

STATE BOARD OF REGENTS  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, LOGAN, UTAH  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES

Regents Present

Harris Simmons, Chair  
Nina R. Barnes, Vice Chair  
Jesselie B. Anderson  
Lisa-Michele Church  
Wilford W. Clyde  
Alan E. Hall  
Marlin K. Jensen  
Ron Jibson  
Patricia Jones  
Steven Lund  
Sheva Mozafari  
Robert W. Prince  
Mark Stoddard  
Thomas E. Wright

Regents Absent

Cristina Ortega  
Crystal Maggelet  
Sanchiata Datta

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education  
Rich Amon, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities  
Geoffrey Landward, Assistant Commissioner and Board Secretary

Institutional Presidents Present

Ruth V. Watkins, University of Utah  
Noelle Cockett, Utah State University  
Scott L Wyatt, Southern Utah University  
Astrid S. Tuminez, Utah Valley University  
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University  
Denece G. Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College  
Brad L. Mortensen, Weber State University  
Brad J. Cook, Snow College

Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

FY 2020-21 State Funded Operational Budget Requests (TAB P)

The Regents heard presentations (detailed in TAB P), from each institution regarding needs for performance funding as part of the state-funded operational budget request.

FY 2020-21 State Funded Capital Facility Requests (TAB O)

The Regents heard presentations (detailed in TAB O) on the following state-funded projects:

- University of Utah – Applied Sciences Building
- Utah State University – Mehdi Heravi Global Teaching and Learning Center
- Southern Utah University – Academic Classroom Building
- Snow College – Center for Rural Studies and Community Development
- Dixie State University – Science Building

- Utah Valley University – STEM Building/Engineering and Computing
- Salt Lake Community College – Herriman Campus Juniper Building

FY 2020-21 Land Bank Request (TAB O)

The Regents heard a presentation for the following Land Bank Request:

- Dixie State University

**Regent Wilford W. Clyde recused himself from voting on this item. Regent Prince made a motion to approve Dixie State University's request for Land Bank as outlined in TAB O; Regent Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**On a motion from Regent Barnes and seconded by Regent Jones, the meeting was closed.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

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Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: November 15, 2019

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Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

Resolutions

Regent Lund read a resolution for Lynne N. Ward, Director of MY529. Regent Chair Simmons read a resolution for Elizabeth J. Hitch, Associate Commissioner.

Appointment of Director of MY529

**Regent Church made a motion to appoint Richard Ellis to serve as the Director of MY529; Regent Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Board Workflow (TAB A)

Geoff Landward provided a review of the process agenda items go through for Committee and Board approval.

Committee Priorities (TAB B)

Each Associate Commissioner took a few minutes to review committee priorities.

System Transfer and Articulation (TAB C)

Assistant Commissioner Julie Hartley provided an update; there are two opportunities right now for the system to improve transfer: 1) communicate better with students about their transfer options and help them navigate through the system, 2) find out within the system where students are encountering difficulties as well as create a process to address transfer strategically. She provided additional updates on policy issues, program alignment, and the student transfer guide. She introduced Karen Todd with Academy One, who joined the meeting by phone. She gave detailed information about how students use the transfer guide. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

State Scholarship Redesign Task Force Report (TAB D)

Assistant Commissioner Julie Hartley provided a review of this report. The task force looked at three scholarships: New Century Scholarship, The Regents' Scholarship, and The Access Utah Promise Scholarship. After reviewing these programs, the task force made the following recommendations:

- Eliminate the New Century Scholarship and move the funds to the Access Utah Promise Scholarship
- Change the Regents' Scholarship to reward merit and shift the administration of the program to the financial aid offices
- Shift a minimum of 50% of the funds from the Regents' Scholarship to the Access Utah Promise Scholarship.
- Expand the Access Utah Promise Scholarship

No action was taken.

Spring 2020 System-wide Mental Health Survey (TAB E)

Megan Brown with the Commissioner's office provided a review of the ACHA NCHA Spring 2019 Mental Health Survey. There was discussion about the validity of the survey. It was determined that there is a need to uniformly conduct the survey across institutions as well as a need to find a way to ensure this is a random survey.

Overview of USHE Advocacy Strategy (TAB F)

Assistant Commissioner Melanie Heath provided an overview of the USHE advocacy strategy, which includes amplify key messages at specific times of the year, identify opportunities to collaborate across institutions, and better disseminate and message impactful system data. Outcomes will be reported back to Presidents and Regents in July 2020.

General Consent Calendar (TAB X)

**On a motion by Regent Jensen and seconded by Regent Lund the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting August 2, 2019, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah.
- Grant Proposals
- Awards
- Academic and Student Affairs Items
- Finance and Facilities Items
- Appointment of Institution Audit Committee members

Utah State Board of Regents 2019-2020 Amendment to Meeting Schedule (TAB Y)

**Regent Barnes made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB Y; Regent Mozafari seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Utah State Board of Regents 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule Approval (TAB Z)

**Regent Barnes made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB Y; Regent Mozafari seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

### Academic and Student Affairs

#### Prior Learning Assessment Priorities and Timelines (TAB G)

The legislation requires several actions for the Board to take on Prior Learning Assessment. Committee members provided input that will help shape the policy, which will come to the Board in November. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.

