

UTAH STATE BOARD OF REGENTS
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
RICE-ECCLES STADIUM
JANUARY 20, 2012

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES

Regents Present

David J. Jordan, Chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair
Keith M. Buswell
Daniel W. Campbell
Wilford W. Clyde
France A. Davis
James T. Evans
Katharine B. Garff (Via Teleconference)
Meghan Holbrook
Nolan E. Karras
Thomas D. Leavitt
Robert S. Marquardt
Jed H. Pitcher
Robert W. Prince
David E. Smith
Marlon O. Snow
Mark R. Stoddard
Teresa L. Theurer
John H. Zenger

Regents Excused

Carol Murphy

Office of the Commissioner

William A. Sederburg, Commissioner
Cameron K. Martin, Associate Commissioner for Economic Development and Planning

The Regents began the day at **8:30 am** following an informal continental breakfast. **It was moved by Regent Snow and seconded by Regent Zenger to move into executive session for the sole purpose of interviewing candidates for the presidency of the University of Utah. The motion passed.** The Regents met in executive session from **8:35 am to 1:56 pm**.

Following the interviews and deliberations, the Board reconvened in the Committee of the Whole. Regent Robert S. Marquardt had been present during the interviews but had to leave before the Board reconvened.

Chair Jordan called the Regents to order in the Committee of the Whole at **2:19 pm** and welcomed the regents, trustees, administration, former presidents, faculty, staff and students. He reported that the

subject for the day's meeting was the appointment of the 15th president of the University of Utah. The Regents met in Executive Session and had the opportunity to meet with two candidates at the end of a lengthy and wonderfully run search process.

University of Utah Presidential Appointment

Regent Karras, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, nominated Dr. David W. Pershing as the next president of the University of Utah. The motion was seconded by Regent Davis. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. David and Dr. Sandi Pershing were escorted into the room and were received with a standing ovation.

Chair Jordan recognized President A. Lorris Betz for his service twice as Interim President and over a decade of service as Senior Vice President of Health Sciences. There was a standing ovation in appreciation of President Betz. Chair Jordan also thanked Mrs. Ann Betz for her support.

Chair Jordan and Commissioner Sederburg thanked the Presidential Search Committee members and all University and Commissioner's staff who contributed to the search.

Commissioner Sederburg congratulated Dr. Pershing on behalf of the Utah System of Higher Education and the Office of the Commissioner. Trustee Chair Clark Ivory also welcomed Dr. Pershing.

Dr. Pershing thanked the Board of Regents for their leadership and the university community for their support. He said he was honored and humbled and did not expect he would be president when he first came to the University of Utah as an Associate Professor in Chemical Engineering several years ago. He said he has come to know and love the university and knows firsthand how great the university is. He said he is excited to work with the trustees, cabinet, faculty, staff, and students to move the university aggressively forward. He announced two priorities he has as president; 1) to improve the undergraduate experience and 2) to work with the Board of Regents to achieve the 66% goal. He thanked the alumni, Governor Herbert, and the university's amazing donors and their families for their support and student athletes and coaches for their dedication. He also thanked Dr. and Mrs. Betz for their service to the university. He ended with "Go Utes"!

The meeting adjourned at **2:38 pm**.

Kirsten Schroeder, Executive Secretary

Date Approved: March 30, 2012