



**Utah System of Higher Education
Virtual Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

Harris H. Simmons, chair
Aaron Osmond, vice chair
Nina R. Barnes, vice chair
Jessellie B. Anderson
Mike Angus
Jera L. Bailey
Stacey K. Bettridge
Lisa Michele Church
Alan Hall
Patricia Jones
Crystal Maggelet
Tanner Marcum
Arthur E. Newell
Shawn Newell
Scott Theurer

Board Members Absent

Wilford Clyde
Sanchaita Datta
Valirie Serawop

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education
Rich Amon, Chief Financial Officer
Trisha Dugovic, Director of Communication
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education
Jared Haines, Senior Advisor for Technical Education
Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education
Melanie Heath, Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives
Malissa Jones, Office Manager
Spencer Jenkins, Chief Student Affairs Officer
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel
Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist
Will Pierce, Assistant Commissioner of Technical Education
Scott Wyatt, Senior Executive Director of Online Education

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
Mindy Benson, Southern Utah University
Paul Hacking, Tooele Technical College
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

Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees

Beverly Burgess
Dave Staheli
Mike Evans
Darin Gifford
Garrett Cottam
Roger Howard

Other Guests

Nouman Kante, Southern Utah University student
Taylor Deutschlander, Southwest Technical College student
James Mullenaux, Southwest Technical College Foundation Board Member

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

Closed Session

Board member Jones made a motion to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; Board member Shawn Newell seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Committee of the Whole

Chair Simmons called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Student Update

Student updates were provided by Taylor Deutschlander from Southwest Technical College and Nouman Kante from Southern Utah University. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

New Student Board Members

Brynn Fronk administered the Oath of Office to new student Board member Tanner Marcum. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Committee Report (TAB A)

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

Annual Report (TAB B)

Commissioner Woolstenhulme reviewed the Annual Report with the Board members. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

COVID-19 Update

Commissioner Woolstenhulme and Spencer Jenkins provided an update on COVID-19. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Strategic Plan Update (TAB C)

Melanie Heath provided an update on the Strategic Plan to the Board members. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Statewide Marketing Campaign (TAB D)

Trisha Dugovic provided an update on the Statewide Marketing Campaign to the Board members. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Adult Education (TAB E)

Melanie Heath provided an update on Adult Education to the Board members. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Performance Funding Review

Rich Amon provided a Performance Funding Review update to the Board members. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

Student Equity Commission

Board member Marcum introduced the Student Equity Commission. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

EDI Training: New Leadership Academy (TAB F)

Board member Church introduced Amy Fulton, Director of the New Leadership Academy at the University of Utah, who provided an overview of NLA. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

State Online Program

Scott Wyatt introduced the State Online Program and task force. Board members requested Board, student and EDI representation on the task force. Some presidents requested in writing clarification of the Board's charge and expectation. Scott has agreed to bring clearly defined objectives of the program to the November Board meeting. This was a discussion item only; no action was taken.

FY2022-23 USHE Operating Budget Request (TAB G)

Rich Amon reviewed FY 2022-23 USHE Operating Budget Requests with the Board members. **Board member Arthur Newell made a motion to approve the FY2022-23 USHE operating budget priorities and authorize the Commissioner to make any subsequent technical adjustments, including rounding, necessary to finalize the budget prior to submitting to the Governor and Legislature; Board member Shawn Newell seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Talent Ready Utah

Commissioner Woolstenhulme provided an update on Talent Ready Utah. **Board member Jera Bailey made a motion to authorize the Commissioner to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity to administer the Talent Ready Utah Program; Board member Barnes seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Student Safety (TAB H)

Board member Marcum made a motion to recommend the Commissioner’s staff work with student Board members and the chair of the Student Affairs Committee to develop policy that:

- 1. Formalizes the role of the Campus Safety and Equity Commission**
 - 2. Enable the Board to provide equitable compensation via scholarship funds for students who provide their time and insights in support of Board priorities.**
- Board member Church seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

Consent Calendar (TAB I)

Board member Jones made a motion to approve the consent calendar; Board member Barnes seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn

Board member Theurer made a motion to adjourn; Board member Angus seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: November 19, 2021