

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
December 12, 2002

Regents Participating:

Nolan E. Karras, Chair
Pamela J. Atkinson, Vice Chair
Jerry C. Atkin
L. Brent Hoggan
Michael R. Jensen
Charles E. Johnson
David J. Jordan
Sara V. Sinclair
Maria Sweeten

Regents Excused:

Linnea S. Barney
Daryl C. Barrett
Kim R. Burningham
Khay Douangdara
David J. Grant
James S. Jardine
E. George Mantes
Jed H. Pitcher
Marlon O. Snow

Office of the Commissioner:

Cecelia H. Foxley, Commissioner
David Buhler, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary

Representatives of the Media

Liz Roskelly, *Ogden Standard Examiner*
Amy Stewart, *Provo Daily Herald*
Kirsten Stewart, *Salt Lake Tribune*
Twila Van Leer, *Deseret News*

Commissioner Foxley welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and asked Secretary Cottrell to call the roll to ensure that there was a quorum.

The Commissioner referred to the proposed revisions to Regents' policy R203, *Search Committee Appointment and Function, and Regents' Selection of Presidents of Institutions*. She read the proposed addition to section 3.7: "The Board of Regents Chair will make public the names of finalists to be interviewed by the full membership of the Board," and explained the other minor changes to the policy. She then read the existing language and the proposed addition to section 4.4: "The Chair of the Board of Regents will make public the names of all finalists to be interviewed by the full Board. Finalist interviews will be held in an executive session pursuant to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act." Regent Jordan asked why it was necessary for the Board Chair to release the names. He suggested instead, "The Board of Regents will make public. . ." Commissioner Foxley explained that the Chair speaks for the entire Board.

Following brief discussion, Vice Chair Atkinson moved approval of revised policy R203 with the words "or designee" following "The Board of Regents Chair" in sections 3.7 and 4.4. The motion was seconded by Regent Atkin. Regent Hoggan offered a substitute motion, that the policy be approved as revised except that sections 3.7 and 4.4 would read "The Board of Regents would make

public the names of all finalists. . .” The substitute motion was seconded by Regents Jensen and Jordan. Vote was taken on the substitute motion, which carried with no opposition.

Commissioner Foxley announced that the UVSC Presidential Search Committee had completed its excellent work. The candidate pool was comprised of 95 individuals. The committee, chaired by Regent Charlie Johnson, forwarded the names of three finalists to the Board. Those candidates have asked for a few hours to contact important people in their lives before public release of their names. She expressed the hope that the names would be released later that afternoon with a brief biography of each candidate.

Chair Karras said the Board would convene at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning, December 16, to interview the three finalists. The interviews will be held in the Regents’ offices at The Gateway. He explained that normally the Board has more time between the search committee interviews, the announcement and the final interviews. However, a Special Legislative Session has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, and with the holidays approaching, the best time for the Regents and the candidates was on December 16. In the future, we hope to have more time between the announcement and the interviews.

Regent Jordan asked if the changes to policy R203 would have any effect on the way interviews would be conducted in terms of the public or the media. Commissioner Foxley said the interviews and deliberations would continue to be done in executive session.

Chair Karras thanked the Regents for their participation. Regent Johnson reminded the other Regents of Weber State University’s winter commencement the following day.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Joyce Cottrell CPS, Executive Secretary

Date Approved