

MINUTES

July 24, 2025

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

Call to Order

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors met virtually on July 24, 2025. Chair Wendy Murphy called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Invocation

Chair Murphy called on Mr. Fraley to give the invocation.

Roll Call

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

Dr. Lee Barnes	John Fraley
Kellie Hunt Blue	Kathryn Crisp Greeley
Kirk J. Bradley	Mark Holton
Harry Brown	Terry Hutchens
Pearl Burris-Floyd	Javier Limon
C. Philip Byers	J. Alex Mitchell
Swadesh Chatterjee	Wendy Floyd Murphy
Jimmy D. Clark	Sonja Phillips Nichols
Carolyn Coward	Art Pope
Gene Davis	Randy Ramsey
Joel Ford	Michael Williford

The following members were absent:

Reginald Ronald Holley
Woody White

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. Mrs. Coward indicated that pursuant to Section 200.7 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Policy on Duties, Responsibilities, and Expectations of Board Members*, she was recusing herself from the vote on item 5(A) on the agenda.

Chair Murphy called on President Peter Hans for his report.

President's Report

President Hans reported on the new accrediting entity, Commission for Public Higher Education. The UNC System is working with other well-regarded public university systems including the State University System of Florida, the University System of Georgia, the University of South Carolina System, the Texas A&M University System, and the

University of Tennessee System. He said a core aim of this effort is to restore the notion of true peer review. He listed the three things he hopes this new approach to accreditation will accomplish: 1. A sharp focus on quality and outcomes; 2. Transparency in process and information sharing; and 3. A more streamlined process that doesn't require endless resources including time, dollars, and duplicative documentation. Two years ago, the North Carolina state legislature mandated that our universities change accreditors. President Hans hopes that in about two years the proposal will move through an existing legal process for creating the new accreditor and the federal government will recognize the new accreditor. Vice President of Academic and Regulatory Affairs Dan Harrison will help lead this project. For more information, please see APPENDIX A.

Chair Murphy thanked President Hans for his report and said that she is excited to see this project come to fruition.

Consent Agenda Items

Chair Murphy referred to the consent agenda items listed as Item 4 on the day's agenda. Chair Murphy entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was properly seconded, and the motion passed.

Minutes

- a. Minutes (Open) of May 15, 2025

Committee on Budget and Finance

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| h. Chapter III, Section 300 of <i>The Code</i> (amend) (approved May 14, 2025) | APPENDIX H |
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Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Mr. Bradley, chair of the committee, stated the Committee on Budget and Finance received presentations on the General Fund Budget and FY 2026 All-Funds Budget. The committee also reviewed and approved the introduction of Section 1000.2.3 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Policy on Tuition Discounts for Military-affiliated and Employer-sponsored Students*, which the North Carolina state legislature enacted in House Bill 373: UNC Tuition Discounts for Certain Students. This authorizes the Board of Governors to allow constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina, in their discretion, to provide discounted tuition to qualifying military-affiliated students and students in employer-sponsored financial support programs. This item will be voted on by the full Board through the consent agenda at its next meeting.

The committee also reviewed and approved the FY 2025-26 Enrollment Funding Reallocations as outlined in the materials on BoardEffect. The committee also reviewed and approved the Consolidated Learning Management System to serve all constituent institutions. This strategic move supports the System's mission to deliver accessible, high-quality education efficiently and equitably across North Carolina. The committee also reviewed and approved four transactional items that were included on the consent agenda that the Board approved:

- Authorization of five new capital projects at two institutions;
- Authorization for acquisition of property by deed for N.C. A&T State University;
- Authorization for acquisition of property by deed for NC State University; and
- Authorization for disposition of property by demolition for UNC-Chapel Hill.

The committee reviewed the Disposition of Property by Lease for University of North Carolina Asheville to the endowment fund and recommended that it be approved and that the endowment fund be authorized to enter negotiations with the developer for the development of the millennial campus project, which will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval prior to execution. APPENDIX I.

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on Budget and Finance, I move that the Board of Governors approve the Disposition of Property by Lease for UNC Asheville.

Motion: Mr. Bradley

Mr. Chatterjee opposed

Motion carried

Chair Murphy thanked Mr. Bradley, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Haygood, and her team, as well as Chancellor Kimberly van Noort for their work on this project. She then called on Mr. Mitchell for his report.

Report of the Committee on University Governance

Mr. Mitchell, chair of the committee, stated that the Committee on University Governance approved several appointments. The committee voted to reappoint Carlton Wilson and appoint Porter Durham to the UNC Press Board of Governors for five-year terms beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2030. APPENDIX J

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve the reappointment of Carlton Wilson and the appointment of Porter Durham to the UNC Press Board of Governors for five-year terms.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carried

Mr. Mitchell reported the committee voted to approve Sarah Soule to fill a partial-term vacancy on the Project Kitty Hawk Board of Directors that ends January 31, 2027. APPENDIX K

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move to approve the nomination of Sarah Soule to fill a partial-term vacancy on the Project Kitty Hawk Board of Directors.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carried

Mr. Mitchell stated the North Carolina State Building Commission has a vacancy. The committee voted to nominate and bring before the Board Miriam Tripp to fill the vacancy for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2028. APPENDIX L

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move to approve the nomination of Miriam Tripp to the State Building Commission and send it to the Governor for appointment.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carried

The committee voted on two nominees for the UNC Health System Board of Directors. Donna Curtis McClatchey is nominated to fill a partial-term vacancy for seat 15 ending on October 31, 2028, and Kristin Baker is nominated to fill a partial-term vacancy for seat 19 ending on October 31, 2026. APPENDIX M

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move to approve the nomination of Donna Curtis McClatchey to fill a partial term for seat 15, and Kristin Baker to fill a partial term for seat 19 on the UNC Health System Board of Directors.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carried

Chair Murphy recognized and thanked Thomas McBrayer, associate secretary of the University, for his work in the Office of the Secretary. Mr. McBrayer will be joining Mr. Harrison to work with the Commission for Public Higher Education. She wished them good luck on the important work ahead.

Chair Murphy offered the following motion:

Motion: Resolved, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §143-748 and §143-318.11(a)(1), (2), (3), and (6), for the purposes stated in the written motion that was included in the meeting materials, which have been publicly noticed (APPENDIX N). The motion was properly seconded.

Motion: Chair Murphy

Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 11:19 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:44 a.m.

Chair Murphy reminded Board members of the upcoming chancellor installation ceremonies, stating she would like to have good Board participation at these ceremonies. She also announced that starting in the spring of 2026, on-campus Board meetings will resume. The April 15-16, 2026, meeting will be held at the Morganton Campus of North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025, at the 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>

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