

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

EMERGENCY MEETING - MINUTES

2:35 pm, Friday, October 12, 2012

Ground Floor Community Room, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

REGENTS PRESENT

Lewis J. Robinson, Chair
Yvette Meléndez, Vice Chair
Richard J. Balducci
Naomi K. Cohen**
Dr. Lawrence J. DeNardis
Nicholas M. Donofrio
Matt Fleury*
Michael Fraser
Dr. Merle W. Harris
Gary Holloway**

Craig S. Lappen
Dr. René Lerer**
Jewel Mullen*
Sharon Palmer*
Michael E. Pollard
Stefan Pryor*
Catherine H. Smith*
Alex Tettey, Jr.
Zac Zeitlin**

**ex-officio, non-voting member*

***participating via teleconference*

BOR STAFF

David Levinson, BOR VP for Community Colleges/President, Norwalk Comm. College
Elsa M. Nuñez, BOR VP for State Universities/President, Eastern Connecticut State University
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director for Board Affairs/BOR Secretary

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Wilfredo Nieves, President, Capital Community College
Anita T. Gliniecki, President, Housatonic Community College
Anna M. Wasescha, President, Middlesex Community College
Daisy Cocco De Filippis, President, Naugatuck Valley Community College
Barbara Douglas, Northwestern Community College
Grace Sawyer Jones, President, Three Rivers Community College
Cathryn L. Addy, President, Tunxis Community College
Ed Klonoski, President, Charter Oak State College
Mary Papazian, President, Southern Connecticut State University

GUEST

Henry Salton, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

At 2:46 pm BOR Chairman Robinson noted that in accordance with CT General Statute Section 1-225(d), he had called for an emergency meeting of the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The meeting was called on an emergency basis due to the resignation of BOR President Robert A. Kennedy which had been submitted earlier that day. The Chair stated that the President's resignation required immediate action to ensure the continuity of leadership of Connecticut state colleges and universities.

The Chair noted the first matter before the board was to approve President Kennedy's request to waive a 120-day notice of termination requirement set forth within his contract. On a motion by Richard Balducci, with a second by Naomi Cohen, the waiver of termination requirement passed unanimously.

The Chair noted the next item for the Board's consideration was the recommendation to the Governor of a candidate to serve on an interim basis as President of the Board of Regents. In accordance with CGS Section 10a-1b, the Board of Regents is charged with recommending to the Governor the person to serve as President but the Governor makes the final appointment. The governor would then act in his authority to fill President Kennedy's vacancy but consistent with state statutes. The Chair asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Richard Balducci, seconded by Yvette Melendez, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session at 2:50 p.m. to discuss the matter listed below

- Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public officer or employee

All members of the Board listed above, along with BOR Secretary Erin Fitzgerald and AAG Henry Salton, were present for the Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Session ended at 3:25 p.m. The Board of Regents returned to Open Session at 3:29 p.m. **Appointment of an Interim BOR President** – Chairman Robinson asked for a motion to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Dr. Philip E. Austin to serve as Interim BOR President. Richard Balducci so moved, with a second by Yvette Melendez; with an abstention by Alex Tetley, Jr., the Board voted to approve the recommendation to the Governor

ADJOURNMENT

Lawrence DeNardis moved to adjourn; Zac Zeitlin seconded and the special meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Submitted,

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

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