



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Committee on Public Affairs

July 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference and UNC-TV Live Stream
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 128
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2020.....C. Philip Byers
- A-2. State Government Relations Update Drew Moretz
- A-3. Federal Government Relations UpdateElizabeth Morra
- A-4. Adjourn

DRAFT MINUTES

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This videoconference meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs was presided over by Chair C. Philip Byers. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present by video: W. Marty Kotis, III., N. Leo Daughtry, Steven B. Long, and R. Doyle Parrish.

C. Philip Byers joined the meeting at 09:15 a.m.

Chancellors participating on the videoconference were Karrie Dixon, Robin Cummings, and Ron Mitchelson.

Staff members present included Drew Moretz and others from the UNC System Office.

1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes (Item A-1)

Drew Moretz called the meeting to order at 09:04 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Drew Moretz called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of March 19, 2020, and the open session minutes from the Joint Meeting of Committee on Budget and Finance and Public Affairs of March 19, 2020.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of March 19, 2020, as distributed.

Motion: R. Doyle Parrish

Motion carried

Roll Call Vote	
Byers	Not present
Kotis	yes
Daughtry	yes
Long	yes
Parrish	yes

2. Federal Affairs Update (Item A-2)

Drew Moretz called upon Ms. Morra to provide a federal affairs update to the Public Affairs Committee. Ms. Morra discussed the federal COVID-19 stimulus bills. The UNC System received \$180 million direct support from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. \$68 million was divided among the nine UNC System HMSIs. Finally, \$96 million went to higher education and K-12 in North Carolina from the Governor's Discretionary Fund.

This item is for information only.

3. State Government Relations Update (Item A-3)

Chair Byers called upon Mr. Moretz to provide a state government relations update to the Public Affairs Committee. Mr. Moretz discussed the General Assembly's April COVID Session and the 2020 Short Session. The UNC System received \$44.4 million in non-recurring funds during the April COVID Session to recover costs associated with moving classes online, facility sanitization, and other COVID related expenses. The 2020 Short Session began May 18, and the UNC System seeks to support certain capital projects up to \$1m, reinstate campus flexibility for certain HR actions, make adjustments, and expand teaching fellows program.

Mr. Kotis called for a motion to support and adopt an economic resolution that recognizes and supports economic development efforts of the University.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee recommends that the Board of Governors support and adopt an appropriate resolution that recognizes and supports the continued and further economic development efforts of the University.

Motion: W. Marty Kotis, III

Motion carried

Roll Call Vote	
Byers	Yes
Kotis	Yes
Daughtry	Yes
Long	Yes
Parrish	Yes

4. Military and Veterans Affairs Update (Item A-4)

Chair Byers called on Ms. Sidner to provide a military and veterans affairs update. Ms. Sidner discussed how our institutions are providing support to first responders, such as providing fabric to Ft. Bragg's 82nd Airborne Division can use to make facemasks and using 3-D printers to create shields and facemasks.

She also mentioned how they have been working with Elizabeth Morra, national organizations, and our federal senators and representatives to support two pieces of legislation to help protect student veteran's educational benefits.

This item is for information only.

5. University Advancement Update (Item A-5)

Chair Byers called on Mr. Minor to provide an updated on university advancement. Mr. Minor discussed how eight of the UNC System institutions will have new vice chancellors in advancement by the end of the year. The briefing highlighted the efforts of the institutions advancement teams who have raised nearly \$3 million for their institutions' Student Emergency Funds; he singled out NC State for its work to raise approximately \$1 million of the nearly \$3 million.

This item is for information only.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Steven B. Long, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. State Relations Update..... Drew Moretz

- Situation:** The committee will receive an update on state legislative issues.
- Background:** Since the last meeting, the state legislature completed work in the Short Session on June 26. While in session, the legislature passed 14 bills impacting the UNC System. Mr. Moretz will discuss these 14 bills, particularly key Board policy and budget priorities that were included within these bills. Mr. Moretz will also discuss how the failure to pass a budget will impact the UNC System. The state legislature will return in September to address issues they were unable to complete in the Short Session.
- Assessment:** This briefing will focus on legislative bills passed by the state legislature that impact the UNC System.
- Action:** This item is for discussion only.

AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Federal Affairs Update Elizabeth Morra

Situation: The committee will receive an update on federal legislative issues.**Background:** Since the committee's last meeting, Congress has been working on another stimulus package to provide aid during the COVID-19 stimulus package. Ms. Morra will provide an update on what this stimulus package will include. She will also provide an overview of important topics and issues related to the safe reopening of campuses. Finally, she will discuss the congressional spending priorities for the next fiscal year.**Assessment:** This briefing will summarize the stimulus package, safe reopening, and spending priorities for FY 2021.**Action:** This item is for information only.