

## MINUTES

June 6, 2024

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

### Call to Order

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors met in special session on June 6, 2024, via videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream. Chair Randy Ramsey called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone about the 80th anniversary of D-Day, saying there is a debt we can never pay for the service of our armed forces. He then asked Secretary Meredith McCullen to call the roll.

### Roll Call

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

Lee Barnes	John Fraley
Kellie Hunt Blue	Reginald Ronald Holley
Kirk Bradley	Mark Holton
Cameron Brown	Terry Hutchens
Harry Brown	Alex Mitchell
Pearl Burris-Floyd	Wendy Murphy
C. Philip Byers	Sonja Phillips Nichols
Swadesh Chatterjee	Randy Ramsey
Jimmy D. Clark	O. Temple Sloan
Carolyn Coward	Woody White
Gene Davis	Michael Williford
Joel D. Ford	

The following members were absent:

Art Pope

### 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 Ramsey called for a motion to go into closed session.

**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 A). The motion was properly seconded.

**Motion:** Mr. Chatterjee

**Motion carried**

The Board went into closed session at 10:03 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:13 a.m. Chair Ramsey called on Mrs. Coward to give the report of the Committee on University Personnel.

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

Mrs. Coward, chair of the committee, stated in the Committee on University Personnel's meeting earlier that day, President Peter Hans, in closed session, presented his nominee for the next chancellor of North Carolina Central University. The Committee on University Personnel voted to accept the president's recommendation and to submit his nominee and the proposed terms of appointment to the full Board.

### **President's Report**

President Hans started his report by thanking Chancellor Johnson Akinleye for the past eight years of service. He is leaving his successor a strong foundation and a great reputation. As the new era dawns, the campus "deserves a champion." He stated it his privilege to nominate Dr. Karrie Dixon as the next chancellor of NC Central University. He said she is one the finest academic leaders our state has produced; someone who knows the UNC System in and out. He spoke of her success with students and her deep understanding of public policy and academic culture. He noted she has a "deep belief in the capacity of every student to thrive when offered the right resources and high expectations." He spoke of her many successes during her time at the helm at Elizabeth City State University, and is confident that she will be successful in her next endeavor as chancellor, administrator, advocate, storyteller, and ambassador for NC Central University. He commended the search committee, as well as Dr. Jim Johnson, for a job well done. President Hans was impressed with the strength of the candidates during the application process and enjoyed hearing the optimistic visions for the institution's future. As North Carolina grows more diverse, and Durham more vibrant, he stated Dr. Dixon is the "right leader for the right time" and is certain the University System and North Carolina will benefit from her steady leadership. For President Hans' full statement, please see (APPENDIX B).

**Motion:** Resolved, that on behalf of the Committee on University Personnel, I move that the Board of Governors vote to elect Dr. Karrie Dixon as chancellor of North Carolina Central University.

**Motion:** Mrs. Coward

**Motion carried**

Chair Ramsey congratulated Dr. Dixon stating he is thrilled she was elected chancellor of NC Central University.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2024, via videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream.

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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      Closed Session Motion  
Appendix B      President Hans' Report