

MINUTES  
EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Saturday, December 7, 2024

5:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom and Conference Call

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Trustees of Appalachian State University met at the call of the Chair on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Chair Mark E. Ricks presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

J. Jeffries Chesson  
Fairley Bell Cook  
Anita B. Greene  
James E. Harris  
Scott K. Lampe  
Kathryn R. Long  
James K. Reaves  
Mark E. Ricks  
Kimberly M. Shepherd  
R. Thomas Sofield  
Steven D. Wyatt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tamela W. Everett  
Bonnie Schaefer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dawn Antonucci  
Hank Foreman  
Doug Gillin  
Megan Hayes  
Heather Norris, Interim Chancellor  
Brad Trahan

CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE: Chair Ricks read the following statement:

"Under the State Government Ethics Act, all voting members of the Board of Trustees have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Looking at the agenda for today's meeting, does anyone know that you have a conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest? If so, please let me know now."

None Reported.

ROLL CALL: Chair Ricks asked Dawn Antonucci to call roll to verify all participants at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES: Trustees Tamela Everett and Bonnie Schaefer were unable to participate due to personal reasons. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the absences were approved as presented.

CLOSED SESSION: Chair Ricks made a motion for the Board to convene in closed session. There being a second, Chair Ricks asked that everyone be excused with the exception of the Trustees and staff necessary to support the meeting.

Chair Ricks stated the livestream would be closed as the Board convenes in closed session and once the Board returns to open session, the livestream will resume.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board convened in closed session to:

prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 126-22(b)(3) and N.C.G.S. § 132-1.1(a), in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(1); and

consult with an attorney employed by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(3), and

consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(6).

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board reconvened in open session at 5:15 p.m.

Head Football Coach

Chair Ricks stated that he would accept a motion to approve the Head Football Coach contract for Dowell Loggains as discussed in closed session.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the contract was approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Mark E. Ricks, Chair

By:



Dawn Antonucci  
Assistant Secretary