

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

1:00 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013

1st floor Boardroom, 39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

REGENTS PARTICIPATING

Yvette Meléndez, Acting Chair
Richard J. Balducci
Eugene L. Bell *via teleconference*
Nicholas M. Donofrio
Matt Fleury

Dr. Merle W. Harris *via teleconference*
Craig S. Lappen
Michael E. Pollard
Stefan Pryor*

REGENTS ABSENT

Naomi K. Cohen
Gary Holloway
Dr. Rene Lerer
Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis
**ex-officio, non-voting member*

Sharon Palmer*
Jewel Mullen*
Catherine H. Smith*

BOR STAFF

Gregory W. Gray, BOR President
Dennis W. Murphy, interim Chief of Staff
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Board Affairs/BOR Secretary

GUESTS

Dr. James McCormick, Chancellor Emeritus of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System and Chancellor Emeritus of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
Janice S. Fitzgerald, former Chief of Staff and Deputy Chancellor for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meléndez called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. declaring a quorum present and thanked members of the Board for accommodating the request to attend the special meeting. Following brief remarks from Chair Melendez, BOR President Gray outlined his approach to the development of his plan for the future of the ConnSCU System noting that he had already begun and would continue to communicate with internal and external constituencies on the topic. A discussion took place among board members and President Gray about the development of his plan and best practices regarding the merger of systems of higher education in other states. Invited guests, Dr. James McCormick and Janice S. Fitzgerald, shared their experiences related to higher education leadership, governance, workforce development and the institutional mergers of public higher education systems and responded to board members' queries.

ADJOURNMENT

Nicholas Donofrio moved to adjourn; Craig Lappen seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald, BOR Secretary