

## MINUTES

October 19, 2023

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

### Call to Order

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors met virtually on October 19, 2023. Chair Randy Ramsey called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. He requested a moment of silence for the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Europe.

### Invocation

Chair Ramsey called on Mr. Sloan to give the invocation.

### Roll Call

Secretary McCullen called the roll. The following members were present:

Lee Barnes  
Kellie Hunt Blue  
Kirk J. Bradley  
Harry Brown  
Pearl Burris-Floyd  
C. Philip Byers  
Swadesh Chatterjee  
Jimmy D. Clark  
Carolyn Coward  
Gene Davis  
Joel Ford  
John Fraley  
Estefany Gordillo-Rivas

Reginald R. Holley  
Mark Holton  
Terry Hutchens  
J. Alex Mitchell  
Wendy Floyd Murphy  
Sonja Phillips Nichols  
Art Pope  
Randy Ramsey  
Lee Roberts  
Temple Sloan  
Woody White  
Michael Williford

### State Ethics Act

Chair Ramsey stated that under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts and asked if anyone had a potential conflict. There were none.

### Chair's Report

Chair Ramsey reminded Board members of the upcoming Board meeting to be held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on November 15 and 16, 2023. He reported to Chancellor Franklin Gilliam that the Board is looking forward to their visit to his campus. Chair Ramsey also reminded Board members of the UNC System Boards of Trustees Workshop also being held at UNC Greensboro on November 14, 2023. He encouraged Board members to attend and looks forward to attending.

He stated North Carolina enacted a budget that makes historic investments in the UNC System and that public support like that helps the UNC System to live out its mission of education, research, and public service. He reminded the group that we are aiming for eight years in a row of flat resident tuition, helping students graduate with less debt now than before the pandemic. He personally thanked Senate Leader Phil Berger, House Speaker Tim Moore, and all our lawmakers for their vision, action, and support.

He called on President Peter Hans for his report.

### **President's Report**

President Hans started his report by thanking the state lawmakers for their public investment in the budget. He mentioned several of the highlighted programs and initiatives, including the ECU Health and UNC Health partnership, as well as the new children's hospital. He stated the budget will allow for campuses to continue a "golden era" of campus modernization and renovation that will contribute to the state's economy for years to come. He mentioned the salary increases for faculty and staff — 7 percent over two years — stating that they work hard to serve our students and mission. He is proud that higher education is alive and well in North Carolina, resulting in one of the strongest and most affordable university systems in the country. He said we have stayed focused on things that matter for the people of the state and state leaders have noticed. He reported that we should honor that trust by holding the line on costs, investing in access, quality, and economic impact, and serving students of all beliefs and backgrounds. He thanked all for their part in the success, and he is excited about the future. (APPENDIX A).

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Chair Ramsey referred to the consent agenda items listed as Item 5 on the day's agenda. Chair Ramsey entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was properly seconded, and the motion passed.

### Minutes

a. Minutes (Open) of September 14, 2023

### Committee on Budget and Finance

b. 2023-2024 Operating Budget Allocations

APPENDIX B

c. Capital Improvement Projects

APPENDIX C

### Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

g. North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Mission Statement Review

APPENDIX D

h. 2023 Early College Renewal

APPENDIX E

### **Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance**

Mr. Roberts, chair of the committee, reported on the passing of Dr. Linda Combs, former North Carolina state controller, accomplished public servant and leader. He touched on her impressive background and service. Mr. Roberts stated the committee received details from Senior Vice President Jennifer Haygood on the state budget, outlining the significant investments in the UNC System. The committee approved the 2023-24 operating budget and approved by the full Board via the consent agenda. The committee also approved amendments to Section 1000.1.1 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Policy on Tuition Rates*, and Section 1100.1 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics*. He indicated the revisions will be for consideration before the full Board at the November meeting. Vice President of Finance Capital Planning Katherine Lynn presented the 2023-24 State Capital and Infrastructure Fund Repair and Renovations Allocations to the committee. The committee approved \$85.2 million to be allocated to fund the inflationary increases and the design and construction of specified projects as well as for maintenance repair and renovations in accordance

with the allocation model. The committee also reviewed and approved the authorization of \$9.3 million for five new capital projects at three institutions and \$10.8 million in four increased authorizations at three institutions. Ms. Haygood presented a report on the 2023-24 NC Promise Tuition Plan Annual Report. Mr. Roberts stated the materials are available on BoardEffect. Chair Ramsey thanked Mr. Roberts for his report, as well as the work of Ms. Haygood and the staff.

Chair Ramsey called on Mr. Bradley to deliver the update for the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs.

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

Mr. Bradley, chair of the committee, reported that the committee heard a request to approve a revised mission statement for the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. They also considered a request to renew the agreement between Pitt County Schools and East Carolina University to operate the Innovation Early College High School. Both requests were approved and submitted to the Board through the consent agenda. He stated the committee also reviewed a proposed revision to Section 600.2.3 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Policy on the Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund*, involving statutory changes made to the Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund by the General Assembly. The revision was approved and will be submitted to the Board through the consent agenda at the November meeting.

Chair Ramsey asked if there were any questions then thanked Mr. Bradley and the committee for their work, Chair Ramsey then called on Mrs. Blue to present the report on the Committee on University Governance.

#### **Report of the Committee on University Governance**

Mrs. Blue, chair of the committee, stated the committee voted to nominate Dr. Carolyn Maynor to fill a partial term vacancy ending on June 30, 2027, in the Congressional District 9 seat on the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees. She stated the nominee's biographical information could be found in BoardEffect. (See APPENDIX F).

Mrs. Blue offered the following motion.

**Motion:** Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Governance, I move that the Board of Governors approve the nomination of Dr. Carolyn Maynor to a partial term, ending on June 30, 2027, for the Congressional District 9 seat on the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees.

**Motion:** Mrs. Blue

**Motion carried**

Mrs. Blue stated the committee reviewed a proposed revision to Section 1100.1 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics*. She stated the amendments to this policy will be on the committee's agenda for a vote at the November meeting.

Mrs. Blue reminded Board members of the updated commencement participation guidelines. The Board will follow this document's guidelines going forward concerning sign-up for commencement ceremonies. Once confirmation is received from each campus liaison, any remaining vacancies on the commencement ceremony sign-up sheet will be shared with the full membership of the Board, and any unfilled spots will then assigned on a first come, first served basis and communicated to the Office of the Secretary with final approval by chair of the Committee on University Governance. Chair Ramsey asked if there were any questions.

Chair Ramsey thanked Mrs. Blue for her committee updates.

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Chair Ramsey called on Secretary McCullen for a motion to go into closed session.

Secretary McCullen offered the following motion:

**Motion:** Resolved, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §143-748 and §143-318.11(a)(1), (2), (3), and (6), for the purposes stated in the written motion that was included in the meeting materials, which have been publicly noticed (APPENDIX G). The motion was properly seconded.

**Motion:** Mr. Davis

**Motion carried**

The Board went into closed session at 1:30 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:10 p.m.

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There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors will be Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, in Greensboro, N.C.

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Pearl Burris-Floyd, *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>

APPENDIX A	President Hans' Report
APPENDIX B	2023-2024 Operating Budget Allocations
APPENDIX C	Capital Improvement Projects
APPENDIX D	North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Mission Statement Review
APPENDIX E	2023 Early College Renewal
APPENDIX F	Biographical Information for Dr. Carolyn Maynor
APPENDIX G	Closed Session Motion