

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS  
BOARD OF REGENTS BUILDING, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
AND BY TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Minutes

Regents Participating

Jed H. Pitcher, Chair  
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair  
Jerry C. Atkin  
Janet A. Cannon  
Rosanita Cespedes  
Amy Engh  
Katharine B. Garff  
Patti Harrington  
Meghan Holbrook  
James S. Jardine  
David J. Jordan  
Anthony W. Morgan  
Josh M. Reid  
Sara V. Sinclair  
Marlon O. Snow  
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Greg W. Haws  
Nolan E. Karras

Commissioner's Office

Richard E. Kendell, Commissioner  
David L. Buhler, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs  
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary  
Amanda Covington, Director of Communications  
(and others)

Media

Wendy Leonard, *Deseret Morning News*  
Roxanna Orellana, *Salt Lake Tribune*  
Beth Young, *Ogden Standard Examiner*

Several UCAT employees and campus presidents were also present, as well as other members of the Commissioner's staff.

Chair Pitcher called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and thanked the Regents for meeting at such short notice. He asked Secretary Cottrell to call the roll. A quorum was established.

**Regent Reid moved the Regents meet in closed session to consider personnel matters. Regent Jordan seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.**

The Regents reconvened in open session at 4:32 pm. Chair Pitcher called the roll to ensure a quorum was still present.

Chair Pitcher asked Commissioner Kendell to review the search process for the UCAT President. Commissioner Kendell reported the chair of the State Board of Regents, by policy, is responsible to appoint search committees for CEO positions in the Utah System of Higher Education. Following President Brems' resignation, Chair Pitcher appointed a committee to search for his replacement. Regent Sara Sinclair chaired the search committee, which also included Regents Garff, Cespedes and Zenger; UCAT trustees Ipson, Madsen and Prows; OWATC President Collette Mercier; and Gayle McKeachnie, citizen member. He thanked the committee for their work.

In light of the circumstances and the need to proceed quickly to replace President Brems, the committee determined to look first at the finalists from the most recent UCAT and community college presidential searches. The committee decided to focus on the finalists of the last UCAT presidential search, since those individuals were qualified and had already been interviewed by the Regents. They then advanced two names to the Regents for consideration – Michael Bouwhuis, President of the Davis Applied Technology College, and Richard L. White, Executive Vice President of Snow College. Those candidates were discussed by the Regents in closed session on October 26, and the Regents asked the Commissioner to contact both individuals to ascertain their interest in the position. Commissioner Kendell was then asked to make a report and recommendation to the Board of Regents, which was just done in closed session.

**Regent Sara Sinclair moved the appointment of Dr. Richard White as President of the Utah College of Applied Technology. Regents Garff and Cespedes seconded the nomination, which was adopted unanimously.**

Dr. and Mrs. White entered the room to warm applause. Chair Pitcher reviewed Dr. White's credentials and background and thanked him for accepting this appointment.

Commissioner Kendell congratulated the Whites and said he was very pleased with the appointment. President White is very well qualified for this position. The Commissioner expressed his appreciation for Dr. White's calm, deliberative approach to dealing with issues, which is a necessary trait in a higher education president. He then thanked Mrs. White for her attendance and support and commented that she had the same kind of calm dignity as her husband. Commissioner Kendell said he was confident President White would make major contributions to this state in the area of career and technical education.

Chair Pitcher asked President and Mrs. White to comment. Mrs. White said her family had been benefactors of living in rural Utah and spending 21 years at Snow College. Rick is interested in and dedicated to trying to educate all students, regardless of their age or interests. The Whites' experiences in both Ephraim and Richfield have been interesting and rewarding. Mrs. White said she appreciated the opportunity of being involved with UCAT and was excited about this appointment. She said she looked forward to the associations they will make in their new capacity.

President White paid tribute to his parents, neither of whom achieved a bachelor's degree, but who worked hard to make sure their children were educated. He said most Utahns will not need a bachelor's degree, but everyone will need some postsecondary training to succeed in their chosen professions. Dr. White

expressed his support for the UCAT organization and said he looked forward to the opportunities and challenges that would come as UCAT President.

On behalf of the Regents, Secretary Cottrell presented Mrs. White with a bouquet of beautiful yellow roses and President White with a boutonniere.

Interim President Haines said Dr. White had provided great expertise to the UCAT organization. It will be an honor to have him as UCAT President. He presented him with a Utah College of Applied Technology golf shirt, pin, pen, and a perpetual motion desk toy to represent the balance needed by the UCAT president. He congratulated President White and welcomed him to UCAT.

Chair Pitcher thanked President Haines for accepting the appointment as interim president and for his work in that position. He also thanked the members of the search committee for their efforts.

**Regent Jordan moved adjournment. The motion was seconded by Regent Holbrook and adopted unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

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Joyce Cottrell CPS  
Executive Secretary

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Date Approved

