

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, June 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Trustees of Appalachian State University met at the call of the Chair on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Chair Mark E. Ricks presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

James K. Reaves

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Adams
JJ Brown
Philip Byers, Board of Governors Liaison
Hank Foreman
Megan Hayes
Doug Gillin
Troy Johnson
Heather Norris, Interim Chancellor
Will Sears
Neva Specht

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 Hank Foreman to call roll to verify all participants at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES: Trustee James Reaves was unable to participate due to personal reasons. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved, the absence was approved as presented.

CLOSED SESSION: Chair Ricks presented a motion for the Board to convene in closed session. Chair Ricks asked that everyone be excused with the exception of the Trustees, Governor Byers, Interim Chancellor Heather Norris, Vice Chancellors, Acting Provost, Chief Communication Officer, Athletics Director, and Interim Chief Financial Officer.

Chair Ricks stated the livestream would be closed as the Board convenes in closed session. 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

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, seconded and approved, the Board reconvened in open session at 10:11 a.m.

App State Policy in Response to Policy Changes at the UNC System/Board of Governors

Chair Mark Ricks called on Acting Provost Neva Specht for the item. Dr. Specht shared information regarding the update to App State Policy in Response to Policy Changes at the UNC System/Board of Governors. Time was permitted for discussion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Policy Update was approved as submitted.

Athletic Contract Approvals

Chair Mark Ricks stated that he would accept a motion to approve the following contracts:

- Director of Track & Field and Cross-Country Coach Damion McLean
- Women's Basketball Head Coach Alaura Sharp
- Women's Softball Head Coach Whitney Jones
- Wrestling Head Coach JohnMark Bentley
- Women's Tennis Head Coach Hannah Fetters

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Contracts were approved as submitted.

Capital Projects

Chair Mark Ricks called on Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Hank Foreman for this report. Mr. Foreman provided information regarding three Requests for Authority as part of campus Capital Projects. Materials were provided in advance and time was permitted for discussion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the three (3) Requests for Authority were approved as submitted.

Parking Policy

Chair Mark Ricks called on Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs JJ Brown for this report. Mr. Brown provided an update on the parking policy. Materials were provided in advance and time was permitted for discussion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Parking Resolution was approved as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Mark E. Ricks, Chair

By:



Hank Foreman