

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
COLLEGE OF EASTERN UTAH PRICE, UTAH
JULY 19, 1996**

Board Members Present

Kenneth G. Anderton, Chair
Pamela J. Atkinson
Aileen H. Clyde, Vice Chair
John B. Goddard
W. Brett Graham
David J. Grant
Larzette G. Hale
L. Brent Hoggan
Karen H. Huntsman
Evelyn B. Lee
Clifford S. LeFevre
Paul S. Rogers
Jay B. Taggart
Dale O Zabriskie

Board Members Excused

Ian M. Cumming
Douglas S. Foxley

CEU Presidential Search Committee Members

Regent Evelyn B. Lee, Chair
Neil Breinholt, Chair, Carbon County Commission
Boyd Bunnell, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
Donna Cartwright, Faculty Senate President-Elect
Gail Glover, Dean of Administrative/Student Services, San Juan Center
Melanie Henesler, Faculty Member, Math Department
Marilyn Holiday, Administrator, Utah Navajo Trust Funds Scholarship Program
Stephanie Jensen, Student Body President
Clyde Larsen, Business Community
Edee McKinney, President, Staff Organization
Lisa Skriner, President, Professional Staff
Robert Swinburn, Emery County
Adrien Taylor, Chair, Board of Trustees
Ron Vogel, Faculty Senate President
Russell Wilson, Faculty Member, Music Department
Jack Woodward, Alumni Association

Office of the Commissioner

Cecelia H. Foxley, Commissioner
Joyce Cottrell CPS, Executive Secretary
Patricia S. Crane, Assistant Commissioner for Government and Media Relations

Commissioner Cecelia H. Foxley welcomed everyone at 10:00 a.m. and asked that the roll be called to establish the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Foxley introduced the members of the College of Eastern Utah Presidential Search Committee and reported that the Board had interviewed the finalists the preceding day. She expressed her appreciation for the work of the search committee and thanked them for a job well done, then turned the meeting over to Chair Kenneth G. Anderton.

Chair Anderton expressed his appreciation to the search committee on behalf of the entire Board of Regents. He said the Board had met the previous day, interviewed the finalists, and made a decision. However, since the Utah Open and

Public Meetings Act requires a public meeting to conduct official business, the Board agreed to meet again as a group via conference call. Chair Anderton said he appreciated Regent Lee and Vice Chair Clyde being in Price in person, and thanked the other Regents for their participation via telephone.

Regent Lee, chair of the search committee, said she was honored to make a motion that the Board of Regents accept and approve the nomination of Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones to become the next President of the College of Eastern Utah. Regent Zabriskie seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by the Board. Chair Anderton pronounced it an historic day for the College of Eastern Utah and the Utah System of Higher Education, and expressed his congratulations to Dr. Jones. Commissioner Foxley then presented Dr. Jones, to the applause of everyone present.

Chair Anderton said, "Dr. Jones, you have been ratified by the Board of Regents as the next President of the College of Eastern Utah." He asked Regent Lee to read a statement about Dr. Jones' background and invited Dr. Jones to make a brief statement thereafter.

Regent Lee said, "This is, indeed, an historic event, culminating many weeks of effort. The committee had a very rich pool of candidates from which to select the next CEU president. There were many qualified people who were very interested in coming to Utah and providing the leadership to become President of the college of Eastern Utah. I am very pleased to present an individual who represents the very highest quality which we were seeking, Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones."

Dr. Jones earned a Bachelor of Education degree in Physical Education from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, which recognized her achievements by awarding her a Distinguished Alumnus Award. She received a Master of Science Degree in Community Recreation from George Williams College in Downers Grove, Illinois, and a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Regent Lee spoke briefly of Dr. Jones' background and educational experience. She is presently serving as one of three vice presidents at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Oneonta, New York, where she is a tenured professor in the Department of English and the Department of Economics and Business. She concluded her remarks by saying, "Dr. Jones brings exceptional leadership qualities to the CEU presidency. She is committed to the community college philosophy. Her educational background and administrative skills will greatly enhance education in southeastern Utah, as well as contribute significantly to the Utah System of Higher Education overall. We feel honored to present to you a woman of such high caliber."

Responding to the warm applause she received, Dr. Jones said, "I feel like I am coming home." She expressed her appreciation for the fine process which identified her for this position, and said she was humbled by that fact. She thanked the search committee members, Board of Regents and Commissioner for the caring and trusting process. Dr. Jones said she was excited about being a part of an "educationally-minded state." She continued, "It has become very clear that Utah is an unsung hero and a hidden secret, and I am going back to tell New York that."

Stating, "I don't know you individually, but I know you collectively," Dr. Jones went on to express her desire to work with her diverse constituency, from Price to Blanding and beyond. She said she was excited about being here on September 1 and looked forward to helping create a new mission for the CEU area and for the state, and to exploring the beautiful geographic area which is Utah.

Regent Hale commended Regent Lee and her committee for the tremendous job they had done in this search. She agreed with Dr. Jones that the process is an excellent one, and thanked Regent Lee and the committee for the excellent job they had done for the citizens of Utah.

Vice Chair Clyde also commended the process. She said when the Board of Regents appoint search committees, they take that responsibility seriously. There were many reports that the committee had been diligent and successful. She commented on the high quality of the applicants, especially those interviewed and said she was delighted to welcome Dr. Jones to Utah.

Dr. Jones responded to questions from the audience. Following that exchange, Commissioner Foxley thanked those in attendance for being there, and the Regents for their participation in the conference call. She invited the participants at CEU to meet Dr. Jones personally and have light refreshments, and again thanked everyone for being there to help

celebrate this historic occasion. Chair Anderton adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Joyce Cottrell CPS
Secretary to the Board of Regents