

DRAFT MINUTES

July 23, 2026

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

Call to Order

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors met on July 23, 2026, via videoconference and PBS North Carolina livestream. Chair Kellie Hunt Blue called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

Invocation

Chair Blue called on Mr. Randy Ramsey to give the invocation.

Roll Call

Secretary of the University, Meredith McCullen, called the roll. The members present constituted a quorum. The following members were present:

Dr. Lee Barnes
Kellie Hunt Blue
Kirk J. Bradley
Harry Brown
Dr. Pearl Burris-Floyd
C. Philip Byers
Jimmy D. Clark
Carolyn Coward
Gene Davis
Leigh Fanning
Joel Ford
John A. Fraley

Kathryn Crisp Greeley
Mark Holton
Terry Hutchens
J. Alex Mitchell
Wendy Floyd Murphy
Sonja Phillips Nichols
Art Pope
Randy Ramsey
Rushil Sachania
Woody White
Michael Williford

Absent were Swadesh Chatterjee and Reginald Ronald Holley.

State Ethics Act

Chair Blue stated that under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts and asked whether any member had a potential conflict of interest. None were reported.

Chair's Report

Chair Blue expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Board chair and thanked Chairs Emerita Wendy Murphy and Emeritus Randy Ramsey for their leadership and service to the University and public higher education. She emphasized the impact of teamwork and collaboration among Board members.

Chair Blue welcomed Leigh Fanning as a new member of the Board of Governors appointed by the General Assembly and noted that a more formal introduction would occur at the Board's September meeting. She

concluded her remarks by encouraging members to enjoy the summer and by expressing enthusiasm for the work ahead.

President's Report

President Peter Hans provided an update regarding ongoing efforts at the University of North Carolina Asheville. He discussed the institution's role in serving rural higher education needs and advancing the mission of the UNC System. President Hans highlighted the importance of UNC Asheville's educational model in preparing students for a technology-driven economy and noted the growing value of its academic programs. He discussed Chancellor Kimberly van Noort's efforts to advance the institution and address critical regional needs. President Hans also referenced ongoing work related to funding support, Millennial Campus planning, and long-range institutional development. He stated that additional information would be shared with the Board in the coming months as these initiatives progress. For President Hans' complete report, please see APPENDIX A.

Consent Agenda Items

Chair Blue referred to the consent agenda items listed on the day's agenda and asked if any items should be removed for discussion. There were none. Chair Blue then entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was properly seconded and the motion passed.

Minutes

- a. Approval of minutes (Open) of May 21, 2026

Committee on Budget and Finance

- b. 2026-27 Operating Budget Allocations APPENDIX B
- c. Authorized Use of Special Obligation Bonds ("Commercial Paper") - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill APPENDIX C
- d. Capital Improvement Projects APPENDIX D

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

- e. UNC System Academic Degree Program Action APPENDIX E

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Mr. Bradley, chair of the committee, reported that the committee reviewed and approved the three transactional items that were included on the consent agenda and approved by the Board. Chair Blue thanked Mr. Bradley and called on Dr. Lee Barnes for the report of the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs.

Report of the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Dr. Barnes, chair of the committee, reported that the committee reviewed one new academic degree program, which was approved by the Board through the consent agenda. Chair Blue thanked Dr. Barnes and called on Mr. Alex Mitchell for the report of the Committee on University Governance.

Report of the Committee on University Governance

Mr. Mitchell, chair of the committee, presented several appointments for the full Board consideration and vote. Biographical information for all nominees was made available.

First, the committee voted on six appointments to the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission. The appointments before the full Board were to reappoint – Dr. Malcolm Butler, Dr. Amanda Lee, Mr. Taleek

Harley, Dr. Deborah Powell, and Mr. Patrick Brennan for terms ending on June 30, 2028. And, to appoint Dr. Andre Green to serve an initial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028 (APPENDIX F).

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve Dr. Malcom Butler, Dr. Amanda Lee, Mr. Taleek Harley, Dr. Deborah Powell, Mr. Patrick Brennan to terms ending on July 30, 2028, and to appoint Dr. Andre Green to serve an initial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028, to the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carried

Second, the committee voted on six reappointments to the PBS North Carolina Board of Trustees. The reappointments before the full Board were Mr. James Broughton, Mr. James Cain, Mr. Culley C. Carson IV, Ms. Anne Mayo Evans, Mr. Russell Smith, and Mr. Bill R. West to terms ending June 30, 2030 (APPENDIX G).

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve Mr. James Broughton, Mr. James Cain, Mr. Culley C. Carson IV, Ms. Anne Mayo Evans, Mr. Ruddell Smith, Mr. Bill R. West to the PBS North Carolina Board of Trustees to terms ending June 30, 2030.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carried

Third, the committee voted on an appointment to the University of North Carolina Asheville Board of Trustees. The appointment before the full Board was for Mr. Kenneth Russell Edwards to serve a partial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027 (APPENDIX H).

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve Mr. Kenneth Russell Edwards to the University of North Carolina Asheville Board of Trustees to serve a partial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carries

Fourth, the committee voted on an appointment to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Board of Trustees. The appointment before the full Board was for Mr. Jonathan Ward to serve a partial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027 (APPENDIX I).

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve Mr. Jonathan Ward to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Board of Trustees to serve a partial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell

Motion carries

Finally, the committee voted on four appointments to the UNC Press Board of Governors. The appointments before the full Board were for Ms. Maria Estorino to serve a partial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030; and Mr. C. Edward Teague III, to serve a term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2031; and Dr. Elizabeth Englehardt and Ms. Osamudia James for reappointment to serve terms ending on June 30, 2031 (APPENDIX J).

Motion: Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve Ms. Maria Estorino to serve a partial term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030; for Mr. C. Edward Teague III, to serve a term starting on July 23, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2031; and for Dr. Elizabeth Englehardt, and Ms. Osamudia James for reappointment to serve terms ending on June 30, 2031 for the UNC Press Board of Governors.

Motion: Mr. Mitchell
Motion carried

Chair Blue requested a motion to go into closed session. Mr. Davis offered the following motion:

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

Motion: Mr. Davis
Motion carried

The Board entered closed session at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened in open session at 10:58 a.m.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the UNC System Office in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Carolyn Coward, *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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