



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Committee on Public Affairs

July 27, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.  
University of North Carolina System Office  
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 276  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**AGENDA**

- A-1. [Approval of the Minutes of March 22, and May 23, 2018](#) .....C. Philip Byers
- A-2. Discussion of 2018 – 2019 Plan of Work .....C. Philip Byers
- A-3. [State Legislative Update](#) ..... Drew Moretz
  - a. Budget Update.....Nate Knuffman
- A-4. [Federal Relations Update](#) .....Elizabeth Morra
- A-5. Other Business .....C. Philip Byers
- A-6. Adjourn

## DRAFT MINUTES

March 22, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Burney Center, Ballroom C  
Wilmington, North Carolina

This joint meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs and the Committee on Budget and Finance was presided over by Chairs Leo Daughtry and Temple Sloan. The following Committee on Public Affairs members, constituting a quorum, were also present: Wendy Murphy, David Powers, and Temple Sloan. The following committee member was absent: Bob Rucho.

Chancellor participating was Elwood Robinson.

Staff members present included Kevin Howell, Andrew Moretz, Rick Whitfield, and others from the UNC System Office.

Chair Sloan called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018.

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### 1. Data Modernization Initiative Presentation (Item B-1)

Interim Senior Vice President Rick Whitfield introduced Senior Director John Thompson-Haas and Managing Partner Steve Kaplan, consultants with Gartner, to deliver a report on the Data Modernization Initiative. In the 2017 legislative budget, the University of North Carolina System was allocated \$1 million in non-recurring funds. This initiative was the University's largest request. Its ongoing mission is "to provide the UNC System leadership, the UNC [System] Institutions, and the Board of Governors with clear, timely, consistent, actionable financial and related data, which will enable them to guide the UNC System in meeting its strategic goals."

The timeline since December 2017 was reviewed. The next steps for the project will include a progress report to the NC Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, initiation of phase 1 of the project, and a request for additional funding, non-recurring to recurring, in the 2018-19 Budget Priorities.

### 2. 2018-19 Budget Priorities (Item B-2)

Vice President Nathan Knuffman revisited the UNC System's goals from the 2017 Budget Priorities and summarized the progress made on those commitments. Then, he introduced the 2018-19 Budget Priorities, which totaled \$18,570,000.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Budget and Finance approve the 2018-19 Budget Priorities and recommend it to the full Board of Governors for a vote.

**Motion:** Harry Smith

**Motion carried**

### **3. 2018 Legislative Agenda Review (Item B-3)**

Chair Daughtry introduced the 2018 Legislative Agenda to the Committee on Public Affairs. Senior Vice President Kevin Howell mentioned the items that were previously targeted on the 2017 long session agenda. Vice President Andrew Moretz gave additional details that included Financial and Capital Efficiencies and Technical Changes.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the 2018 Legislative Agenda and recommend it to the full Board of Governors for a vote.

**Motion:** David Powers

**Motion carried**

### **4. Authorization of Tuition for 2018-19 (Item B-4)**

Dr. Whitfield presented the request for Authorization of Tuition for 2018-19. The tuition rates proposed were for undergraduate nonresidents and graduate students, including those attending professional schools.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Budget and Finance approve Authorization of Tuition for 2018-19 and recommend it to the full Board of Governors for a vote.

**Motion:** Harry Smith

**Motion carried**

### **5. Authorization of Fees for 2018-19 (Item B-5)**

Dr. Whitfield presented the request for Authorization of Fees for 2018-19. The proposed fee increases were consistent with the tuition and fee instructions as enacted by the 2016 NC General Assembly, and do not exceed a three percent cap on mandatory student fees (including debt service). The joint committee members discussed the UNC Kenan-Flagler School's newly proposed Program Expansion Fee.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Budget and Finance approve Authorization of Fees for 2018-19 and recommend them to the full Board of Governors for a vote.

**Motion:** Harry Smith

**Motion carried**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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Joe T. Knott, III, Secretary

## DRAFT MINUTES

May 23, 2018  
University of North Carolina System Office  
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 119  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs was presided over by Chair Leo Daughtry. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present in person: Wendy Murphy, David Powers, Bob Rucho, and Temple Sloan.

Chancellors participating were Elwood Robinson and Cecil Staton.

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

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, and called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of January 25, 2018.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of May 23, 2018, as distributed.

**Motion:** David Powers

**Motion carried**

### 2. Federal Relations Update (Item A-2)

Kevin Howell introduced the new Vice President for Federal Relations, Elizabeth Morra. Ms. Morra gave the committee her background, which includes 25 years of work in Washington DC. Ms. Morra briefed the committee on federal issues affecting the University and its constituent institutions. Kathie Sidner gave an informational update on the status of the establishment of the Army Futures Command.

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

The committee received legislative updates from Nate Knuffman and Drew Moretz. They noted that the legislative short session, which was only one week in, was moving very quickly. The General Assembly introduced a number of bills that could impact the UNC System. There were two additional bills (including self-liquidating and the UNC System name change) they expect to be introduced in late May.

**Other Business (Item A-4)**

Chair Daughtry thanked Kevin Howell for his two years of service to the UNC System and wished him well at North Carolina State University.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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Joe T. Knott, III, Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM**

A-3. State Legislative Update ..... Drew Moretz

**Situation:** The committee will hear a report on the recently-completed legislative session and an overview of interim activities.

**Background:** The legislature adjourned on June 29, 2018, and will reconvene in November 2019.

**Assessment:** On June 29, the legislature adjourned until November 27, 2018. During the session, the legislature passed a number of bills impacting the UNC System, most notably Senate Bill 99 (2018 Appropriations Act). The UNC System had a number of policy and funding priorities included in the budget.

During the legislative “interim,” various study or oversight committees may meet to discuss items impacting the University. Additionally, state relations staff will be putting together an interim strategy to ensure legislators are well-briefed on top System priorities prior to their return in January for the long session.

**Action:** This item is for information only.

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A-4. Federal Legislative Update ..... Elizabeth Morra

- Situation:** As Congress shifts into what has historically been an August recess, discussions and momentum continue on federal policy issues.
- Background:** In mid-July, President Spellings visited with the North Carolina Congressional delegation. Leader McConnell indicated he supports calls to keep Congress in session into August in order to continue progress on appropriations bills, if necessary.
- Assessment:** Work with congressional offices, external stakeholders, and colleagues across the UNC System continues during this period on federal policy issues, including existing projects and resource development, along with President Spellings and Elizabeth Morra's recent meetings with NC's Congressional delegation.
- Action:** This item is for information only.