

# BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION MINUTES - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

10:00 am, Thursday, January 17, 2019

Regents Boardroom, System Office, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Matt Fleury, Chair  
Richard J. Balducci  
Naomi K. Cohen  
Merle W. Harris *via teleconference*  
David R. Jimenez *via teleconference*  
Elease E. Wright

## STAFF PARTICIPATING

Mark Ojakian, President  
Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff  
Ernestine Y. Weaver, Counsel  
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Board Affairs/BOR Secretary

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fleury called the meeting to order at 10:08 am and, following roll call, declared a quorum present.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**On a motion by Regent Cohen, seconded by Regent Wright, the previous meeting minutes of [July 5, 2018](#) and [May 4, 2018](#) were approved as submitted.**

## CSCU PRESIDENT OJAKIAN

President Ojakian introduced **Alex Beaudoin, Director of Government Relations, and Leigh Appleby, Director of Communications**. President Ojakian also provided a **brief legislative update**, noting that Administration is in the process of setting up meetings with members of the new General Assembly, including leadership of both chambers and ranking members of the higher education related committees of cognizance. President Ojakian noted that the CSCU Economic Impact Statement study would be presented before both the Appropriations and Higher Education Committees. Updates concerning both legislative and budgetary matters will be shared with the Board throughout the session.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Tuition & Fee** proposals – following a summary overview of the preliminary T&F discussion which began at the [October 3, 2018 Finance Committee meeting](#), it was agreed that that Administration would continue to review various tuition scenarios, including any free college proposal, bringing the items forward to the Finance & Infrastructure Committee for discussion at the February 14 meeting. The Committee as a whole concurred with Vice Chair Harris' recommendation to invite all Regents to attend the February 14 Finance

Committee meeting. It was noted that while a vote on T&F would not take place until March (Finance Committee currently scheduled for March 23 with full Board scheduled for March 28), it would be beneficial for all Board members to be afforded an opportunity participate in those Committee discussions in advance of the Board's vote.

- **2019 Board meetings** – It was agreed to site two full Board meetings at the colleges and universities in 2019 (April 18 and October 24 were suggested dates). Erin Fitzgerald will reach out to the institutions and identify an available site. VC Harris stated that she would speak with Provost Gates about the possibility of siting a meeting of the ASA Committee at one of the colleges or universities (likely October 11)
- a) **Committee assignments** – Chairman Fleury noted that he would be identifying committee assignments for the student regents this month.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On a motion by Regent Balducci seconded by Regent Cohen, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:45 am for discussion concerning the following items**

1. the appointment of a public officer or employee
2. pending litigation
3. the evaluation of a public officer or employee.

At the request of Chair Fleury, the following individual(s) remained with the Committee and President Ojakian *for discussion item #1 only*:

Alice Pritchard, Chief of Staff

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

**The Committee returned to open session at 12:42 pm.**

Chair Fleury advised there were no votes in executive session and that discussion was limited to

1. the appointment of a public officer or employee
2. pending litigation
3. the evaluation of a public officer or employee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Fleury declared the meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.**

Submitted,

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