

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
SNOW COLLEGE, EPHRAIM, UTAH
July 19, 2007

Minutes

Regents Present

Jed H. Pitcher, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Janet A. Cannon
Amy Engh
Katharine B. Garff
Meghan Holbrook
Nolan E. Karras
Anthony W. Morgan
Josh M. Reid
Sara V. Sinclair
Marlon O. Snow
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Jerry C. Atkin
Rosanita Cespedes
Patti Harrington
Greg Haws
James S. Jardine
David J. Jordan

Office of the Commissioner

Richard E. Kendall, Commissioner of Higher Education
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
Amanda Covington, Communications Director
David S. Doty, Director of Policy Studies and Assistant Commissioner

The Regents met in special session at Snow College. Chair Pitcher called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and thanked everyone for traveling to Ephraim.

Administration of Oath of Office

Chair Pitcher administrated the Oath of Office to Tony Morgan and Amy Engh and welcomed them to the State Board of Regents.

Selection of Snow College President

Regent Reid moved that the Board move into executive session to interview candidates for the Snow College presidency. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Following interviews and thoughtful deliberations, the Regents reconvened in open meeting at 6:00 pm. Chair Pitcher recognized local community, business and political leaders, members of the Snow College community, and former Snow College President Michael T. Benson.

Chair Pitcher recognized and expressed the Board's appreciation to Rick Wheeler, who has served as Interim President of Snow College since President Benson's departure. Vice President Brad Winn thanked President Wheeler for his outstanding efforts as Interim President. He noted Rick had also served in the

Legislature and had secured funding for the new library, fostered media relations, secured donations, and had been a great leader.

Chair Pitcher thanked Commissioner Kendell and his staff, particularly Joyce Cottrell and Dave Doty, for their work on the presidential search.

Regent Reid, chair of the Snow College Presidential Search Committee, introduced and thanked the other members of the search committee. He noted the 22-person committee was representative of the entire Snow College service area. Regent Reid briefly explained the search process. The position announcement was published throughout the state and in selected national publications. Members of the committee held town meetings in Ephraim and Richfield, from which they developed selection criteria. From a total pool of 41 nominees and applicants, the committee selected ten individuals to be interviewed. Six of those candidates were forwarded to the Board of Regents and were interviewed earlier in the day.

Regent Reid moved the appointment of Scott Wyatt as the new President of Snow College. The motion was seconded by Regent Holbrook and adopted by the Board. President and Mrs. Wyatt were escorted into the room to warm applause.

Mrs. Wyatt said she was thrilled for the opportunity to be back at Snow College. She thanked everyone who was involved in the search process and said she was looking forward to getting to know the campus community.

President Wyatt said this appointment was the greatest honor of his life. He pledged to work hard and go to great lengths to build every bridge and cross every path, so that the teachers, faculty and staff can best educate the students who come to Snow College.

Commissioner Kendell said it had been a pleasure to be involved with the Snow College Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee. He thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make this happen. Speaking to President and Mrs. Wyatt, he said it was always refreshing to hear someone who has such deep affection for an institution and community. This is not a stepping stone for the Wyatts; it is a destination. They want to see Snow College succeed as a thriving institution, and President Wyatt has clear goals and vision to make that happen.

Chair Pitcher announced a reception for President and Mrs. Wyatt would follow immediately at the back of Founders Hall. A dinner had been prepared for the Regents and Snow College Trustees at the President's home.

Regent Holbrook moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Regent Morgan and adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Joyce Cottrell CPS
Executive Secretary

Date Approved

