



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform
(February 11, 2021)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Executive Committee Members (via video conference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Jackie Eastwood, Mike Pilot (for Todd Black); Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Wally Stevens (for Alex Walker). Other Trustees: Don Bix, Jim Gray, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Tyler Minnich, Greg Tewksbury, David Westover, and Jonathan Melanson (for Governor Sununu). Staff members participating (via video conference): Marlin Collingwood, Tom Cronin, Mica Spark, Pat Waldvogel, Karen Benincasa, Lisa Thorne, Cathy Provencher, Tia Miller, Jim McGrail, and Ron Rodgers.

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.

Discussion of Governor's Budget Address and Proposal to Join USNH and CCSNH: Chair Joe Morone and CAO Cathy Provencher described the Governor's budget address, including both the proposed appropriations to higher education for FY2022 and 2023 and the proposal to combine NH public higher education into a single system, as well as the potential effects of each on USNH. The committee and other trustees participating in the meeting discussed at length the public messages to be conveyed on behalf of the Board of Trustees, arriving at a consensus in favor of communicating strong support for the Governor's proposal.

Chair Morone noted the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Thursday, February 18, beginning at 4:00 pm.

Adjourn: At 5:10 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.