

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
May 23, 2005

Regents Present

Nolan E. Karras, Chair
E. George Mantes, Vice Chair
Jerry C. Atkin
Daryl C. Barrett
Bonnie Jean Beesley
Janet A. Cannon
Katharine B. Garff
Meghan Holbrook
Trent Kemp
David J. Jordan
Jed H. Pitcher
Marlon O. Snow
Maria Sweeten

Regents Excused

David J. Grant
Michael R. Jensen
John C. Pingree
Sara V. Sinclair

Office of the Commissioner

Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner
David Buhler, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
Amanda Covington, Director of Communications
David S. Doty, Assistant Commissioner and Director of Policy Studies

Chair Karras called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and welcomed the group assembled in the Student Center. He acknowledged the presence of several members of the SLCC Board of Trustees, as well as Senator Brent Goodfellow and Representative Kory Holdaway.

Chair Karras said the search for a new president of Salt Lake Community College had been a long process. He expressed the Regents' deep appreciation to President Judd Morgan, whom he called "one of the gems of this state." The Regents owe a great debt of gratitude to him for what he has done as SLCC Interim President.

Regent Karras assured the SLCC community that the Regents understand the important role of Salt Lake Community College. This institution plays a key role in the state's economic development. The Regents are grateful for everyone who is a part of this great institution. He acknowledged and thanked the Presidential Search Committee for their hard work and perseverance.

Regent Bonnie Jean Beesley, Chair of the SLCC Presidential Search Committee, moved the appointment of Dr. Cynthia Bioteau as President of Salt Lake Community College. Regent Maria Sweeten, also a member of the search committee, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Kendell escorted Dr. Bioteau and her husband, Frank, into the room to warm applause.

Chair Karras said the Regents had been fortunate to have an incredible pool of candidates. He expressed the Regents' gratitude to the other candidates for their willingness to face the public and meet with the Regents and selected college representatives.

Dave Thomas, Chair of the SLCC Board of Trustees, said this was a great day for Salt Lake Community College. He thanked the Regents for recognizing Salt Lake Community College's contributions to the lives and economy of this state. The Trustees are very excited and look forward to working with Dr. Bioteau. Chair Thomas thanked Regent Beesley, Regent Jordan and Regent Sweeten and the other members of the presidential search committee for their tireless service in making sure that the right president was chosen. He also expressed the Trustees' appreciation to President Morgan and to everyone who helps to make SLCC such a great college.

Regent Beesley said the search had been conducted according to established procedures. It was an aggressive, comprehensive process, and the search committee chose with great care. The committee was representative of the entire community, both internal and external to the college, and its members served with dedication and commitment. She gave special recognition to Commissioner Kendell for his hard work on this search. She also thanked Joyce Cottrell and Dave Doty for their hard work behind the scenes. She commended Chair Thomas and thanked him for his continued commitment to Salt Lake Community College.

Chair Karras said Dr. Bioteau comes to Utah from North Carolina, where she has been very successful in her job. She is personable yet aggressive in accomplishing what needs to be done at her institution. She is a strong leader who listens and works with her colleagues with great compassion. He welcomed her to Utah on behalf of the Utah System of Higher Education.

Dr. Bioteau said she had been impressed with the high level of commitment on the part of the Regents, faculty, staff, students and others at SLCC. She looked forward to working with colleagues such as those individuals she had met on her visits to Salt Lake City. She was also impressed that SLCC was truly the community's college. Nationally, SLCC is a premiere college with its amazing programs, students, faculty and staff and it will be a great privilege to work at this institution.

Commissioner Kendell joked that one of the requirements for the SLCC presidency was the ability to leap tall buildings at a single bound. It is always encouraging when a president can emerge from such a rigorous process. Dr. Bioteau is a remarkable leader who will make a major impact on this college and this community. The Commissioner thanked the Regents for taking the time to select the right president. He gave special thanks to Regent Beesley, and expressed his hope that she will now be able to finally sleep through the night. Commissioner Kendell recalled that a year ago he and Regent Beesley had come to the college to determine who should be chosen to serve on the presidential search committee. He promised Dr. Bioteau that this could be one of the most rich and rewarding experiences of her life.

Vice President Deneece Huftalin explained that Judd and Pauline were in Juneau, Alaska and asked to make a special presentation on his behalf. She said all of the faculty, staff and students were happy that the long search had concluded so successfully. She presented the Bioteaus with SLCC apparel and welcomed them to Salt Lake Community College.

Chair Karras thanked everyone for their attendance and said he expected this great institution to become even greater.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Joyce Cottrell CPS, Executive Secretary

Date Approved