

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes – 9:00 a.m., March 5, 2013

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Lewis J. Robinson
Yvette Melendez *via teleconference*
Dr. Merle Harris
Dr. Rene Lerer *via teleconference*
Naomi K. Cohen

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Holloway
Craig S. Lappen

BOR STAFF

Philip E. Austin, interim President
Dennis C. Murphy, interim Chief of Staff
Steven Weinberger, VP for Human Resources
William Bowes, Chief Financial Officer
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director for Board Affairs
Kyle Thomas, Legislative Program Manager

Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Naomi Cohen and Craig Lappen, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:08 a.m. **to discuss**

- Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party.

All Regents listed above remained; Chairman Robinson noted that the following staff members were requested to remain during Executive Session: President Austin, Dennis Murphy, Steve Weinberger and Erin Fitzgerald

Executive Session ended at 9:55 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:00 a.m. CFO Bowes rejoined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes – On a motion by Naomi Cohen, with a second by Rene Lerer, the January 8, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as amended (*page one--incorrect middle initial – used S instead of K--in Naomi Cohen's name*).

Chairman Robinson's Remarks – Chair Robinson noted that while there were a great deal of initiatives underway and more on deck, the primary task before the Board was the installation of a new BOR President.

President Austin's Remarks – President Austin referenced ongoing initiatives and concurred with Chairman Robinson regarding the high priority placed on the need to identify candidates for recommendation to the Governor.

Updates from Board Committee Chairs – Committee Chairs present reported out on the status of various items pending before their respective committees, with the upcoming action by the Finance Committee regarding proposed increases to tuition and fees item receiving the primary focus of the committee's discussion.

Committee Responsibilities – Committee members received an additional copy of the proposed committee responsibilities paper, with Chairman Robinson noting that, absent any additional revisions, these would be finalized prior to the May meeting of the full Board.

Legislative update – An update on state legislative matters was provided by Kyle Thomas.

There being no further business appearing, the committee meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Submitted,

Erin A. Fitzgerald