

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY
MARCH 6, 2009

Minutes

Regents Present

Jed H. Pitcher, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Jerry C. Atkin
Rosanita Cespedes
France A. Davis
Katharine B. Garff
Meghan Holbrook
David J. Jordan
Nolan E. Karras
Basim Motiwala
Marlon O. Snow
Teresa Theurer
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Greg W. Haws
Robert S. Marquardt
Carol Murphy

Office of the Commissioner

William A. Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education
Joyce Cottrell, Executive Secretary
Peggy Huffaker, Administrative Assistant
Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs
Cameron K. Martin, Assistant Commissioner for Administration and Planning

Chair Jed Pitcher called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and thanked the Regents for their participation in this very special meeting. He excused Regents Greg Haws and Carol Murphy, who were at a State Board of Education meeting, and Regent Bob Marquardt.

Regent Basim Motiwala moved that the Board move into closed session to interview candidates for the presidency of Utah Valley University. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Following those interviews and deliberations, the Board reconvened in open session in the Centre Stage at 2:30 p.m. Regent Meghan Holbrook had been present during the interviews but had to leave before the Board reconvened. Many members of the UVU faculty, staff, student body and community were in attendance.

Chair Pitcher introduced Regents Jack Zenger and Marlon Snow, co-chairs of the UVU Presidential Search Committee, Commissioner Sederburg, and Interim President Elizabeth Hitch.

Regent Zenger asked members of the Presidential Search Committee to stand and be recognized. He thanked them for their many hours of diligent work in conducting the business of the search. Regent Zenger briefly explained the search process. The position was advertised through print media, letters, and personal

phone calls to solicit candidates. The committee carefully reviewed all candidate resumes and credentials and selected 10 individuals to be interviewed. From that group, five were selected as finalists. Since that time, two of those candidates withdrew their names from the search process. The Board spent the day interviewing three individuals, whose names were made public earlier in the week: Dr. Kim Cameron, Dr. Jack Christianson, and Dr. Matthew Holland. This has been a time-proven process and the committee feels good about the integrity of the search process and of the outcome.

Regent Zenger moved the appointment of Dr. Matthew S. Holland as the new President of Utah Valley University. Regent Snow seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously. Commissioner Sederburg escorted Dr. and Mrs. Holland into the room to a warm standing ovation.

Commissioner Sederburg welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Holland to the Utah Valley University community. He assured members of the community that the goal of the search had been to find an individual who could move the school to a new level. Dr. Holland will bring vibrancy and dynamic growth to this institution. He officially welcomed Dr. Holland as President of Utah Valley University.

President Hitch welcomed Dr. Holland and his wife, Paige, on behalf of the institution. She assured Dr. Holland that the entire UVU family would enjoy and support him. President Hitch expressed her appreciation for the support of her academic team, the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students at Utah Valley University. UVU will be happy to have Dr. Holland as its next president.

Commissioner Sederburg formally introduced Dr. Holland and reviewed his credentials. Dr. Holland said it was a great honor to be selected President of Utah Valley University. He thanked the Regents for the honor of receiving this appointment. It was an honor to be considered, along with Dr. Kim Cameron and Dr. Jack Christianson. He wished them both the best. Dr. Holland said UVU was at a thrilling moment in its history. Its recent successful achievement of university status was remarkable. It is now time to make this a reality. Utah Valley University is vital to the community and state, a place Dr. Holland said he "loved with all his heart." He was impressed with the quality of the individuals at this institution, with the community, and with the collegial atmosphere. He expressed his gratitude for the support of his wife. Dr. and Mrs. Holland have four small children. He pledged to give all of his energy and initiative to this important position.

Mrs. Holland said she was very excited to have the opportunity to be at Utah Valley University. She assured the Regents they had made an excellent choice.

Commissioner Sederburg thanked the search committee and everyone involved in the search process. He said the Regents had selected the candidate with the energy and vision to propel this institution to bigger and better things. He urged everyone to support President Holland.

President Hitch presented a gift basket of UVU memorabilia to Dr. and Mrs. Holland.

Chair Pitcher again thanked the Regents for their participation. He introduced Janette Beckham-Hales, chair of the UVU Board of Trustees, and thanked her for her participation on the search committee and for her excellent work as chair of the UVU Board of Trustees.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Joyce Cottrell CPS
Executive Secretary

Date Approved