

DRAFT MINUTES

December 17, 2020
University of North Carolina
Center for School Leadership Development, Board Room
Via Videoconference and UNC-TV Live Stream

Call to Order

The Board of Governors met on December 17, 2020, in-person and by videoconference. Chair Ramsey called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He reminded the members that the day's meeting would be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act. These provisions that apply during states of emergency and allow public bodies to meet via electronic means. The law requires, however, that all votes be taken by roll call. He reminded the members that all chats, instant messages, texts, or other written communications between members of the Board regarding the transaction of the public business during the remote meeting are deemed a public record.

Invocation

Chair Ramsey called on Mr. Holley to give the invocation.

Roll Call

Secretary Burris-Floyd called the roll. The following members were present:

W. Louis Bissette, Jr.	W. Marty Kotis, III
Kellie Hunt Blue	Steven B. Long
Pearl Burris-Floyd	J. Alex Mitchell
C. Philip Byers	Wendy Floyd Murphy
Jimmy D. Clark	Anna Spangler Nelson
Carolyn Coward	R. Doyle Parrish
N. Leo Daughtry	Art Pope
Thomas C. Goolsby	David Powers
Isaiah Green	Randy Ramsey
Reginald Ronald Holley	Temple Sloan
James L. Holmes, Jr.	Dwight D. Stone
Mark Holton	Michael Williford
Terry Hutchens	

State Ethics Act

Chair Ramsey stated that, under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. He asked if anyone had a potential conflict. There were none.

Consent Agenda Items

Chair Ramsey referred to the consent agenda items listed as Item 3 on the day's consent agenda.

Minutes

a. Minutes of November 19, 2020

Committee on Budget and Finance

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| b. Sale of Special Obligation Bonds – UNC Charlotte | Appendix A |
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Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

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| h. Section 400.1.5, <i>Fostering Undergraduate Student Success</i> (Amended) | Appendix G |
| i. Section 400.1.6, <i>The University of North Carolina Academic Calendar</i> (Amended) | Appendix H |

Motion: Resolved, that the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda items listed on the day’s meeting as described above.

Motion: Reginald Ronald Holley

Motion carried (Roll Call vote taken; see Appendix M)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Mr. Holmes, chair of the committee, reported that the committee met earlier in the day. The committee heard a presentation on the utilization of facilities supported by the Student Activity Fee and how the fees are allocated and expended. The committee also heard a proposal from the Task Force on Pricing, Flexibility, and Affordability, which made a recommendation to establish a standard per-credit method to prorate tuition. Mr. Holmes explained that the proposal would move tuition for distance education an in-person instruction to a single per-credit tuition pricing model consistent across both learning modes. The committee approved the recommendation and will bring it to the full Board for a vote at its meeting on February 18, 2021.

Next, the committee considered and approved routine administrative and transaction items. It heard a presentation on a capital improvement project requested by UNC Asheville (Appendix B). The committee also heard presentations on three separate property items – Disposition of Property by Reallocation at NC State University (see Appendix C); the Disposition of Property by Ground Lease at NC State University (see Appendix D); and the Acquisition of Property by Deed at UNC Charlotte (see Appendix E). These items were approved by the committee and placed on the day’s consent agenda. The committee also considered a request for Authorization to Amend a Ground Lease at Appalachian State University (see Appendix F) and voted to place this item on the day’s consent agenda.

In closing, Mr. Holmes reminded the Board that the Task Force on Pricing, Flexibility, and Affordability would meet 30 minutes following the adjournment of the day’s full Board meeting.

Report of the Committee on Personnel and Tenure

Mrs. Blue, chair of the committee, called on Mr. Garrett Killian, chair of the UNC Staff Assembly, for a brief report. Mr. Killian spoke about the success of the Janet B. Royster (JBR) Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year, the UNC Staff Assembly sponsors the UNC Chancellors’ Cup Golf Tournament. Proceeds are used to support the JBR Memorial Scholarship. To date, the UNC Staff Assembly has awarded 131 scholarships totaling more than \$89,000. He thanked the chancellors for their continued support. Mr. Killian noted that this year’s tournament was cancelled due to COVID but he was optimistic the tournament would return in 2021.

Next, Mr. Killian announced that the election for the next chair of the UNC Staff Assembly was held on October 27, 2020. Ms. Crystal Woods of NC School of Science and Mathematics was elected chair of the UNC Staff Assembly.

Lastly, Mr. Killian announced that Dr. Veronica Catete, research scientist at NC State University, was awarded the 2020 Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award. The award will be formally presented to her in the spring.

