



BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Held at Plymouth State University
Centre Lodge, 8 Merrill Street, Plymouth, NH
(October 20, 2022)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Governance Committee Members present at meeting location (Centre Lodge, Plymouth, NH): Committee Vice Chair Cathy Green, Jamie Burnett, Christiana Thornton, and David Westover. Other Trustees also in attendance: Zachary Christie, Jim Dean, Rick Ladd, Christian Merheb, Chair Alex Walker.

Call to Order: At 1:00 pm, Vice Chair Green called the meeting to order, took the roll, and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient to do business.

Approval of Minutes: The committee unanimously approved the minutes of its June 23 and September 15 meetings, as follows:

VOTED, the Governance Committee hereby approves the minutes of the meetings of June 23, 2022, and September 15, 2022, as presented in the materials distributed with the agenda to this meeting.

Diversity on the Board of Trustees: The Committee continued its discussion regarding efforts to increase diversity among trustees. The Committee agreed that the topic should remain a standing agenda item and a consensus formed that the System should investigate relevant trainings that could be made available to trustees and alumni associations.

Review Updated Inventory of Experience, Skills, and Interests: General Counsel Chad Pimentel summarized the data in the updated inventory of trustee experience, skills, and interests as voluntarily disclosed by trustees. There were no material changes in the inventory from the prior year. Trustees agreed that the inventory survey should be circulated to all trustees each year and should request data on veteran status.

Identify Gaps in Inventory of Experience, Skills, and Interests for Transmission to Nominations Committee: The Committee reviewed the inventory and formed a consensus that the most relevant gaps for the Nominations Committee to consider in its work are diversity, experience and capacity for organizational leadership, and experience in safety, cybersecurity, emergency and risk management, as well as facilities management.

Committee Work Plan for GY 22-23 and Annual Workflow Calendar: The Committee reviewed the previous year's work plan and discussed updates to the calendar for the coming years, which will include a review of our Governance structure, slated for January 2024.

New Business: Trustee Christie raised an item of new business related to the status of the student and alumni trustees for Granite State College following GSC's merger with UNH in June 2023. A discussion on that issue will be added to the agenda for a future Committee meeting.

Adjourn: At 1:55 pm, Vice Chair Green called for further business and, hearing none, adjourned the meeting.