

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES 10:00 a.m., April 4, 2013

Lower Level Community Room, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105

REGENTS PRESENT

Lewis J. Robinson, Chair

Yvette Meléndez, Vice Chair

Richard J. Balducci

Naomi K. Cohen

Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis via teleconference

Matt Fleury

Michael Fraser via teleconference

Gary Holloway via teleconference

Dr. Rene Lerer via teleconference

Dr. Merle W. Harris via teleconference

Craig S. Lappen

Michael E. Pollard via teleconference

Sharon Palmer* via teleconference

Eugene Bell via teleconference

Zac Zeitlin via teleconference

REGENTS ABSENT

Nicholas M. Donofrio

Jewel Mullen*

Stefan Pryor*

Catherine H. Smith*

**ex-officio, non-voting member*

BOR STAFF

Philip Austin, interim BOR President

Dennis Murphy, BOR Interim Chief of Staff

Colleen Flanagan Johnson, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing

Steven Weinberger, VP Human Resources

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Board Affairs/BOR Secretary

Kyle Thomas, Legislative Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Robinson requested a motion to move to Executive Session for discussion limited to the submittal of the recommendation to the Governor regarding the BOR President. Richard J. Balducci so moved; Craig Lappen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously, with the Board entering into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Robinson directed the staff members listed above to remain with the Board in Executive Session and indicated that no votes would be cast during Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:15 a.m., with Chairman Robinson. No votes were taken in Executive Session and discussion was limited to discussion regarding the submittal of the recommendation to the Governor regarding the BOR President.

RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNOR CONCERNING BOR PRESIDENT

On a motion by Chairman Robinson, with a second by Richard J. Balducci, the Board, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2012, the Board of Regents for Higher Education authorized the Chairman of the Board to establish a Regents Search Committee (RSC) to seek and to recommend to the Governor a qualified individual for appointment as President of the Board of Regents for Higher Education in conformance with Connecticut General Statute 10a-1b(a) and

WHEREAS, The Regents' Search Committee was greatly assisted by a Systemwide Advisory Committee (SAC) in the BOR Presidential Search, whose members were drawn from and reflective of the Connecticut State Universities and Colleges (ConnSCU), diverse stakeholders, constituencies, and community including, but not limited to, faculty, administrative faculty, professional staff, non-professional staff, students, campus governance organizations and representation from the business community, and

WHEREAS, The members of the Regents Search Committee, with the assistance of the aforementioned Systemwide Advisory Committee, conducted a national search for the BOR Presidency, resulting in applications from 29 individuals, and

WHEREAS, The search proceeded according to guidelines the Regents' Search Committee established, and such guidelines were consistent with applicable state statutes, regulations and affirmative action requirements, and

WHEREAS, The Regents Search Committee has completed this search through the evaluation of credentials and interviews and recommends to the Board of Regents three outstanding finalists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by a majority vote of the Board of Regents for Higher Education said Board hereby recommends the appointment of a candidate as the next President of the Board of Regents and submits to Governor Malloy the names of the three candidates below for the Governor's review, selection and appointment.

Dr. Gregory Gray

Dr. Jay Kahn

Dr. Jack R. Warner

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Balducci moved to adjourn; Matt Fleury seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director, Office of Board Affairs/
Secretary of the Board of Regents for Higher Education

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