



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 29, 2021

Special Meeting held In-Person
Granite State College
Event Center
25 Hall Road
Concord, NH 03301

(With access available via videoconference platform)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kassandra Ardinger, Amy Begg, Jose Calvo, Jim Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Jim Gray, Cathy Green, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Rick Ladd, Mackenzie Murphy; Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Morgan Rutman, Wally Stevens, and David Westover. Participating by videoconference: Don Birx, George Hansel, Alana Lehouillier, and Melinda Treadwell. Jonathan Melanson attended on behalf of Governor Sununu.

Call to Order: At 4:05 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business. Chair Morone briefly reviewed the agenda and desired outcomes for the business meeting.

Nonpublic Session: At 4:10 pm, on motion made by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Trustee Ardinger, the Board unanimously voted by roll call to go into nonpublic session for the stated purposes:

***VOTED**, that the Board of Trustees go into nonpublic session for the purposes of discussing matters relating to the impending resignation of the GSC president, as provided for in the NH Right-to-Know Law provisions relating to (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, I (b); 91-A:3, II (a), and (b).*

Return to Public Session: At 7:10 pm, on motion duly moved and seconded, the Board voted to return to public session. Chair Morone announced that while in nonpublic session the Board of Trustees took three votes:

- 1. Resolution on the Proposal relative to Granite State College:** On motion made by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Trustee Stevens, the Board of Trustees voted by roll call to approve the resolution (there were eighteen affirmative votes, and two negative votes, with Trustee Rubinstein abstaining):

***VOTED**, the Board of Trustees hereby resolves that the proposal relative to Granite State College, distributed with the agenda for this meeting, will support and advance the*

*mission of Granite State College and will serve the best interests of Granite State College, the entire University System of New Hampshire, and all New Hampshire citizens and, **THEREFORE**, the proposal should be implemented as soon as reasonably practical, with due care, and in a manner consistent with the legal authority of the Board of Trustees.*

- 2. Motion to Approve and Direct the Implementation of the Proposal relative to Granite State College except the Integration into UNH and to Work with the Legislature to accomplish the Integration:** On motion made by Trustee Gray and seconded by Trustee Ladd, the Board of Trustees voted by roll call unanimously to approve the proposal and direct its implementation:

***VOTED**, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal relative to Granite State College, distributed with the agenda for this meeting, and directs the USNH administration to implement all aspects of the proposal except the integration of GSC into UNH and **FURTHERMORE** directs the USNH administration to work with the Legislature to amend the state law as may be desirable to accomplish the integration, keeping the Board of Trustees appropriately informed of the status and progress of their efforts.*

- 3. Motion to Elect a President for Granite State College:** On motion made by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Trustee Ardinger, the Board of Trustees voted by roll call unanimously to approve the election (there were twenty-one affirmative votes and no negative votes):

***VOTED**, the Board of Trustees hereby elects James W. Dean, PhD, to be the President of Granite State College, effective on September 1, 2021, on such terms and conditions of employment as may be approved by the Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Compensation and Performance Review Committee.*

Review of Apparent Unauthorized Disclosures: Chair Morone then described concerns arising from: (1) an apparent unauthorized disclosure of a privileged, confidential, and sensitive document previously distributed to the Board of Trustees and (2) an unauthorized disclosure of the substance of an Executive Committee discussion held in non-public session, the records of which had been sealed. Chair Morone directed the General Counsel to review the apparent disclosures and report his findings to the Governance Committee, which will review the matter and present its findings and recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

Adjournment: At 7:15 pm, Chair Morone adjourned the special meeting of the Board of Trustees. The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees and its committees will take place on October 21 and 22, hosted by Plymouth State University.