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**Utah System of Higher Education
Teleconference
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

Harris Simmons, Chair
Nina Barnes, Vice Chair
Jessalie Anderson
Mike Angus
Jera Bailey
Stacey Bettridge
Lisa-Michele Church
Sanchaita Datta
Patricia Jones
Crystal Maggelet
Tanner Marcum
Arthur Newell
Scott Theurer

Board Members Absent

Aaron Osmond, Vice Chair
Wilford Clyde
Alan Hall
Shawn Newell
Valirie Serawop

Office of the Commissioner

Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner
Geoff Landward, Deputy Commissioner
Spencer Jenkins, Associate Commissioner for Government Relations
Malissa Jones, Office Manager

Institutional Presidents Present

Mindy Benson, Southern Utah University
Chad Campbell, Bridgerland Technical College
Denece Huftalin, Utah Valley University
Brad Mortensen, Weber State University

Jim Taggart, Ogden-Weber Technical College
Astrid Tuminez, Utah Valley University
Richard Williams, Utah Tech University
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical College

Other Guests

Michael Good, Sr. Vice President of Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Utah

Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

COVID-19 Response Options

Commissioner Woolstenhulme briefed the group on where the system currently stands with the COVID-19 response. Dr. Good provided an overview of what he has seen with the hospitalizations and healthcare. Geoff Landward reviewed the statute with the Board members and how it has changed over the last few days due to the vaccine. The system is allowed to require proof of vaccination as

consideration of enrollment, provided students are given three different exemption options – 1. Medical, 2. Personal, and 3. Religious. The Commissioner asked the Board for more time to work with the legislature. Spencer Jenkins gave the Board an overview of what the institutions are doing with COVID-19 response. There was discussion amongst the group about a mask mandate, vaccination requirements and exemptions.

Motion to Adjourn

Vice Chair Barnes made a motion to adjourn; Board member Arthur Newell seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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