



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting by Videoconference

By Zoom Platform
(March 18, 2021)

Meeting Minutes
(DRAFT for review and approval)

In Attendance: Executive Committee Members (via video conference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Todd Black, Jackie Eastwood, Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Alex Walker. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Wally Stevens, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Staff members participating (via video conference): Tom Cronin, Marlin Collingwood, 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.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2021:

***VOTED,** the Executive Committee hereby approves the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of February 18, 2021, as presented.*

Campus Updates: At Chair Morone's invitation each president reported on the status of their institution including the beginning of spring semester, management of COVID-related disruptions,

early planning for fall semester, athletics, student behavioral health, the work of the CCSNH/USNH synergies committee, and the renewal of NECHE accreditation for KSC. The university system office will review the fall semester room and board contracts for each of the residential institutions to ensure they preserve the flexibility needed to respond to potential changes in the delivery of educational programing and related services.

Outsourced Chief Investment Officer Services (OCIO) with Prime Buchholz: On motion made by Trustee Rutman and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the proposed extension of the OCIO engagement with Prime Buchholz:

***VOTED**, that USNH continue the agreement for OCIO investment services received from the existing investment advisor, Prime Buchholz, to provide OCIO services to USNH as described in the attached memorandum; **AND FURTHER** that the USNH Treasurer be authorized to finalize and sign the necessary documents with Prime Buchholz, **AND FINALLY**, that USNH will utilize a competitive acquisition process for any further engagement of an OCIO.*

Approval of Proposed Land Sale at 66 Main Street, Durham: On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the proposed sale of UNH land at 66 Main St. in Durham:

***VOTED**, on recommendation of UNH President Dean, the Executive Committee hereby approves the proposed sale of land at 66 Main Street, Durham, to the Town of Durham and **FURTHERMORE**, authorizes Vice Chancellor and Treasurer Cathy Provencher to execute all agreements, deeds, and other instruments as may be necessary or desirable to effect this sale.*

CCSNH/USNH Merger Proposal Update: Chair Morone and Ms. Provencher provided a brief update and status report on the Governor's proposed budget and trailer bill, including the proposal to merge the two public higher education systems. Chair Morone briefed the committee on the recent presentations made to legislative committees, former trustees, and the NH Business and Industry Association (BIA)

Nonpublic Session: At 5:45 pm, the Executive Committee went into nonpublic session to discuss the proposed settlement of a lawsuit and consult with legal counsel. On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Burnett, the committee unanimously voted by roll call to go into nonpublic session:

***VOTED**, that the USNH Board of Trustees Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining strategy or negotiations and consulting with legal counsel as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, I (a) and (b).*

Return to Public Session: At 5:52 pm the Executive Committee returned to public session and Chair Morone announced the committee had approved one vote while in nonpublic session:

On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve the proposed settlement:

***VOTED**, on recommendation of the President of Keene State College, that the Board of Trustees ratify the tentative agreement between the Keene State College Staff Association, Administrative Staff Association, Directors and Supervisors Association and the Board of Trustees of the University System of NH/Keene State College as described in the attached document, **AND FURTHER**, hereby authorizes the President of Keene State College to sign and execute the three 2020-2021 collective bargaining agreements on behalf of the Board of Trustees.*

The committee took no other votes and made no other decisions while in nonpublic session.

Chair Morone noted the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Thursday, May 20, beginning at 4:00 pm.

Adjourn: At 5:55 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.