

BOARD OF REGENTS
TELECONFERENCE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

Harris Simmons, Chair
Nina R. Barnes, Vice Chair
Jessalie B. Anderson
Lisa-Michele Church
Wilford W. Clyde
Sanchiata Datta joined at 8:37
Alan E. Hall
Marlin K. Jensen
Ron Jibson
Patricia Jones
Steven Lund
Crystal Maggelet
Sheva Mozafari
Robert W. Prince
Mark Stoddard
Thomas E. Wright

Regents Absent

Cristina Ortega

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education
Rich Amon, Associate Commissioner for Planning, Finance and Facilities
Julie Hartley, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
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 9:07 a.m.

Committee of the Whole

Board of Higher Education Transition (TAB I)

Geoff provided an update and timeline on the transition to the new Board of Higher Education as outlined in TAB I. He reviewed the position announcement for the Commissioner of Higher Education and noted there will be an RFP to hire a change consultant. **Regent Datta made a motion approve the transition plan and position announcement for the Commissioner of Higher Education; Regent Prince seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

OCHE – Office Remodel Request (TAB G)

This office expansion is to incorporate the UTECH office; it will also expand virtual teleconference capabilities. Commissioner Woolstenhulme noted UTECH is currently paying \$125,000 annually for office space which will result in a cost savings as we combine the two budgets. **Regent Mozafari made**

a motion to approve the office expansion as outlined in TAB G; Regent Jibson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2020 Legislative Update (TAB J)

Spencer Jenkins provided an overview of the legislative session as outlined in TAB J. Regent Hall reported on the Entrepreneurial Community Outreach Program. This is an information item; no action was taken.

New Century and Regents' Scholarship Award Amounts (TAB K)

Spencer Jenkins noted this is to establish the award amount for this year as outlined in TAB K. **Regent Lund made a motion to approve; Regent; Regent Maggelet seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Regent Audit Committee Report (TAB L)

Regent Stoddard noted the audit committee met a couple of weeks ago with each institution's representatives. He can report we had a good outcome and the institutions have a good understanding of the direction and are working to eliminate any issues they may have and making recommendations to improve the process in the future. **Regent Jibson made a motion to accept the audit report; Regent Mozafari seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

General Consent Calendar (TAB M)

On a motion by Regent Clyde and seconded by Regent Barnes the following items were approved on the Regents' General Consent Calendar

- Minutes – Minutes of the Board meeting February 14, 2020, Utah State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Academic and Student Affairs Items
- Finance and Facilities Items (Salt Lake Community College – Non-Traditional Arrangements was removed from the consent calendar and will be presented at a future Board of Regents meeting)
- Grant Proposals
- Awards

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: May 15, 2020