



**North Carolina
School of Science
and Mathematics**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024

3:30pm - 5:00pm

Royall Boardroom or by Zoom Video Conferencing
Durham, NC

The Board of Trustees Executive Committee met in regular session on February 8, 2024, in the Royall Boardroom in Durham, NC. Chair Stephanie M. Bass called the meeting to order.

Trustees Present: Stephanie Bass (Chair), Adam Falk (Vice Chair), Erin Locklear, (FAHR), Kamal Kolappa (IA), Chad Cygan, Craig Horn, Steaven Ramírez Serrano, Crystal Woods

Direct Reports Present: Chancellor Todd Roberts, Robert Allen, Kevin Baxter, Laura Baker Campbell, Michael Delafield, Carol Harris, Krissi Hewitt, Terry Lynch, Katie O'Connor, Michael Ptasienski

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Chair Bass read the Conflict of Interest statement and asked about potential conflicts. None were identified.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Action: Dr. Kamal Kolappa moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ms. Erin Locklear seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Dr. Adam Falk moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Ms. Erin Locklear seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - Dr. Todd Roberts

NCSSM American Indian Pow Wow

Dr. Roberts and Ms. Maddie Gaddy-Parks provided information regarding the NCSSM Native American Pow Wow which took place on our Durham campus on February 3rd.

J-Term Summary

Dr. Roberts provided a summary of last month's J-Term course experiences.

March Board of Trustees Planning

Dr. Roberts provided an overview of discussion topics that will have pre-recorded presentations for next Month's board meetings, which include meetings of the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board of Directors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the Parent Association. The Board of Trustees meeting will feature recordings regarding: The Impact of AI on Education and NCSSM (primary discussion topic); Class of 2026 Admissions Update; Campus Construction Updates; and 2024-25 Budget and Legislative Planning.

Admissions Update - Mr. Rob Andrews

This year was another record year for Admissions. There was a 25% increase in applicants with a total of 2,479 applications received across all three programs. Mr. Andrews noted that we have a new metric from the UNC System. This updated metric is focused on increased enrollment of students from underserved counties (based on low Postsecondary Enrollment [PSE]) in Congressional Districts 1, 3 and 11. Mr. Andrews noted that the recent Supreme Court decision with regard to reporting race/ethnicity in the admissions process will not affect the NCSSM admissions process as we do not use race as a factor in admissions for our Residential, Online, and Summer Ventures programs. Next steps in the Admissions process include the NCSSM Math Assessment, Q&A panel discussions, and campus tours. Selection for Summer Ventures will take place March 11-12, and the Online and Residential Program selection process will take place March 18-20. Applicant Status Notification will take place on April 3.

Legislative and Budget Update - Dr. Todd Roberts

Dr. Roberts provided an update regarding budget requests that NCSSM has proposed to the UNC System for the 2025 legislative session. The request includes an Operating budget increase in funding for Utilities (Durham), Campus Safety and Security (Durham), Student Mental Health (Durham and Morganton), and the Student Health Clinic (Durham). Additional items include a 3% increase for all State employees, Enrollment Growth, Building Reserves (Morganton), the NCSSM license plate, and Summer Ventures.

Campus Construction & Renovation Update - Mr. Kevin Baxter and Dr. Todd Roberts

Mr. Kevin Baxter provided an update regarding Morganton personnel, and regarding construction and renovation projects on the Morganton campus. Currently there are six active searches for personnel: four based in Morganton, and two that can be based in either Durham or Morganton. In addition there are four pending searches open with hopes for Morganton to be fully staffed by the end of the academic year. Jeter hall opened earlier this month, Goodwin Hall now houses a temporary health clinic which will move to the Student Wellness Activities Center (SWAC) facility when completed. Sidewalk and parking lot additions were completed in late November. Joiner Hall construction commenced November 2023 and the target for occupancy is January 2025. The SWAC construction process began in February 2024 with the Hickory Construction Company with the anticipated timeline estimating 16 months for completion and occupancy by August 2025.

Dr. Terry Lynch and Mr. Robert Allen provided an update regarding modular units installed on the Durham campus to facilitate dorm renovations over the next few years. Issues related to electrical, water, and sewer service have delayed move-in date (originally scheduled for January

2024) until later this calendar year. Mr. Allen expressed appreciation to the UNC System Office for their support during this project's development. Mr. Allen also provided an update regarding other projects on the Durham campus, including: the planned Academic Commons addition, which is currently in the design phase; the fireproofing and renovation of the Auditorium; a replacement Chiller; flooring replacement throughout the campus; and the replacement of elevators in the Bryan, Hunt, and Reynolds buildings.

Resolution Regarding Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech - Dr. Todd Roberts

Dr. Roberts presented a revised version of the draft resolution regarding academic freedom and freedom of speech for discussion in advance of the March 2024 full board meeting. The revisions were designed to acknowledge our status as a high school rather than an institution of higher education.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 - Mr. Robert Allen

Mr. Allen presented the Financial Report.

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION REPORT - Mr. Robert Allen

Mr. Allen presented the Construction and Renovation Report.

Action: Without objection, Chair Bass adjourned the meeting

J. Todd Roberts
Chancellor, NCSSM

Date: April 11, 2024