



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform:

(July 16, 2020)

**Meeting Minutes
*(Draft for Approval)***

In Attendance: Executive Committee Members (via video conference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Todd Black, Jackie Eastwood, Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Wally Stevens. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Bix, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Michael Shannon, Marjorie Smith, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Also participating (via video conference): Jim McGrail, Lisa Thorne, Tia Miller, Paul Dean, Steve Temperino, Marlin Collingwood, Brian Quigley, and Ron Rodgers.

Call to Order: At 4:01 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order, called the roll, 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.

Government Relations Update: Chair Morone called on Chancellor Leach to update the Executive Committee on recent developments in government relations. The Chancellor described a very productive and supportive meeting last week with the Governor. Furthermore, the GOFERR committee has recommended USNH receive an additional \$19 million appropriation from CARES Act funds granted to the state to help pay for the costs of testing, cleaning, and other expenditures necessary to support opening the institutions for fall semester on-campus and in-person educational programming. Finally, the Chancellor informed the committee that the state

of New Hampshire's guidelines for opening higher educational institutions have been approved and issued. The USNH institutions will be using those guidelines, along with other sources, for developing and keeping current their plans for the fall semester.

UNH Open Meeting with the Town of Durham. Chair Morone invited President Dean to report on the open meeting UNH recently held with the Town of Durham (conducted by video conference). President Dean reported on the significant participation by residents of local towns as well as the many thoughtful and respectful questions. Some of the questions require follow-up and UNH and the Town are working on determining the answers and disseminating them to the community. Overall, the event appeared to helpful to maintaining a relationship of strong collaboration between the University and Town of Durham and its residents.

Behavior, Education, and Enforcement On- and Off-campus: President Treadwell gave an overview of the work being done in this area by a subcommittee of the COVID Coordinating Committee and called on Lisa Thorne to lead the presentation to the Executive Committee. Ms. Thorne described the system-wide public health campaign developed to help students and other community members understand "we're all in this together" and respectful and responsible students and community members take good care of themselves and take care of each other. The educational posters, signs, and other materials were developed in conjunction with students from across the system. Dr. Brian Quigley, a clinical psychiatrist and Director of the KSC Health and Wellness Center, discussed the practice of "positive norming," which is the basis for the USNH health campaign. In short, it is helping people to see and embrace the value of a set of behaviors for the community as a whole. Ms. Thorne then provided more details on the activities in the public health campaign.

Marlin Collingwood described the work being done to amend the student codes of conduct across the system, including the procedures for managing complaint. Each institution will have a process for instituting interim measures to protect the community while a complaint is being processed. Police Chiefs Steve Temperino and Paul Dean described the law enforcement elements of managing off-campus student behavior and, in particular, the management of large gatherings.

The four presidents concluded the session by describing how their faculties have been involved in the development of the institutional plans as well as their interests and attitudes toward teaching in-person this fall.

Approval of Minutes. On motion by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Pope, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the following meeting minutes, as presented with the agenda for this meeting.

VOTED, that the Executive Committee hereby approves the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of May 21, May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, July 2, and July 9, 2020 as presented.

Adjourn: At 6:01 pm, Chair Morone called for further business and, hearing none, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly moved, seconded, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.