

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 16, 2025
4:30 p.m.
Conference Call

CALL TO ORDER: The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State University met via teleconference at the call of the Chancellor and the Chair on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Chair Mark Ricks presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

	J. Jeffries Chesson
	Fairley Bell Cook
	James E. Harris
	Mark E. Ricks
	R. Thomas Sofield

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE:

	Dawn Antonucci
	Kristen Bonatz
	J.J. Brown
	Doug Gillin
	Megan Hayes
	Heather Norris, Chancellor
	Will Sears
	Neva Specht
	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 on the call.

CLOSED SESSION: Chair Ricks announced that he would entertain a motion for the Committee to convene in closed session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by roll call vote, the Committee convened in closed session:

to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(1); and

to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(2).

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED: Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the Board reconvened in open session at 4:39 p.m.

Election of Trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund

Chair Ricks recognized Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice Chancellor JJ Brown for this item. Mr. Brown shared this item of business is to elect a new member of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund as the Board of Trustees has the responsibility to establish and maintain an endowment fund for the University, including electing its members. As a reminder, the Endowment Fund Board consists of eight members: the BOT Chair and Vice Chair, the Chancellor, and five other elected members. The current elected members are Trustee Jeff Chesson, Trustee Fairley Bell Cook, Trustee Jamie Harris, JJ Brown, and there is one vacancy.

To fill the vacancy, Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice Chancellor JJ Brown nominated Interim Chief Financial Officer Greg Lovins to serve on the Board.

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

Distinguished Professorship Revision

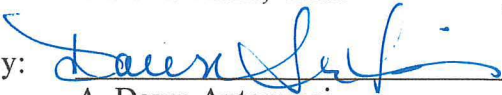
Chair Ricks recognized Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Neva Specht for this report. Dr. Specht shared information on the revised plan for establishing the Martha and Nancy Lee Bivens Distinguished Professorship for Children and Reading. Time was permitted for discussion.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Mark E. Ricks, Chair

By:


A. Dawn Antonucci
Assistant Secretary