#### Regent Transfer Council (TAB H)

After input from Chief Academic Officers, Presidents, and others, it was determined that the Regents Transfer Council should be established by directive and play an active role in guiding the revision of the Regents' policies related to articulation and transfer. **Regent Jones made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB H; Regent Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

#### Academic and Student Affairs Committee Priorities, Goals and Timelines (TAB I)

This discussion was to identify the top priorities for the committee and action steps and timelines. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

#### Future Committee Dates

This confirmed meeting dates for the ASAC committee as the third Friday, during the off months, from 3:00-5:00 PM. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

### Finance and Facilities

#### Growth Funding Task Force

The Task Force met Thursday morning to discuss a funding model for growth in the USHE. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.

#### Utah State University – Master Plan (TAB J)

USU requests review and approval of the current institutional master plan that was last updated in November 2017. **Regent Clyde made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB J; Regent Stoddard seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

#### Utah State University – Refunding Bonds (TAB K)

USU requests authorization to issue up to 6 million of Research Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund portions of existing 2018A Research Revenue Bonds with the preliminary net-present value savings estimated at \$300,000.00. **Regent Clyde made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB K; Regent Jibson seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

#### Snow College – Refunding Bonds (TAB L)

Snow College requests Board authorization to issue up to \$13,500,000 of Student Fee and Housing System Revenue Refunding Bonds to refund portions of existing 2011 Revenue Bonds with the preliminary net-present value savings estimated at \$1,250,000. **Regent Clyde made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB L; Regent Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

#### Utah Valley University – Revenue and Refunding Bonds (TAB M)

UVU requests Board authorization to issue up to \$61,000,000 of Student Center Building Fee and Unified System Refunding and Revenue Bonds to renovate and expand the Sorenson Student Center and to refund portions of existing 2004A and 2012A Revenue Bonds pending favorable market conditions. The preliminary estimate of net-present savings of the refunding is \$1,800,000. **Regent Clyde made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB M; Regent Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

University of Utah – Non-state Funded Projects (TAB N)

The U request approval for two non-state funded projects to: remodel space in the Fieldhouse for a 400-seat theater for \$9,394,125; renovate and expand the Dumke Gymnastics building for \$3,379,666.

**Regent Clyde made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB N; Regent Jibson seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

USHE FY 2020-21 Prioritization of Non-Dedicated Projects and Land Bank Requests (TAB O)

The Capital Facilities Committee met September 12 and developed the final recommendation for the 2020-21 Capital Development request for the full Board's consideration. As part of this process, they allocated Regent Criteria Points using the average of the full Board's recommended scores; after careful consideration and discussion, awarded a limited number of Discretions Points. The top three USHE projects are:

1. Southern Utah University – Academic Classroom Building
2. University of Utah – Applied Sciences Building
3. Utah State University – Mehdi Heravi Global Teaching and learning Center

**Regent Stoddard made a motion to approve these top three projects to submit for legislative funding; Regent Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Land Bank portion of this item was approved during Committee of the Whole on Thursday, September 12, 2019.**

USHE – FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget Request (TAB P)

The recommended FY 2021 USHE System operation budget includes: 1) Compensation and mandatory increases comparable to state employees, 2) \$34,850,000 for performance funding intuitional priorities (including \$29,500,000 legislative appropriation for performance funding), 3) \$3,000,000 for Utah College Access Advisors. **Regent Clyde made a motion to approve as outlined in TAB P; Regent Mozafari seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

USHE – 2019-2020 Budget Initiatives Use of Funds Received (TAB Q)

USHE institutions provided a detailed report of how they intend to use their share of legislative appropriations from the 2019 General Session: 1-\$27,000,000 of legislative appropriations for performance funding, 2-\$4,500,000 of performance funding from targeted jobs revenue, and 3-\$4,912,900 of legislative appropriations for growth and capacity. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – 2019-20 Cyber Security Funding (TAB R)

USHE institutions reported on how they plan to address unfunded ongoing cybersecurity needs for the edge network, using internal allocations and the \$1,005,800 allocation of one-time performance funding. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Revenue Bond Results (TAB S)

USU issued \$54,995,000 of Student Fee and Housing System Revenue bonds during a competitive sale on August 8, 2019; the bonds closed on August 22, 2019. The bond sale conformed to the parameters approved in the May 2019 meeting. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

USHE – Annual Report on Foreign Gifts and/or Donations (TAB T)

The legislature requires reporting of donations or gifts to USHE institutions from foreign persons or entities. The U, USU and UVU received a total of \$3,275,357 in foreign donations; no other USHE institution received a foreign donation. This is an information item only; no action was taken.

Workforce, Access, and Advocacy

Career & Technical Education Overview

Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme presented an overview to the committee. The committee's discussion centered on the fact USHE needs to define and align what non-technical credit should be within the system. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.



Opportunity Gap Update

The Committee raised the question, is there a way to include opportunity gap measure into the performance funding metric. Regent Anderson recommended this issue be directed to the Finance and Facility Committee to determine a specific measure to integrate into the performance funding mechanism. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.

K-20 Summit Draft Agenda (TAB U)

Regent Anderson noted USHE is hosting a K-20 Summit on November 14, 2019 and encouraged everyone to attend. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.

Strategic Workforce Initiative Update – Governor’s Office of Economic Development (TAB V)

The Governor’s office provided an update on the Strategic Workforce Initiative. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.

Advocacy Strategy Overview (TAB W)

Regent Anderson noted OCHE staff will continue to work with institutions and is confident this will be a terrific resource. This is a discussion item only; no action was taken.

**On a motion by Regent Stoddard and seconded by Regent Barnes, the meeting was closed.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

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Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

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