



**North Carolina
School of Science
and Mathematics**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference

The meeting was conducted by use of simultaneous communication, in which members were participating by simultaneous communication, and the minutes will reflect when such members join or leave the remote meeting. Chair Mark Morgan called the meeting to order.

Trustees Present: Mark W. Morgan (Chair), Jabbar R. Bennett (Vice Chair), Paula T. Benson (FAHR), Adam Falk (EPPC), Hugh A. Holston (DEEP), Alisa Atkinson McDonald (IA), Stephen E. Griffin, Keethan Kleiner, Megan Mou, Crystal Woods

Direct Reports Attending: Chancellor Todd Roberts, Robert Allen, Kevin Baxter, Joyce Boni, Laura Baker Campbell, Barbara Coury, Michael Delafield, Terry Lynch, Katie O'Connor, Brock Winslow

OPEN MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Morgan announced that the meeting is being conducted pursuant to the new amendments of the Open Meetings Act that apply during states of emergency. All votes will be taken via roll call. All chats, instant messages, texts, or other written communications between members of the Board regarding the transaction of public business during this remote meeting are deemed public record. All members and staff are asked to identify themselves before participating in deliberations.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

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

SETTING THE AGENDA

Dr. Adam Falk moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Hugh Holston seconded the motion. Pursuant to a roll call vote taken by Chair Morgan, the motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - Dr. Todd Roberts

Fall Semester Update - Drs. Roberts, O'Connor & Lynch

Chancellor Roberts detailed the planning and work that has gone into preparing for the fall semester. Dr. Katie O'Connor provided an update from Academic Programs and its preparations for a low-density model in response to COVID-19, as well as the transition to a semester system. Dr. Terry Lynch provided an update from Student Life and its modifications of living spaces, residential activities, and the implementation of community guidelines to comply with CDC recommendations. Campus-wide adjustments have and continue to be made to maintain a clean and healthy environment for the NCSSM community.

Planning for the Year Ahead

Dr. Roberts provided updates on other ongoing initiatives. As part of the Strategic Plan, NCSSM plans on establishing and filling the position of Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer by early to mid-October. Budget adjustments have been made to move forward with the first year of the employee compensation plan. The Ignite+Transform Campaign is still in the quiet phase, having raised approximately 44% of the overall goal of \$50 million. The campaign is planned to go public in June 2021.

NCSSM-Morganton Update - Mr. Kevin Baxter

Mr. Baxter provided updates on the construction of and planning for the new campus in Morganton. Tremendous progress has been made on all fronts despite the budget impasse and COVID-19. Nearly 200 constituents participated in a beam signing, visiting the site over the past month, to celebrate the topping of the new Residence Hall and Academic Commons buildings.

Architecture Selection for Residence Hall and Academic Commons Renovation - Mr. Robert Allen

Mr. Allen shared that an anonymous donor has generously provided \$7.5 million toward the renovation of all residence halls and to create an Academic Commons on the Durham campus. Screening and interview committees have ranked the top five firms for construction of the Academic Commons and the top three firms for renovation of the residence halls. Approval to move forward in negotiating costs is required.

Action: Mr. Hugh Holston moved to approve the Architecture Selection for Residence Hall and Academic Commons Renovation. Dr. Adam Falk seconded the motion. Pursuant to a roll call vote taken by Chair Morgan, the motion passed unanimously.

TITLE IX POLICY REVISIONS - Dr. Terry Lynch, Ms. Jennifer Ashe and Mr. Mike Delafield

Ms. Ashe provided information and updates on new Title IX policies and guidelines and how the changes apply to NCSSM. A proposed revised institutional policy regarding Title IX was presented.

Action: Dr. Adam Falk moved to recommend adoption of Title IX Policy Revisions for approval at the next full Board of Trustees Meeting. Ms. Alisa McDonald seconded the motion. Pursuant to a roll call vote taken by Chair Morgan, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2020 - Mr. Robert Allen

Mr. Allen presented the Financial Report.

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION REPORT - Mr. Robert Allen

Mr. Allen presented the Construction and Renovation Report.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOT BYLAWS -Mr. Michael Delafield

Mr. Delafield reviewed the Bylaws and determined that no amendments are needed at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS - Dr. Jabbar Bennett, Vice Chair

- Approve Minutes from BOT Executive Committee Meeting, April 9, 2020

Action: Chair Morgan moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Hugh Holston seconded the motion. Pursuant to a roll call vote taken by Chair Morgan the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Ms. Alisa McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hugh Holston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



J. Todd Roberts
Chancellor, NCSSM

Date: September 8, 2020