



BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform:

(July 28, 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 Alex Walker. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Tyler Minnich, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Michael Shannon, Marjorie Smith, Wally Stevens, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Also participating (via video conference): Jim McGrail, Lisa Thorne, Tia Miller, Paul Dean, Marlin Collingwood, Kirk Sanger, Cathy Provencher, Katie Caron, Steve Balmos, Brian Quigley, Wayne Jones, Marian McCord, and Ron Rodgers.

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@unh.edu.

Minutes of the Meeting of July 23: 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 23, 2020, as presented.*

UNH Town Hall Meeting with Citizens of Durham and Surrounding Communities: The Chair called on UNH Provost Wayne Jones to brief the Executive Committee on last week's UNH

Town Hall meeting. Provost Jones said the approximately 1,400 participants included mostly students and parents and was respectful and informative. He added that a message went today to the internal university community with updates intended mostly for faculty. Presidents Birx and Treadwell provided similar updates for their institutions – each have communicated in numerous ways including town hall meetings, broadcast emails, social media, and newsletters.

Questions about Testing Protocols from Previous Meeting: At Chair Morone’s invitation Marion McCord from UNH answered several questions leftover from the previous meeting of the Executive Committee about testing and UNH’s plan to develop the capacity to conduct the analysis in-house.

Presentation on Tracing Protocols and Triggers: President Treadwell and the COVID Coordinating Council team working on tracing protocols presented a report on the status of their work. They have made progress in discussions with DHHS seeking assurances the tracing provided by the state will be sufficient and timely. They have reached agreement on some support the USNH institutions will be able to provide without assuming responsibility for tracing. Each institution has established a rapid case management team that will provide the support to DHHS. There followed a discussion of the mechanics of quarantine and isolation and the preparations being made by the residential institutions. Finally, President Treadwell led a brief description and discussion of the efforts to develop triggers and a dashboard presentation of the metrics that will underpin the triggers. The campuses have concepts they are working on but there is more work to be done before the triggers, metrics, and dashboards will be ready for use.

Board Meeting Schedule for Review of Checklist and Vote: Chair Morone proposed postponement of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees, scheduled for Thursday July 30, to the following Tuesday, August 4, beginning at 4 pm. After substantial discussion and accomplishment of an apparent consensus, the Chair confirmed the changed meeting plan.

Adjourn: At 6:10 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.