

DRAFT MINUTES

June 19, 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 in an emergency meeting on June 19, 2020. Chair Ramsey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He explained that the day's meeting was conducted pursuant to the amendments of the Open Meetings Act, which apply during a state of emergency. The meeting was held in-person and by videoconference pursuant to social distancing guidelines. All votes will be taken by roll call. Chair Ramsey reminded the Board that all chats, instant messages, texts, or other written communications between members regarding the transaction of the public business during the remote meeting are deemed a public record.

Roll Call

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

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

The following members were absent:

Thomas C. Goolsby	Robert Rucho
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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 and asked if anyone had a potential conflict. There were none.

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

Secretary Burris-Floyd moved 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; and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, condition of appointment, or conditions of initial

employment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (6).

Motion: Pearl Burris-Floyd

Roll Call Vote	
Motion to Move into Closed Session	
Allison	Yes
Bissette	<i>Non-voting</i>
Blue	Yes
Burris-Floyd	Yes
Byers	Yes
Coward	Yes
Daughtry	Yes
Goolsby	<i>Absent</i>
Green	<i>Non-voting</i>
Holley	Yes
Holmes	Yes
Holton	Yes
Hutchens	Yes
Kotis	Yes
Long	Yes
Mitchell	Yes
Murphy	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Parrish	Yes
Powers	Yes
Ramsey	Yes
Rucho	<i>Absent</i>
Sloan	Yes
Stone	Yes
Williford	Yes

Motion carried with 21 votes in the affirmative.

The Board went into closed session at 9:34 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:45 a.m.

Election of a President

Chair Ramsey called on Mrs. Murphy, co-chair of the Presidential Search Committee, to provide a report of the committee. Mrs. Murphy provided a brief summary of the search process. The search committee began its work on June 21, 2019. The committee sought input from stakeholders around the state regarding the qualifications, skills, and experience required in the next president of the University of North Carolina System. Over the past several months, the committee reviewed more than 40 candidates’ submissions and conducted virtual interviews. The committee was pleased with the quality of the candidate pool. Earlier in the week, the committee met to conduct in-person interviews with the finalists. Three final candidates were considered. The search committee recommended Mr. Peter Hans, who currently serves as president of the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), as its next leader for the University of North Carolina. In recommending Mr. Hans, Mrs. Murphy spoke of

his background and his deep experience in higher education leadership. In 1997, the North Carolina House of Representatives elected him to a six-year term on the State Board of Community Colleges. In 2003, the North Carolina Senate elected Mr. Hans to the UNC Board of Governors. He was reelected in 2007 and 2011, and he served as chair of the Board from 2012 – 2014. A native North Carolinian, Mr. Hans grew up in the small towns of Southport and Hendersonville. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from UNC-Chapel Hill and his master of liberal arts degree and extension studies from Harvard University.

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Presidential Search Committee, the Board of Governors elect Mr. Peter Hans as the next president of the University of North Carolina System in accordance with the terms and conditions as stated in the letter employment agreement.

Motion: Wendy Murphy

Motion seconded: Mr. Allison

Chair Ramsey opened the floor for comment. Mr. Bissette commended the members of the search committee on their work. He indicated his full support for the motion and noted that Mr. Hans will make an excellent president for our beloved UNC System. Mr. Holmes also commended the search committee and spoke about the modest compensation package that was structured for the president-elect. For the record, Mr. Holmes emphasized that the compensation package was proposed by Mr. Hans and complimented him for bringing a result-based compensation package to the forefront.

Roll Call Vote Election of a President	
Allison	Yes
Bissette	<i>Non-voting</i>
Blue	Yes
Burris-Floyd	Yes
Byers	Yes
Coward	Yes
Daughtry	Yes
Goolsby	<i>Absent</i>
Green	<i>Non-voting</i>
Holley	Yes
Holmes	Yes
Holton	Yes
Hutchens	Yes
Kotis	Yes
Long	Yes
Mitchell	Yes
Murphy	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Parrish	Yes
Powers	Yes
Ramsey	Yes
Rucho	<i>Absent</i>
Sloan	Yes
Stone	Yes
Williford	Yes

Motion carried unanimously

Chair Ramsey welcomed President-elect Hans. He congratulated him and stated that “the Board has found a North Carolinian who displays timeless and essential qualities of integrity and fairness. He has distinguished himself as a visionary leader who not only understands but is leading the charge for the future of higher education. We believe there is not anyone better suited to lead our University System into the future, a future that may be different than what we thought it would look like six months ago. We are delighted to have Peter as our new president and look forward to the transition process.”

President-elect Hans was called on for his remarks. Mr. Hans thanked the members of the Board for the opportunity to serve. He noted that he has had the opportunity to discuss many important issues with the members and the discussions would be ongoing. He looked forward to years of progress ahead and the shared commitment to the needs of our students, the University, and the state of North Carolina.

Next, Chair Ramsey thanked Interim President Roper for his leadership and friendship. Chair Ramsey explained that Interim President Roper had presided over the University System for the past 18 months and the Board is very appreciative of his service to the University and to the state. Interim President Roper remarked that it has been an honor to serve. He congratulated President-elect Hans and expressed full confidence in him to lead the UNC System into the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2020, at the UNC Center for School Leadership Development in Chapel Hill.

Pearl Burris-Floyd, Secretary