



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Held at USNH System Office  
5 Chenell Dr., Suite 301, Concord, NH  
(August 18, 2022)

### **Meeting Minutes** (DRAFT for review and approval)

**In Attendance:** Executive Committee Members present at meeting location (USNH System Office, 5 Chenell Dr., Concord, NH 03301): Chair Alex Walker, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Jackie Eastwood, Cathy Green, Mike Pilot, and Morgan Rutman. Executive Committee Member participating by videoconference: Secretary Kass Ardinger. Other Trustees present at meeting location: Don Bix, Jim Dean, Shawn Jasper, and David Westover. Other Trustees participating by videoconference: Amy Begg, Jim Gray, Kevin Knarr, and Joel Nkounkou.

**Call to Order:** At 4:05 pm, Chair Walker called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business. Chair Walker then recognized outgoing General Counsel Ron Rodgers who introduced new General Counsel Chad Pimentel.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** On motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Green, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2022:

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee approves the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of May 19, 2022, as presented in the materials [for item V.A.] of the agenda for this meeting.*

**Approval of Residency Rule Changes for Military Personnel:** On motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Pilot, the committee unanimously approved changes related to the categorization of dependents of certain military personnel under the System's Residency Policy:

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Presidents' Council, approves the proposed changes to Policy BOT.IV.E.10, Classification of Students for Tuition Purposes (Residency Rules) as presented in the materials [for item VI.A.] of the agenda for this meeting.*

**Assignment of Enterprise Management Risks to Board Committees:** On motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Rutman, the committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve the proposed assignment of the top ten system-wide risks identified in the 2023 annual Enterprise Risk Management report to Board committees for oversight:

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Audit Committee, formally assigns the top ten system-wide risks identified in the GY 2023 annual ERM report to the appropriate Board committees, as presented in the attachment [for item VI.B.] of the agenda for this meeting, for purposes of oversight.*

**Approval of Donor-Funded Scope Increase for Huddleston Hall Honors College & Life Safety Upgrades Renovation:** On motion made by Trustee Eastwood and seconded by Trustee Rutman, the committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve donor-funded changes to the budget of the Huddleston Hall renovation project:

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee, on recommendation of the UNH President, approves a revised budget of \$19.8 million for renovations to Huddleston Hall at the University of New Hampshire, AND FURTHER that the revised funding sources be \$11 million in UNH operating funds and \$8.8 million in donor gifts (a reduction of \$200,000 in UNH operating funds and increase in donor funding of \$2.5 million over the original budget).*

**Remarks from Campus Presidents:** PSU President Birx, UNH President Dean, and KSC President Treadwell each provided the Committee with brief updates on campus events, with a focus on the start of the new academic term and campus health and safety.

**Strategic Retreat Agenda:** Chair Walker previewed the agenda for the upcoming Board strategic retreat.

**Strategic Planning Task Force:** Interim Chancellor Dean updated the Committee on the Task Force's progress to date, including ongoing work to create budget forecasting models, chart each institution's academic offerings, and survey facilities usage. Chief Administrative Office Cathy Provencher updated the Committee on the preliminary FY 2022 budget actuals.

**Nonpublic Session:** At 5:07 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) matters related to collective bargaining strategy and (2) consultation with legal counsel, as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, I (a) and (b).*

**Return to Public Session:** At 5:12 pm, on motion made by Chair Walker and seconded by Vice Chair Burnett, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to return to public session. Chair Walker then announced that the committee took the following action while in non-public session:

**Motion to Approve and Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement between Plymouth State University and the PSU SEA Representing PSU Teaching Lecturers:** On motion made by Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee unanimously voted by roll call to approve the following motion:

*VOTED, on recommendation of PSU President Birx, that the Executive Committee hereby approves and ratifies the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the PSU Teaching Lecturers, AND FURTHER hereby authorizes President Birx to*

*execute the collective bargaining agreement effective immediately through June 30, 2025.*

**Adjourn:** At 5:13 pm, Chair Walker called for further business and, hearing none, adjourned the meeting.