



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Special Meeting Held at USNH System Office**  
*(July 15, 2021)*

**Meeting Minutes**  
*(APPROVED: August 19, 2021)*

**In Attendance:** Executive Committee Members present at meeting location (USNH System Office; 5 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301): Chair Joseph Morone, , Secretary Kass Ardinger, Trustees Todd Black, and Jackie Eastwood. Executive Committee Members participating by videoconference: Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Trustees Morgan Rutman, and Wally Stevens. Other Trustees present at meeting location: Frank Edelblut, and Shawn Jasper. Other Trustees participating by videoconference: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jim Dean, Jim Gray, Cathy Green, Mackenzie Murphy, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Gregg Tewksbury, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover.

**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.

**Congratulating GSC President Mark Rubinstein, the Chancellor-elect of CCSNH:** Chair Morone congratulated President Rubinstein on his election as the next Chancellor of CCSNH, effective September 1, 2021, and thanked him for his dedicated service to UNH, GSC, USNH, and the Board of Trustees. Members of the Executive Committee and other Trustees participating in the meeting joined in thanking President Rubinstein with a round of applause.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On motion moved by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Ardinger, the committee unanimously approved by roll call vote the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2021:

***VOTED,** that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 24, 2021, as presented.*

**COVID-19 Protocols for Fall Semester:** Chair Morone led the committee and other Trustees present in a discussion of the draft COVID-19 protocols for the fall semester. Several changes were suggested and will be incorporated into the version forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for review and comment.

**Nonpublic Session:** At 4:35 pm, on motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Vice Chair Burnett, the Executive Committee unanimously voted by roll call to go into nonpublic session for the reasons stated:

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purposes of discussing (1) personnel matters including the performance and compensation of one or more public employees, (2) the hiring of any person as a public employee, (3) matters of competitive strategy which, if discussed in public, would likely advantage private interests to the disadvantage of the interests of the public, and (4) consultation with legal counsel as authorized by RSA 91-A:2,1 (b) and 91-A:3, II (a) and (b).*

**Return to Public Session:** At 6:05 pm, on motion made by Trustee Rutman and seconded by Trustee Ardinger, the Executive Committee unanimously voted by roll call to return to public session.

**Motion to Seal Minutes of Nonpublic Session:** On motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Vice Chair Burnett, the Executive unanimously voted by roll call to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session except the portion relating to the appointment of the KSC Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:

*VOTED, the Executive Committee hereby seals the minutes of the preceding nonpublic session as permitted by the New Hampshire Right to Know Law in RSA 91-A:3, III, except the portion relating to the appointment of the KSC Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.*

**Appointment of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Keene State College:** Chair Morone announced that while in nonpublic session, on motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Ardinger, the committee the Executive Committee unanimously approved by roll call vote the following motion:

*VOTED, on recommendation of Melinda Treadwell, President of Keene State College, with endorsement of the Executive Compensation and Performance Review Committee, that the Executive Committee hereby recommend the approval of the appointment of Dr. James Beeby to the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Keene State College, upon the terms outlined in the materials distributed with the agenda for this meeting.*

**Adjourn:** At 6:15 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.