



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Committee on Public Affairs

March 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Board Room
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of February 20, 2020C. Philip Byers
- A-2. Federal Affairs UpdateElizabeth Morra
- A-3. State Government Relations Update Drew Moretz
- A-4. Adjourn



DRAFT MINUTES

February 20, 2020
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 C. Philip Byers. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present: W. Marty Kotis, III, N. Leo Daughtry, Steven B. Long, and R. Doyle Parrish.

Chancellors participating were Karrie Dixon, Robin Cummings, and Ron Mitchelson.

Staff members present included Drew Moretz, Elizabeth Morra, and others from the UNC System Office.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:06pm on Thursday, February 20, 2020, and called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of January 16, 2020.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of January 16, 2020, as distributed.

Motion: W. Marty Kotis, III

Motion carried

2. State Relations Update (Item A-2)

Mr. Drew Moretz, vice president for State Government Relations, gave a presentation and update on the draft policy agenda. The draft policy agenda is comprised of policy items submitted from the universities and internal divisions at System Office. During the presentation, Mr. Moretz reiterated the successes included in last year's budget and emphasized the importance of seeing that the items included in the budget make it across the finish line.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the policy agenda and recommend it to the full Board of Governors for a vote.

Motion: W. Marty Kotis, III

Motion carried

3. Federal Affairs Update (Item A-3)

Ms. Elizabeth Morra, vice president for Federal Relations, updated the committee on last week's release of President Trump's budget and the impacts to key education and research programs our institutions track. The President's budget for FY 2021 proposes \$4.4 trillion in spending cuts over ten years. The budget proposes a number of changes and cuts, but Ms. Morra mentioned that Congress will have the last word on what changes ultimately move forward.

4. Adjourn (Item A-4)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54pm.

N. Leo Daughtry, Secretary



AGENDA ITEM

A-2. Federal Affairs Update Elizabeth Morra

- Situation:** Elizabeth Morra will give an update regarding UNC System FY 2021 Federal Appropriations Priorities.
- Background:** Ms. Morra will discuss UNC System FY 2021 Federal Appropriations Priorities, which will be shared with members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation.
- Assessment:** This briefing will summarize the key federal programs supporting education and research initiatives of significance to UNC System institutions and requested federal funding levels.
- Action:** This item is for information only.

AGENDA ITEM

A-3. State Government Update Drew Moretz

- Situation:** The committee will receive an update on recent legislative efforts.
- Background:** On January 14, 2020, the legislature adjourned the 2019 legislative session without a budget resolution. Without a state budget, multiple institutions have been unable to pursue critical capital projects and infrastructure repairs and renovations. Interim President Roper, senior staff, and legislators traveled to multiple institutions to discuss how the lack of a budget will impact each respective campus. The legislature will return on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, for the legislative “short session”.
- Assessment:** This information should be considered in formulating future policy recommendations.
- Action:** This item is for information only.



**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
March 20, 2020**

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina and its constituent institutions are dedicated to the service of North Carolina and its people; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the University is to discover, create, transmit and apply knowledge to address the needs of individuals and society; and

WHEREAS, the University contributes to the solution of societal problems and enriches the quality of life in the state through public service; and

WHEREAS, the University, through its institutions' faculty and staff, has a wealth of experience, which can benefit community, regional and state efforts to expand the economy; and

WHEREAS, the University's constituent institutions seek to deliver a measurable return on the significant state investments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors supports and strongly encourages all institutions to engage in a university-wide outreach to enhance their impact through a focus on the economic development in their communities and across the state.

This the 20th day of March 2020

Randall C. Ramsey, *Chair*

Secretary