audio feed please contact Tia Miller at tia.miller@usnh.edu.

Discussion of Agenda and Goals for these Board and Committee Meetings: Chair Morone described the order of business, significant agenda items, and expectations for the meetings over the next day and one-half.

Nonpublic Session:

On motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Burnett, a roll call vote was taken and passed with 25 Trustees voting in favor of going into nonpublic session and Trustee Shawn Jasper voting in opposition.

VOTED, that the Board of Trustees 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 as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, I (a) and (b); 91-A:3, II (a), (b), and (d); and 91-A:5, IV.

The vote having passed, the Board went into non-public session.

Return to Public Session: At 9:45 am, on motion duly moved and seconded, the Board voted to return to public session. Chair Morone announced that while in nonpublic session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

Adjournment: At 9:50 am, Chair Morone adjourned the Board of Trustees until Friday, June 26, 2020, at 8 am. The Board’s committees are scheduled to meet in the interim.

June 26, 2020 – Board Business Meeting

In Attendance: Trustees: Chair Joseph Morone, Vice-Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kassandra Ardinger, Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jim Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Frank Edelblut, Cathy Green, Cailee Griffin, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Mike Pilot, Chris Pope, Mark Rubinstein, Joe Scala, Marjorie Smith, Wally Stevens, Melinda Treadwell, Alex Walker, and David Westover.

Call to Order: At 8:00 am, Chair Morone called the Board’s business meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business. Chair Morone briefly reviewed the agenda and desired outcomes for the business meeting.

Conduct of a Telephonic Meeting: Chair Morone made the following announcement regarding the conduct of a telephonic meeting and counting all members toward the quorum requirement whether or not physically present in the meeting location:

This meeting is being held by electronic means in conformance with the Governor’s emergency declaration of March 13, 2020, and subsequent emergency orders, as well as the applicable provisions of the New Hampshire Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A. If during the conduct of this meeting, anyone has difficulty connecting or staying connected to the video or audio feed please contact Tia Miller at tia.miller@usnh.edu.

Consent Agenda: On a motion moved by Trustee Morone and seconded by Trustee Burnett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda, comprised of the following action items:

Board Minutes:

\textit{VOTED,} that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the meetings held on April 24, 2020 and May 7, 2020 be approved as presented.

Approve FY21 Capital Budget:

\textit{VOTED,} on the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the capital budget for University System units applicable to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 (FY21) be approved in total for the System by the Board of Trustees as presented in the
attachment; AND FURTHER that for/during FY21 future expenditures for capital projects be subject to the approval process outlined in the spending directives dated April 1, 2020; AND FURTHER that any required changes and modifications to the capital budget required during FY21 are delegated to the Finance Committee for Investments.

Committee Reports: Chair Morone noted the minutes from each of yesterday’s committee meetings are posted in board portal.

Appointment of UNH Professor with Tenure:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Educational Excellence Committee, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of one professor with tenure at the University of New Hampshire, as presented in the supporting material.

Resolution regarding Relationship with CCSNH:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Education Excellence Committee, the USNH Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of a joint task force with the CCSNH governing board for the purpose of exploring the relationship of the two systems, and FURTHERMORE, authorizes Board Chair Joe Morone to discuss with the leadership of the CCSNH governing board the establishment of a joint task force, and FINALLY, authorizes the USNH Board Officers to appoint the USNH members to the joint task force.

UNH Foundation Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the attached budget for the University of New Hampshire Foundation for Fiscal Year 2021 is approved.

Approval of Keene Endowment Association Budget and Goals for FY21:

VOTED, on the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the FY2021 budget for the Keene Endowment Association as summarized in the attachment is approved.

Approve FY21 Operating Budget:

VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the operating budget for the University System applicable to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (FY21) be approved in total by the Board of Trustees as presented in the attachments; AND FURTHER that budget adjustments between campuses/units are authorized within the total System-wide Expenses approved; AND FURTHER that any required changes and modifications to the operating budget, including revisions to the estimated COVID-19 and one-time costs, required during FY21 are delegated to the Executive Committee.
Nomination and Election of Officers:

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, the Nomination Committee proposes the following slate of nominees for the indicated Board Officer positions for the coming year (GY 2021) and a seat on the Nomination Committee for a two-year term.

- Board Chair: Trustee Joe Morone
- Board Vice Chair: Trustee Jamie Burnett
- Board Secretary: Trustee Kass Ardinger
- Nom Cmte Mem: Trustee Jackie Eastwood

On motion moved by Trustee Pope and seconded by Trustee Rutman (with the nominees having recused themselves), the Board unanimously approved the slate as proposed, thereby appointing the nominees.

Discussion Topics:

Presidents Birx, Dean and Treadwell presented updates on fall reopening plans.

President Rubinstein presented on Pricing in Higher Education and GSC Strategic Update and Discussion.

Chancellor Leach’s presentation on Online/remote Readiness and remote Pricing Strategy will be postponed to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Recognition of Outgoing and Incoming Trustees: Trustee Rutman was re-elected by the UNH Alumni Association to a second term on the Board of Trustees; Trustees Ardinger and Walker are awaiting reappointment. Chair Morone thanked Trustees Griffin and Scala for their service to the board.

Nonpublic Session:

On motion made by Trustee Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, a roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously to go into nonpublic session at 12:00 pm

VOTED, that the Board of Trustees go into nonpublic session for the purpose of discussing the renewal of an employment contract for a USNH employee, as authorized by the NH Right to Know Law provisions regarding the hiring and compensation of public employees, pursuant to RSA 91-A, 3, II (a) and (b).

Return to Public Session: At 12:30 pm, on motion duly moved and seconded, the Board voted to return to public session. Chair Morone announced that while in nonpublic session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

Adjournment: At 12:31 pm, on motion duly moved and seconded, Chair Morone adjourned the meeting of the Board of Trustees. The next regularly scheduled Board and committee meetings will be held on October 22-23, 2020, at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire.