

**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Governance Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

*(April 1, 2021)*

Via Videoconference

**New Trustee Orientation Program – Second Session**

**Members in Attendance:**

- Kassandra Ardinger
- Christopher Pope
- Cathy Green
- David Westover

**Call to Order:** At 4:03 pm, Committee Chair Ardinger opened the meeting and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business. In addition to the committee members noted above, the following trustees attended the meeting: Jamie Burnett, Gregg Tewksbury, and Tyler Minnich. Also present were staff members Cathy Provencher, Tia Miller, and Ron Rodgers.

**Basis for Electronic Meeting:** This meeting was 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 603-862-1800 or email [tia.miller@usnh.edu](mailto:tia.miller@usnh.edu).

Chair Ardinger previewed the agenda and goals for this second session of the new trustees' orientation program. The committee, new trustees, and others in attendance discussed the Board's governance calendar for the remainder of the year, including the approval of operating and capital budgets, the annual self-assessment of the Board's performance, and the election of officers for the coming governance year. The process by which the officers assign committee membership and appoint committee leaders was also discussed. At Chair Ardinger's invitation, the new trustees offered their assessment of the trusteeship development program, including the campus visits, the mentorship program, and the orientation sessions. There was general agreement in the value of the program and a desire for increased opportunities for student contact throughout the governance year. Trustee Minnich noted the importance of information about the role of a trustee at the time a candidate for a student trustee position is considering whether to accept the nomination. Chair

Ardinger expressed the committee's appreciation for the helpful discussion, assessment, and suggestions for improving the trusteeship development process.

**Call for Further Business:** Chair Ardinger called for further business and, hearing none, accepted a motion to adjourn from Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Pope.

**Adjourn:** The committee unanimously approved the motion and Chair Ardinger adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

[NB: The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021, via Zoom videoconference platform.]

*-- End of Minutes of the Meeting of April 1, 2021 --*