

MINUTES

March 18, 2025

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

Call to Order

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors met virtually on March 18, 2025. Chair Wendy Murphy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Secretary Meredith McCullen for the roll call.

Roll Call

Secretary McCullen called the roll. The following members were present:

Lee Barnes	Reginald Holley
Kellie Blue	Mark Holton
Kirk Bradley	Terry Hutchens
Cameron Brown	Alex Mitchell
Harry Brown	Wendy Murphy
Pearl Burris-Floyd	Sonja Nichols
Philip Byers	Art Pope
Swadesh Chatterjee	Randy Ramsey
Jimmy Clark	Temple Sloan
Carolyn Coward	Woody White
Gene Davis	Michael Williford
Joel Ford	
John Fraley	
Kathryn Greeley	

State Ethics Act

Chair Murphy stated that under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts and asked if anyone had a potential conflict. There were none.

Chair Murphy offered the following motion:

Motion: Resolved, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes Chapter 143 for the purposes stated in the written motion that was included in the meeting materials, which have been publicly noticed. The motion was properly seconded. (APPENDIX A)

Motion: Chair Murphy

Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 9:32 a.m. and returned to open session at 9:41 a.m.

Chair Murphy called on Mrs. Coward to give the report of the Committee on University Personnel.

Report of the Committee on University Personnel

Mrs. Coward, chair of the committee, stated in the Committee on University Personnel's meeting earlier that day, President Peter Hans, in closed session, presented his nominee for the next chancellor of North Carolina State University. The Committee on University Personnel voted to accept the president's recommendation and to submit his nominee and the proposed terms of appointment to the full Board. She then called on President Hans for his report.

President's Report

President Hans stated that NC State is our frontier university — the institution our state depends on to stay at the forefront in science, technology, industry, and the academic fields of the future. He stated we need the Wolfpack's *Think and Do* ethos more than ever as we look to the next era of this great university and this growing state. He said NC State needs a leader who understands that this university's greatest innovation is the melding of practical wisdom and academic expertise in the service of public good. He said he was proud to nominate Mr. Kevin Howell as the next chancellor of NC State. He said that Mr. Howell is the "personification of what makes NC State an extraordinary institution." President Hans reviewed Mr. Howell's career path from NC State to the Governor's Office, to the UNC System Office, and to UNC Health. He noted his legislative advocacy and his work as an ambassador and fundraiser for NC State. He also noted his ability to maintain broad bipartisan support for our public mission. President Hans stated that Mr. Howell possesses patience, humility, and a genuine respect for the voices and opinions of others, and that these traits are central to building and energizing the diverse coalitions necessary to move our universities forward. He touched on the need to expand the boundaries in order to take NC State, an enterprise as big and as broad as a public research university, to the next level, noting the need for deeper partnerships with industry and business. President Hans is confident that Mr. Howell will build an incredible team and will motivate them to bring out the very best for NC State. He thanked the search advisory committee for their commitment to the search, noting NC State incoming board of trustees chair, Mr. Ed Stack. For President Hans' full statement, please see APPENDIX B.

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Personnel, I move that the Board of Governors vote to elect Mr. Kevin Howell as chancellor of North Carolina State University.

Motion: Mrs. Coward

Motion carried

Chair Murphy thanked the Board for their time and stated this is an exciting time for NC State.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the UNC System Office in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Pearl Burris-Floyd, *Secretary*

APPENDICES

The Appendices are part of the official record of the meeting and are posted on the UNC System website at:

<http://www.northcarolina.edu/apps/bog/index.php>

Appendix A Closed Motion Full Board

Appendix B President Hans' Report