

CHAIR DWIGHT STONE'S PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Welcome

- Good morning. Thanks for being here today.

Welcome Elizabeth Adkins

- Our first order of business this morning is to officially welcome Elizabeth Adkins, our newest trustee, to her first full board meeting and to have her to take the oath of office.
- We are excited to have you join the board and share your insights as we discuss issues that affect your classmates.
- I now call on Anne Austin, assistant clerk of the Orange County Superior Court, to administer the oath of office to Elizabeth.

After the oath concludes lead applause.

- Thank you, Anne, and congratulations, Elizabeth.
- We look forward to hearing your first report later this morning.

Commencement

- I also want to briefly express my gratitude for the privilege of representing this board at Commencement as your chair.
- I was so pleased to have that honor during the Mother's Day ceremony. It is truly a stunning sight to see those Carolina blue robes filing in to Kenan Stadium and then to bask for a couple of hours in the pure joy of the graduates and their families.

- I want to congratulate Chancellor Folt, Provost Dean, Graduate School Dean Steve Matson, Commencement Committee Chair Ron Strauss, and the events staff for marvelous work with this year's weekend of events.
- I also want to thank Vice Chair Cochrane for representing us during the doctoral hooding ceremony in Smith Center.
- Chancellor Folt will have more to say about Commencement during her report.

Recognize Trustee Curtis

- Each year, our May meeting is the last scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. This particular meeting is always a reminder of the great responsibility entrusted to us to help lead this University and to leave it in a better position than when we began sitting at this table.
- Last night at dinner we celebrated the outstanding contributions of Trustee Don Curtis, who is participating in his final meeting as a member of this board after two terms and eight years of faithful service.
- I just want to again thank Don for giving so much of his time, energy and generous support to a University that is so blessed to have such a devoted alumnus.
- Serving as a trustee has been one more item on a very long list of contributions Don has made through his work with development, the alumni association, the health-care system and the School of Media and Journalism, to name just a few.
- He has always brought passion and energy – and, yes, a healthy dose of humor – into anything his University has asked of him. Carolina is a better place today because of him.
- At this time, I ask Trustee Duckett to read a resolution of appreciation.

[Ask for motion and complete the vote. Stand to lead the applause.]

Reflections on Serving as Chair

- I find it hard to believe nearly two years have passed since Lowry Caudill passed the gavel to me to take on the job of leading this board.
- Today marks my last meeting as your chair. It has been a wonderful ride full of exciting experiences.
- As I have said many times, I enjoy working closely with Chancellor Folt and her senior leadership team. I believe they are among the very best at what they do in the entire country and know we are so fortunate to have them in these roles.
- I believe in her vision for Carolina's successful future and am confident we will get there.
- Most of all today, I want to thank each of you – and your predecessors – on this board. You all have shown me kindness, support and the willingness to roll up your sleeves and do the hard work that is expected of a trustee representing a great public research university.
- We have stayed focused on our board goals these past two years and, in my opinion, made excellent progress through our work with the chancellor and her team.
- Thank you all, so much, for putting your trust in me as your chair for two terms. It has been a tremendous honor full of memories that I will always cherish.
- I look forward to continuing to serve with you as a trustee and am excited about the work ahead of us.

Nominating Committee Report

- At this time, I call on Trustee Caudill, chair of the Nominating Committee, to give his report about the next slate of officers.

After Lowry finishes

- At our July meeting, the board will vote on those nominations for new officers who will assume their duties for 2017-2018.
- Thank you, Lowry for serving as the committee chair.
- That concludes my report today.

Media Session

- For the news media here today, Chancellor Folt and I will be available in Classroom 109 across the hall after the open session ends at roughly 10 a.m. to take your questions.