



THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Wendy F. Murphy, Chair
UNC Board of Governors

Kirk Bradley, Chair
UNC Committee on Budget & Finance

Meredith McCullen, University Secretary
University of North Carolina

Re: Recusal Under Applicable UNC Policy

Dear Chair Murphy, Governor Bradley, and Secretary McCullen:

I write to note for your awareness and for the records of the Committee on Budget & Finance and the UNC Board of Governors that I have recused myself from any consideration of matters related to the contents of Item A4 on the Committee's Wednesday, April 15 Agenda and the expected appearance of the same item on the Board's Thursday, April 16 Consent Agenda. I have reached this conclusion in consultation with our General Counsel.

I am happy to discuss this with you but do not plan to mention my recusal during the meetings so as to avoid disrupting the flow of the meeting. I expect the Committee's vote on Wednesday and the Board's vote on Thursday will occur seamlessly. However, to ensure transparency regarding my recusal, I ask that the University Secretary place a copy of this letter in the minutes of both the Committee on Budget & Finance and the UNC Board of Governors.

Sincerely,

Lee Barnes, Member
UNC Board of Governors