BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform:

(July 23, 2020)

Meeting Minutes

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 Birx, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Mike Pilot, Tyler Minnich, Mark Rubinstein, Michael Shannon, Marjorie Smith, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Also participating (via video conference): Jim McGrail, Lisa Thorne, Tia Miller, Paul Dean, Marlin Collingwood, Rich Grossman, Tracy Claybaugh, Kirk Sanger, Kristen Eineberg, Ann MacClellen, Cathy Provencher, Katie Caron, and Ron Rodgers. Attorneys from the McLane Middleton law firm also participated in the meeting: Pat Closson, Mike Delaney, Susan Schorr, and Rebecca Walkley.

Call to Order: At 4:00 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.

Minutes of the Meeting of July 16: Chair Morone noted the second sentence of the section on Governmental Relations was missing the word “week.” With that amendment, Trustee Eastwood moved the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Burnett and unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee:

VOTED, that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of July 16, 2020, as amended.
Non-public Session. On motion moved by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the Executive Committee unanimously adopted by following by roll call vote:

VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into non-public session to consult with legal counsel regarding the institutions' plans to open for in-person educational programming for the fall semester, pursuant to the Right to Know Law provisions regarding consultation with legal counsel, as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, I (b).

Return to Public Session. At 5:25 pm, the Executive Committee on motion duly moved and seconded voted to return to public session. Chair Morone announced the committee did not take any votes or make any decisions.

Report of the COVID Coordinating Council: The CCC reported on the status of plans for testing of students, faculty, and staff. A substantial question and answer period followed the report. The Executive Committee used the remainder of the meeting time to discuss tracing. In light of the lack of time, Chair Morone proposed another special meeting of the Executive Committee for next Tuesday, July 28, beginning at 4 pm. The topics will be tracing and contingency planning.

Adjourn: At 6:02 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.