



**Utah System of Higher Education
Cottonwood Country Club
Friday, May 21, 2021**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Stacey K. Bettridge

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education
Rich Amon, Chief Financial Officer
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel
Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education
Jessica Gilmore, Associate Commissioner of Workforce Development
Spencer Jenkins, Chief Student Affairs Officer
Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist
Melanie Heath,
Malissa Jones, Office Manager

Institutional Presidents Present

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

Darin Brush, Davis Technical College
Kelle Stephens, Dixie Technical College
Jim Taggart, Ogden-Weber Technical College
Brad J. Cook, Snow College
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical College
Aaron Weight, Uintah Basin Technical College
Noelle Cockett, Utah State University
Brad L. Mortensen, Weber State University

Committee of the Whole

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

Resolution of Appreciation for President Williams

Board Chair Simmons read the resolution for President Williams. **On a motion by Vice-Chair Barnes and seconded by Board member Theurer the Resolution of Appreciation was adopted.**

Resolution to Support and Celebrate Juneteenth Within the Utah System of Higher Education

Board member Shawn Newell read the resolution to the Board. **On a motion by Vice-Chair Osmond and seconded by Board member Church the Resolution of Support was adopted.**

Resolution of Appreciation for Candyce Damron

Board Chair Simmons read the resolution for Candyce Damron. **On a motion by Board member Church and seconded by Board member Anderson the Resolution of Appreciation was adopted.**

Resolution of Appreciation for Glen J. Rivera

Board Chair Simmons read the resolution for Glen J. Rivera.

Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Ruth V. Watkins

Board Chair Simmons read the resolution for Ruth Watkins. **On a motion by Board member Anderson and seconded by Board member Barnes President Ruth Watkins was given the designation of President Emeritus. On a motion by Board member Clyde and seconded by Chair Simmons, the Board adopted the Resolution of Appreciation.**

Committee Updates (TAB A)

Committee updates were provided by Board member Church, Board member Arthur Newell, Board member Shawn Newell, and Board member Clyde. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Audit Committee Update (TAB B)

Vice-Chair Barnes gave a brief updated for Board members on the Audit Committee meetings. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Performance Funding (TAB C)

Rich Amon and Carrie Mayne reviewed the new performance funding model with the Board. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Strategic Plan Adoption (TAB C)

Commissioner Woolstenhulme and Melanie Heath provided next steps review of the Strategic Plan. **Vice-Chair Osmond made a motion that the Board adopted the framework for the next five years and directed the Commissioner's office to begin implementation of the strategic**

plan, as well as report back on progress of the strategic plan at each Board of Higher Education Committee of the Whole, starting on September 17, 2021. And based on discussion the addition of the sixth priority. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barnes and the motion passed.

Dixie State University Discussion

President Williams provided a summary of the Dixie State University mission and an overview of the strategic plan. He discussed their polytechnic academic model. Board member Osmond asked that the Commissioner's office provide a definition of Polytechnic and what it means for the Utah System of Higher Education.

UHEAA Update (TAB E)

Dave Schwanke provided Board members with an update on the UHEAA strategic plan. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

my529 Update (TAB F)

Richard Ellis provided Board members with an update on the my529 strategic plan. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Dixie State University's University College Proposal (TAB G)

Board member Arthur Newell and Julie Hartley provided a summary of the Dixie State University college proposal. **Board member Arthur Newell motioned that the Board approve the creation of a University College at Dixie State University. The motion was seconded by Board member Damron and the motion passed.**

Tech Education Credit Policy (TAB H)

Kim Ziebarth reviewed the taskforce findings and recommendation with the Board members. **Board member Clyde made the motion to approve the development of policy to support the transition of USHE institutions from clock-hours to credit hours. The motion was seconded by Board member Bailey and the motion passed.**

Scholarship Policy (TAB I)

Board member Church reviewed the changes to Board Policy R608, Opportunity Scholarship. **Vice chair Osmond made the motion to approve the proposed Board Policy R608, Opportunity Scholarship. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Barnes and the motion passed.**

Custom Fit (TAB J)

Jared Haines discussed the Custom Fit program with the Board. **Board member Shawn Newell made a motion to adopt changes to Technical College Policy 202 and re-number it as Board Policy R 432, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Board member Church and the motion passed.**

Emerging Tech (TAB K)

Jessica Gilmore asked the Board member to submit potential advisory board member names to the Commissioner's office for the Deep Technology Advisory Council. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Recommendation for Online Instruction

Chair Simmons provided information on a new position in the Commissioner's Office. Vice-Chair Barnes made the motion to approve the Commissioner hiring, establishing and filling the Online Instruction position. The motion was seconded by Board member Arthur Newell and the motion passed.

General Consent Calendar (TAB L)

Board member Arthur Newell made a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Board member Bailey and the motion passed.

- Minutes - Minutes of the Board meeting March 25 and 26, 2021
- Finance and Facilities Items
- Academic Education Items
- Grant Proposals
- Awards

Board Retreat

The following items were discussed during the retreat portion of the meeting:

- Institutional Roles and Missions (TAB M)
- Technical Education and Career & Technical Education
- Statutory Responsibilities (TAB N)
- Board Workflow/Committee Roles (TAB O)
- Understanding the Research/Analysis Board Lever
- Fostering our Equity Lens Framework Towards Action
- OneUtah – Message from Education Advisor Brittney Cummins
- Utah's Demographic Transformation: Implications for Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: