



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Committee on Public Affairs

October 10, 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 July 27, 2018](#).....Philip Byers
- A-2. [Committee on Public Affairs Annual Report](#)..... Drew Moretz
- A-3. Government Relations Updates.....Philip Byers
  - a. State Relations Update ..... Drew Moretz
  - b. Federal Relations Update.....Elizabeth Morra
- A-4. Other Business .....Philip Byers
- A-5. Adjourn

## DRAFT MINUTES

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This meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs was presided over by Chair Philip Byers. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present in person: Leo Daughtry, Joe Knott, Marty Kotis, and Doyle Parrish.

Chancellors participating were Elwood Robinson, Cecil Staton, and Interim Chancellor Karrie Dixon.

Staff members present included Drew Moretz, Nate Knuffman, Elizabeth Morra, 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 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018, and called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of March 22, and May 23, 2018.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of March 22, and May 23, 2018, as distributed.

**Motion:** Joe Knott

**Motion carried**

### 2. Responsibilities of the Committee on Public Affairs (Item A-2)

Chair Byers read the statement:

*The Committee on Public Affairs reviews all state and federal policy priorities of the University and assists the president and the chair of the board in maintaining a positive relationship with the governor, the North Carolina General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other governmental entities which affect the ability of the University to carry out its mission.*

### 3. State Legislative and Budget Update (Item A-3)

The Committee on Public Affairs received legislative and appropriations updates from Nate Knuffman, vice president for financial planning and analysis, and Drew Moretz, vice president for state government

relations. The UNC System enjoyed a strong budget and legislative session. They noted that a number of bills beneficial to the UNC System were introduced during the short session, and they offered an overview of the bills that passed. The staff will be preparing a notebook to recap the session to share with the full Board at the next meeting.

#### **4. Federal Relations Update (Item A-4)**

Elizabeth Morra, vice president for federal relations, briefed the committee on federal legislation and appropriations that will affect the UNC System institutions and the state of North Carolina.

#### **5. Other Business (Item A-5)**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Joe Knott, Secretary

**AGENDA ITEM**

A-2. Annual Report of the Committee on Public Affairs..... Drew Moretz

<b>Situation:</b>	Each standing committee submits an annual report of its activities to the Board of Governors.
<b>Background:</b>	Under the UNC Policy Manual, Section 302 E of <i>The Code</i> , "Each standing committee shall make a written report to the Board of Governors at least annually, reviewing the work of the committee during the preceding year."
<b>Assessment:</b>	The annual report on the activities of the Committee on Public Affairs for fiscal year 2017-2018 is ready for review and submission.
<b>Action:</b>	This item requires a vote by the committee to accept the report for submission to the Board of Governors.

## **DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee on Public Affairs shall assist the President in maintaining a positive relationship with the Governor, the North Carolina General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other governmental entities, which affect the ability of the University to carry out its mission. The committee will review all state and federal policy priorities of the University. This report summarizes the work of the committee from July 2017 through June 2018.

The committee was composed of the following Board members: Leo Daughtry, Wendy Murphy, David Powers, Robert Rucho, and Temple Sloan. Mr. Daughtry served as Chair, Mr. Sloan served as Vice-Chair, and Ms. Murphy served as Secretary.

Chancellor Cecil Staton (ECU), and Chancellor Robinson (WSSU) also served on the committee.

## **ACTIONS**

The Committee on Public Affairs met in five regular meetings between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. During these five meetings, the Committee discussed major bills in the NC General Assembly and in Congress. The Committee hosted guests from the North Carolina General Assembly for dialogue and discussions about legislation and the UNC system strategic plan. In addition to the regular updates on state and federal legislative activity throughout the year during committee meetings, the Committee on Public Affairs approved the UNC Board of Governors Policy Agenda on March 23, 2018.