

SPECIAL BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
REGENTS' OFFICES, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
JULY 8, 2008

Regents Present

Jed H. Pitcher, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Janet C. Cannon
Rosanita Cespedes
Katharine B. Garff
Patti Harrington
Meghan Holbrook
David J. Jordan
Nolan E. Karras
Anthony W. Morgan
Josh M. Reid (by phone)
Marlon O. Snow
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Jerry C. Atkin
France A. Davis
Greg Haws
Basim Motiwala

Office of the Commissioner

David L. Buhler, Interim Commissioner
Carrie Beckman, Policy and Special Projects Coordinator
Troy Caserta, Accounting Officer
Jorie Colbert, Research Officer
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
David S. Doty, Assistant Commissioner and Director of Policy Studies
Andrea Worthen Hales, Education Policy and Accountability Director
Kimberly Henrie, Assistant Commissioner for Budget and Finance
Stephen Hess, Chief Information Officer
Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs
Melissa Miller Kinkart, Program Director of State Scholars Initiative
Phyllis C. Safman, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Mark H. Spencer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities
Lucille T. Stoddard, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs
Lynn S. Ward, Director, Utah Educational Savings Plan
Gary S. Wixom, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs

Representatives of the Media

Amy Stewart, *Deseret News*

(Several members of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees and Commissioner's staff were also present.)

Chair Jed Pitcher called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. **Regent Tony Morgan moved that the Board move into closed session to interview for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education. Regent Marlon Snow seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.**

The Regents reconvened in open session at 3:18 p.m. Chair Pitcher explained that the Regents had been meeting in closed session to interview a candidate for the position of Commissioner. **Vice Chair Beesley**

moved the appointment of William A. Sederburg as Commissioner of Higher Education, effective August 18, 2008. The motion was seconded by Regent Garff and carried unanimously. President and Mrs. Sederburg were escorted into the room to warm applause.

Regent Jordan thanked Dave Buhler for his excellent work as Interim Commissioner. He has done a wonderful job during a challenging period. The Regents and others present gave Dave a standing ovation.

Chair Pitcher welcomed Janette Hales-Beckham, chair of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees, other trustees and members of President Sederburg's staff, as well as the Commissioner's staff.

Chair Pitcher explained briefly the search process. The Regents' Executive Committee, acting as the search committee, reviewed the names and qualifications of nearly 100 individuals and interviewed seven candidates. The process took longer than anticipated, because the search was temporarily suspended during the Legislative General Session. Chair Pitcher commented that this was only the second time in USHE history that a sitting president had been selected as Utah's Commissioner of Higher Education. (The other such appointment was Wm. Rolfe Kerr, president of Dixie College.)

Chair Pitcher thanked Interim Commissioner Buhler for a job well done and said it had been a pleasure to work with him.

Commissioner Buhler congratulated Dr. Sederburg and said it had been a great honor to serve as Interim Commissioner. He thanked the Regents and his staff for their wonderful support and said he had enjoyed the experience very much. He officially welcomed Dr. Sederburg on behalf of the Commissioner's staff and said we would do everything possible to provide a smooth and seamless transition.

Dr. Sederburg thanked Chair Pitcher, Vice Chair Beesley and the other Regents and said it was a great honor to be chosen as Commissioner. He said he and his wife, Joyce, would do everything possible to make this a very successful endeavor. He thanked Governor Huntsman, the legislators and others for their support. Dr. Sederburg said he look forward to strengthening the system in four areas: 1) integrity, 2) a clear strategic vision and goals, 3) working collaboratively – USHE institutions and the K-12 system, and 4) innovation and change.

Commissioner Sederburg expressed appreciation to the people of Utah and said we need to expand appreciation for higher education in this state. He thanked Interim Commissioner Buhler for doing a wonderful job and thanked the UVU Board of Trustees for driving to Salt Lake City to attend this meeting.

Regent Holbrook moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Regent Garff and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary

Date Approved