

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING**

2 pm, Thursday, February 23, 2016

Regents Boardroom, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - ATTENDANCE	
Matt Fleury	Y
Yvette Melendez	Y
Richard J. Balducci	N
Naomi K. Cohen	Y
Merle W. Harris (via teleconference)	Y
Elease E. Wright	Y

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

William J. McGurk

STAFF PARTICIPATING

Mark Ojakian, President

Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff

Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer

Steve Weinberg, Vice President, Human Resources

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fleury called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm, declaring a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Regent Cohen, seconded by Regent Wright, the [November 17, 2016 meeting minutes](#) were approved as submitted.

UPDATE FROM CSCU PRESIDENT MARK E. OJAKIAN

President Ojakian provided updates on the following items:

- Ongoing deliberations with staff, legislators, presidents and faculty concerning deficits that may occur in light of the current state budget proposal. President Ojakian noted that Chairman Fleury has directed him develop a management recommendation addressing this issue.
- Communications to the university and college presidents concerning the recent White House rescission of the Obama-era guideline that Title IX protections applied to transgender students attending schools receiving federal funding. Referencing the State of Connecticut's 2011 transgender rights bill, President Ojakian advised that transgender students would continue to have their civil rights protected here in Connecticut, despite the recent change on the federal level.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Regent Wright seconded by Vice Chair Melendez, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 2:15 pm for discussion concerning the topics listed below.

- strategy related to collective bargaining; and
- the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation of a public officer or employee

At the request of Chair Fleury, President Ojakian, Alice Pritchard, Erika Steiner, and Steve Weinberger remained with committee members in Executive Session.

The Committee returned to open session at 4:20 pm.

Chair Fleury advised that no votes were taken in executive session and that discussion was limited to the topics previously announced (relisted below).

- strategy related to collective bargaining; and
- the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation of a public officer or employee

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fleury declared the meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Submitted,

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