

Special Called Meeting April 13, 2021 2:00 pm Live Stream

## **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Betsy Oakley, Chair; Mona Edwards, Vice Chair; Margaret Benjamin, Vanessa Carroll, Mae Douglas, Brad Hayes, George Hoyle, Austin Moore, Dean Priddy, Ward Russell, Linda Sloan, David Sprinkle

Members Absent with Notice: Elizabeth Phillips

Others Present: Chancellor Frank Gilliam; Terri Shelton, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor; Bob Shea, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; Cathy Akens, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; Beth Fischer, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement; Donna Heath, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Services; Jeanne Madorin, Association Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer; Tina McEntire, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management; Kim Record, Director of Athletics; Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Kelly Harris, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees; James Lyons, Technology Support Analyst; and other members of the administration, faculty, and staff.

Chair Betsy Oakley called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and noted that several trustees would be leaving the board at the end of the academic year. She recognized SGA President Austin Moore and thanked him for his time and service to the board and to UNCG. She also thanked Vanessa Carroll, Ward Russell, and David Sprinkle for their many years of service. Carroll and Russell served eight years, and Sprinkle served ten.

Oakley read the conflict of interest statement; none were identified. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from March 18, 2021 were approved without additions or corrections.

#### **Open Session**

## **BOT-1** Naming Policy and Revocation Guidelines

Oakley noted that after much discussion and ample opportunity for trustee input, the board was considering a revised naming policy and guidelines for revocation of namings. Oakley briefly reviewed the process behind the revisions, which included the University Advancement

Committee (UAC) discussing the policy at the March 16, 2021 meeting. Thereafter, Vice Chancellor Beth Fischer's team confirmed the consensus of the Committee, and the proposed policy was drafted accordingly, along with revocation guidelines. Those documents were reviewed by UAC members before being shared with the full board along with a summary of key provisions. All Trustees were given an opportunity to share their feedback.

During conversation, Trustee Dean Priddy discussed the value of signatory authority and best practice based on his review of naming policies at other universities and moved that the proposed policy be amended to delegate authority to the Chancellor to approve namings at \$100,000 or less, rather than namings at or below \$99,999.99 as drafted. Discussion followed and the board reached consensus that the proposed policy should be so amended. Oakley invited a motion to approve the naming policy as amended. Trustee David Sprinkle made the motion; Trustee Mona Edwards seconded. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Oakley noted that the remaining items on the agenda needed to be discussed in closed session. She reminded the board that during closed session, the only topics of discussion would be agenda items BOT-2 and 3, and that no vote would be taken until the board returned to open session.

Oakley then moved that the board convene in closed session pursuant to N.C. Open Meetings Law Section 143-318.11(2), (5) and (6) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award; consider the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or contracts; and consider the qualifications, performance, character, fitness, or conditions of appointment of an employee.

Trustee Mae Douglas seconded. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public were advised that the live stream would remain active during the closed session and that streaming would continue when the board returned to open session.

#### **General Account of Closed Session Discussion**

**Members Present**: Betsy Oakley, Mona Edwards, Margaret Benjamin, Vanessa Carroll, Mae Douglas, Brad Hayes, George Hoyle, Austin Moore, Dean Priddy, Ward Russell, Linda Sloan, David Sprinkle

**Others Present:** Chancellor Frank Gilliam; Interim Provost Terri Shelton; Bob Shea, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; Beth Fischer, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement; Kim Record, Director of Athletics; Jeanne Madorin, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer; Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Kelly Harris, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

#### BOT-2 Donor Naming Proposal

The board discussed a naming proposal for a suite in the Nursing and Instructional Building, as recommended for approval by the University Advancement Committee.

# BOT-3 Personnel Report dated April 6, 2021

The Board discussed a routine personnel report dated April 6, 2021.

## **Open Session Vote on Closed Session Items**

#### BOT-2 Donor Naming Proposal

Following return to open session, Oakley invited a motion to approve the donor naming proposal presented in agenda item BOT-2. Trustee Mona Edwards made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Ward Russell. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## BOT-3 Personnel Report dated April 6, 2021

Oakley invited a motion to approve the personnel report dated April 6, 2021. Trustee Mae Douglas made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee George Hoyle. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

# Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Harris

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Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees