

CT BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
8:30 AM, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016
CSCU SYSTEM OFFICE, 61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CT

REGENTS PARTICIPATING

Matt Fleury, Chair
Yvette Meléndez, Vice Chair
Richard J. Balducci
Naomi K. Cohen
Lawrence J. DeNardis
Merle W. Harris

Scott D. Jackson* *via teleconference*
David R. Jimenez
William J. McGurk *via teleconference*
Holly M. Palmer *via teleconference*¹
Gordon Plouffe
Catherine H. Smith*²

REGENTS ABSENT

Stephen J. Adair*
Raul Pino*
JoAnn H. Price

Barbara E. Richards*
Dianna R. Wentzell*
Elease E. Wright

**ex-officio, non-voting member*

CSCU SYSTEM STAFF & UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Mark E. Ojakian, President
Alice M. Pritchard, Chief of Staff
Steve Weinberger, VP, Human Resources
Erin A. Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Board Affairs / BOR Secretary

GUESTS

Dr. Joe Bertolino, incoming SCSU President³

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fleury called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and, following roll call, declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Regent Balducci, seconded by Regent Harris, the [June 16, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes and the June 27, 2016 Special Meeting minutes](#) were unanimously approved as submitted.

¹ H. Palmer disconnected from the call at 9:30 am

² C. Smith disconnected from the call at 9:45 am (due to issue w/phone)

³ J. Bertolino joined the meeting at 10:05 am

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the request of Chairman Fleury, **on a motion by Regent Balducci seconded by Regent McGurk, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:31 am for discussion concerning the appointment of a public officer or employee (SCSU President).**

At the request of Chair Fleury, the following staff members remained with President Ojakian and board members: Steve Weinberger and Erin. Fitzgerald,

The Board returned to open session at 9:55 am. Chair Fleury advised that no votes were taken in executive session and that discussion was limited to the appointment of a public officer or employee (SCSU President)

APPOINTMENT OF SCSU PRESIDENT

Regents Search Committee Chair Lawrence DeNardis provided brief remarks regarding the search process for the SCSU president. Dr. DeNardis offered his thanks and appreciation to the members of the SCSU University Advisory Committee and to the members of the Regents Search Committee. He also expressed appreciation to all the students, faculty and staff for their participation in this important process which yielded an excellent president who will be joining SCSU in August 2016. **On a motion by Regent DeNardis, seconded by Regent Cohen, the following resolution appointing Dr. Joe Bertolino as President of Southern Connecticut State University was unanimously approved.**

WHEREAS, The members of the Regents Search Committee, with the assistance of members of the Southern Connecticut State University Advisory Committee, conducted a national search for a president for the university, and

WHEREAS, Having completed this search through the careful evaluation of credentials and interviews with outstanding finalist candidates, the Regents Search Committee recommends that Dr. Joe Bertolino be appointed as President of Southern Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the President of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities concur in this recommendation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That effective August 22, 2016, under the terms and conditions of the Human Resources Policies for Management and Confidential Professional Personnel of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, as such policies may be revised from time to time, the CT Board of Regents for Higher Education affirms that Dr. Joe Bertolino is hereby appointed as President of Southern Connecticut State University at the rate of \$11,291.19 biweekly (\$294,700 annualized over 26.1 biweekly pay periods).

Following the Board's unanimous vote, Dr. Bertolino addressed the Board and those in attendance expressing his appreciation and his eagerness to begin serving as the next President of Southern Connecticut State University.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Regent Balducci, seconded by Regent Plouffe, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Submitted,

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

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