



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform
(January 7, 2021)

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, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, MJ Shannon, Wally Stevens, Greg Tewksbury, Melinda Treadwell, David Westover, and Jonathan Melanson (for Governor Sununu). Staff members participating (via video conference): Marlin Collingwood, Lisa Thorne, Cathy Provencher, Tia Miller, Jim McGrail, and Ron Rodgers. Guests (via video conference): Daniela Allee from NH Public Radio.

Call to Order: At 4:00 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order, had the roll called, 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.

Approval of Minutes. On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2020:

***VOTED,** that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of December 17, 2020, as presented.*

Campus Updates and Spring Semester Planning: The presidents of the three residential institutions described their current plans for the spring semester including: academic calendars, coronavirus testing and other health and safety precautions, athletics, and commencement. Much of the ensuing discussion included strategies for managing the behavior of students living off-campus as well as the current ambient conditions, especially in comparison to conditions at the opening of the fall semester. In the end, the presidents do not see additional health and safety advantages to delaying the opening of in-person programming more than a week or two. They also think the experience their teams gained during the fall semester, particularly the experience of managing through changing conditions, will help them guide their institutions to a successful spring semester that includes in-person programming.

Chair Morone noted although the Executive Committee is not scheduled to meet during the January Board and Committee meetings on January 21 - 22, there will be opportunity during those meetings to review any substantial developments in institutional planning or ambient conditions.

Adjourn: At 5:15 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.