

UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
VIRTUAL MEETING, ZOOM  
JULY 1, 2020

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES

Regents Present

Harris H. Simmons, Chair  
Aaron Osmond, Vice Chair  
Nina R. Barnes, Vice Chair  
Mike Angus  
Wilford W. Clyde  
Jessalie B. Anderson  
Jera L. Bailey  
Stacey K. Bettridge  
Arthur E. Newell  
Patricia Jones  
Lisa-Michele Church  
Scott Theurer  
Crystal Maggelet  
Shawn Newell  
Candyce Damron  
Glen Rivera

Regents Absent

Alan E. Hall  
Sanchaita Datta

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education  
Rich Amon, Chief Financial Officer  
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel  
Lais Martinez, Director of Diversity and Equity  
Malissa Jones, Office Manager

Institutional Presidents Present

Chad Campbell, Bridgerland Technical College  
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University  
Clay Christensen, Mountainland Technical College  
College  
Denece G. Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College  
Scott L Wyatt, Southern Utah University  
College  
Paul Hacking, Tooele Technical College  
College  
Ruth V. Watkins, University of Utah  
Astrid S. Tuminez, Utah Valley University  
University

Darin Brush, Davis Technical College  
Kelle Stephens, Dixie Technical College  
Jim Taggart, Ogden Weber Technical

Brad J. Cook, Snow College  
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical

Aaron Weight, Uintah Basin Technical

Noelle Cockett, Utah State University  
Brad L. Mortensen, Weber State

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Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### Committee of the Whole

##### Adopt Bylaws (TAB A)

Geoffrey Landward provided an overview of the bylaws. The bylaws are intended to allow the Board to start to function and pass policies. Revisions will be made as the Board starts forming strategic plans.

**Board member Barnes made a motion to adopt R120 Board of Higher Education Bylaws with an amendment to section 3.8.9.1 substituting the word “support” the chairs, effective immediately; Board member Osmond seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

##### Election of Officers

The new bylaws and governing statute require the Board to appoint a chair and one or more vice-chairs. **Board member Church nominated Harris Simmons as Chair of the Board of Higher Education and Aaron Osmond and Nina Barnes as Vice-chairs of the Board of Higher Education and made a motion to appoint Harris Simmons, Aaron Osmond and Nina Barnes to those office respectively; Board member Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

##### Appointment of Commissioner

Chair Simmons reviewed the Commissioner search process with the board and recommended Interim Commissioner, Dave Woolstenhulme as the successful candidate from the search.

**Board member Osmond made a motion to appoint Dr. Dave Woolstenhulme as Commissioner of Higher Education, effective immediately; Board member Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

##### Approval of Staff

Statute requires the commissioner to appoint an Associate Commissioner for Technical Education and an Associate Commissioner for Academic Education. Commissioner Woolstenhulme has selected Kim Ziebarth to be the Associate Commissioner for Technical Education and Julie Hartley to be the Associate Commissioner for Academic Education.

**Board member Jones made a motion to approve Kim Ziebarth to be the Associate Commissioner for Technical Education and Julie Hartley to be the Associate Commissioner for Academic Education; Board member Bailey seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

##### Approval of Board Secretary

**Board member Shawn Newell made a motion to appoint Geoff Landward as Board Secretary; Board member Maggelet seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

##### Committee Assignments (TAB B)

Chair Simmons reviewed the committee appointments with the Board. Committee meetings will be held on alternating months with the Board meeting. Committee meetings will continue to be held virtually after the pandemic. Chair Simmons also reviewed the R&R team assignments with the Board.

##### Adopt Board Policies

Geoff Landward provided an overview of the yearlong review process for the Board policies.

**Board member Jones made a motion to adopt the Utah System of Technical Colleges policies 100 and 102-580 and Utah Board of Regent Policies R121-R854 as Utah Board of Higher Education Policies and authorize the Commissioner to make name changes, numbering changes and to resolve any conflict among those policies; Board member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

System Budget (TAB C)

Rich Amon reviewed the fiscal year 2021 budget with the Board members.

**Board member Osmond made a motion to approve the Board of Higher Education's budget for fiscal year 2021 as presented with adjustments as necessary to balance to reduce appropriations from the state legislature; Board member Maggelet seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Approve Board Meeting Schedule (TAB D)

**Board member Arthur Newell made a motion to adopt the schedule of meetings as presented; Board member Shawn Newell seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Resolution (TAB E)

Commissioner Woolstenhulme introduced the resolution for equity and diversity. Lais Martinez provided an in-depth explanation on the upcoming resolution. The goal of the resolution is to charge the Board and System leadership to work together, across silos, to acknowledge system inequities in order to address systemic change and increase opportunity for all Utahns wanting to pursue postsecondary education.

Board Training Information

A short review of the Bridge program was provided to the Board. More training will be offered in the August 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

**On a motion by Board member Clyde and seconded by Board member Barnes, the meeting was closed.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

  
Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: August 21, 2020