Report of the UNC System Racial Equity Task Force

Mr. Holley, chair of the task force, reported that the task force was established in June 2020 to examine racial inequities in North Carolina's public higher education system and to explore remedies for those inequities. The focus of the task force was to offer a path forward to build a culture of equity and inclusion across the UNC System. He reported that the task force was comprised of Board members, student body representatives, faculty, and staff. The task force examined data and consulted with diversity and inclusion professionals from across the 17 UNC constituent institutions. The task force conducted a System-wide survey and held a series of virtual town hall sessions. Last month, the task force met to discuss the feedback it had received and identify steps to chart a path forward. The task force then adopted six recommendations and presented them to Chair Ramsey and President Hans. A full report from the task force would be presented to the full Board at its meeting next month.

Chair's Report

Chair Ramsey recognized three employees who were departing the UNC System at the end of this month. First, he recognized Mr. Andrew G. Moretz, vice president for state government relations. Chair Ramsey thanked Mr. Moretz for his outstanding service to the University and called on Mr. Byers, who offered a resolution on behalf of the Board, honoring Mr. Moretz (see Appendix I).

Motion: Resolved, that the Board accept the resolution honoring the service of Andrew G. Moretz.

Motion: C. Philip Byers

Motion carried unanimously (Roll Call vote taken; see Appendix M)

Second, Chair Ramsey recognized Mr. Brent T. Herron, associate vice president and senior associate vice president for safety and emergency operations. Chair Ramsey thanked Mr. Herron for his service and advocacy for campus law enforcement and public safety. He welcomed the campus police chiefs, who joined the meeting. The UNC police chiefs presented Mr. Herron with a police badge shadow box and a personalized thin blue line metal flag. In addition, on behalf of the Governor of the State of North Carolina, Mr. Herron was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's most prestigious award for service.

Next, Chair Ramsey called on Mr. Holton, who offered a resolution on behalf of the Board, honoring Mr. Herron (see Appendix J).

Motion: Resolved, that the Board accept the resolution honoring Brent T. Herron.

Motion: Mark Holton

Motion carried unanimously (Roll Call vote taken; see Appendix M)

Lastly, Chair Ramsey recognized Mr. Tom Shanahan, senior vice president and general counsel. Chair Ramsey praised Mr. Shanahan for his exemplary service to the University and called on Mr. Powers, who offered a resolution on behalf of the Board, honoring Mr. Shanahan (see Appendix K).

Motion: Resolved, that the Board accept the resolution honoring Thomas C. Shanahan.

Motion: David Powers

Motion carried unanimously (Roll Call vote taken; see Appendix M)

Chair Ramsey called on Secretary Burris-Floyd for a motion to go into closed session.

Motion: Resolved, that the Board go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under Article 7 of Chapter 126 of the North Carolina General Statutes, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes; consult with its attorney to protect attorney-client privilege; and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1), (3), and (6) (see Appendix L).

Motion: Secretary Burris-Floyd

Motion seconded: Reginald Ronald Holley

Motion carried (Roll Call vote taken; see Appendix M)

The Board went into closed session at 1:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:49 p.m.

Report of the Committee on Personnel and Tenure

Mrs. Blue, chair of the committee, reported that during its meeting earlier in the day, the committee discussed the University's philosophy on compensation for EHRA employees, establishing salary ranges, and compensation that is competitive within labor markets. The committee will continue discussion on this topic at its next meeting.

Next, President Hans presented his nominee for the next chancellor at East Carolina University. The committee voted to accept President Hans' recommendation and submit the nominee to the full Board. Mrs. Blue called on President Hans to present the nominee.

President Hans thanked Interim Chancellor Mitchelson for his leadership and spoke about the amazing job he has done in the role of chancellor on an interim basis at East Carolina University. President Hans stated that he and the Board will recognize Interim Chancellor Mitchelson formally at an event in the spring. President Hans announced the nomination of Dr. Philip Rogers, senior vice president of learning and engagement for the American Council on Education, as the next leader of East Carolina University. In recommending Dr. Rogers, President Hans commented that Dr. Rogers is a native North Carolinian from Greenville. He knows the university; he knows eastern North Carolina; and he has a deep understanding of how important ECU is to the people of this state.

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the committee, I move that the Board of Governors vote to appoint Dr. Philip G. Rogers as Chancellor of East Carolina University.

Motion: Kellie Hunt Blue

Motion carried (Roll Call vote taken; see Appendix M)

In closing, Chair Ramsey congratulated Dr. Rogers. He thanked the search committee, the ECU Board of Trustees, and others involved in the search process. He also commented on a year of extraordinary accomplishments that the Board and the UNC System have achieved together.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021, at the UNC Center for School Leadership Development in Chapel Hill.

Pearl Burris-Floyd, Secretary

APPENDICES

The Appendices are part of the official record of the meeting and are posted on the UNC System website at:
<http://www.northcarolina.edu/apps/bog/index.php>

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Appendix K	Resolution honoring Thomas C. Shanahan
Appendix L	Closed Session Motion
Appendix M	Roll Call Vote