

Minutes
Weber State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 28, 2018

Trustee Members:

Ms. Karla Bergeson
Mr. Marty Carpenter
Ms. Kearston Cutrubus (Vice Chair)
Ms. Danielle Croyle (joined later)
Ms. Karen Fairbanks
Mr. Nolan Karras (Chair)
Mr. Scott Parson
Mr. Jordan Slater

Excused:

Mr. Don Salazar
Dr. Jeff Stephens

Weber State University Representatives:

Dr. Norm Tarbox, Interim President, Vice President for Administrative Affairs
Dr. Brad Mortensen, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Brett Perozzi, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Bruce Bowen, Associate Provost
Mr. Shane Farver, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Mr. Richard G. Hill, General Counsel
Ms. Allison Hess, Director, Public Relations

Press Present:

Mr. Sergio Martinez-Beltran, Standard-Examiner

Welcome

Approval/Ratification of
Trustee Chair and Actions
Under Board Bylaws

ACTION

Property Acquisition

- I. The meeting convened at 11 a.m.
- II. Vice chair Kearston Cutruba, temporarily acting in the capacity of chair, welcomed those in attendance.
- III. Cutruba called for a motion to officially approve Nolan Karras as WSU Board of Trustees chair and ratify his decisions from the 2017-18 academic year. The Board of Trustees recognized that the board's bylaws required it to elect the chairperson at the first meeting of the 2017 fiscal year. Because that did not happen, trustees sought to approve the election of Karras, as the chairperson of the Board of Trustees as of Aug. 22, 2017, and ratify all action taken as Board of Trustees chairperson since that date.

Upon a motion from Karla Bergeson seconded by Scott Parson, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the election of Nolan Karras as chairperson of the Board of Trustees as of Aug. 22, 2017, and ratified all action taken as Board of Trustees chairperson since that date. Trustee Danielle Croyle, who would arrive later, did not participate in the vote and would arrive during item VI.

- IV. Interim President Norm Tarbox described a proposed property acquisition at the former site of Club Heights Elementary School. The 3.25 acres of property, adjacent to the Ogden Golf & Country Club, would be purchased by WSU with a gift, and would be developed by WSU and the Ogden Golf & Country Club to enhance the club's facilities. A short-game practice area and change in one of the course's tee boxes would be the result of the acquisition. That facility would be owned by WSU, but jointly used by the WSU golf teams and country club. It would also make the Ogden Country Club the home golf course for WSU golf teams. Tarbox also recognized trustee Jeff Stephens, who was excused from this meeting, for his role in arranging the purchase.

ACTION

Upon a motion from Karen Fairbanks seconded by Cutrubus, the trustees present unanimously voted to approve the property acquisition of 3.25 acres for \$300,000. The Utah State Board of Regents would later approve the lease of that property.

Public Entity Resolution

- V. Tarbox sought the approval of a public entity resolution requested by the State Public Treasurer's Investment Fund delegating Steve Nabor, Ronald Smith and Wendell Rich to do business on behalf of the university.

ACTION

On a motion from Scott Parson seconded by Marty Carpenter, the Board of Trustees members present unanimously approved the public entity resolution.

Board of Trustees Bylaws

- VI. The Board of Trustees considered revisions to the board's bylaws, last revised in 1996. Tarbox summarized the changes by saying that the proposed bylaws would be a stripped-down version of the current version, taking detail out of the bylaws about committees and moving those details to charters. The new bylaws also detail the three places that the Board of Trustees receive their authority: Utah Code, Board of Regents policy and WSU policy. Rules for the board and committee charters would come to the Board of Trustees in the month of August. (Croyle joined the meeting during this item)

Bergeson also said that WSU staff conferred with other institutions about their bylaws. She previously thanked General Counsel Rich Hill, Deputy General Counsel Stephanie Hollist, Tarbox, Vice President Brad Mortensen and Provost Madonna Miner for their work on the bylaws revisions.

ACTION

After discussion regarding the particulars of the changes, upon a motion from Marty Carpenter seconded by Karen Fairbanks, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the revised WSU Board of Trustees bylaws.

Trustees Training/Meeting Structure

VII. Trustees discussed a training scheduled for Aug. 13. Among the potential topics were charters and rules, special topics that could be discussed during trustee meetings, higher education governance in Utah and presentations from deans, SWOT analyses from colleges, fiduciary duties, statutory duties, the Public Employees Ethics Act and others. Jordan Slater also recommended gathering students' perspectives during the training.

Trustees also discussed streamlining the structure of meetings. Trustee reports could also be a standing part of the agenda. General Counsel Rich Hill also said that restructuring could help trustees better fulfill their fiduciary duties.

Formalize Conflict of Interest Disclosures

VIII. Tarbox reminded those trustees who had not yet completed conflict of interest forms to do so.

Other

IX. Tarbox shared with trustees a portrait of past president Charles A. Wight. A larger version of the portrait, by Mark Goodson, would hang on the third floor of the Miller Administration Building.

Trustees acknowledged the passing of a trustee's family member and expressed their sympathy.

Trustees also discussed the upcoming Joint Regents/Trustees meeting in June, and Board of Trustees Secretary Shane Farver said more information on that would be forthcoming.

Trustees also discussed the recent community meeting the Board of Trustees held.

Meeting Adjourned

X. With no further items, the meeting adjourned.