

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
June 17, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 via zoom teleconference hosted in 105 South Building. Chair Stevens convened the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

WELCOME

Chair Stevens shared a few logistics to begin the meeting. He also indicated that due to recent amendments to the North Carolina General Statutes concerning virtual meetings by public bodies, all votes will be by roll call. Additionally, all chats, instant messages, texts, and other communications between members of the board regarding the transaction of the public business during the remote meeting are deemed a public record.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Artis Neal called the roll and the following members were present:

Teresa Artis Neal, Secretary	Kelly Matthews Hopkins
David L. Boliek, Jr.	Allie Ray McCullen
Jefferson W. Brown	Ralph W. Meekins, Sr.
G. Munroe Cobey	E. Reeves Moseley
Haywood D. Cochrane, Jr.	John P. Preyer
R. Gene Davis, Jr., Vice Chair	Richard Y. Stevens, Chair
Charles G. Duckett	

Trustee Artis Neal indicated that there was a quorum.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

Chair Stevens indicated that the agenda was distributed to the board and is available on bot.unc.edu.

STATE GOVERNMENT ETHICS ACT

Chair Stevens read the following statement:

As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my responsibility to remind all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees' meeting. If any Board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- Chair Stevens thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared that the board would be going straight into closed session.
- The Chair concluded his remarks by calling upon Chancellor Guskiewicz.

[A copy of these remarks is in the Office of the Assistant Secretary and at bot.unc.edu.]

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

- Chancellor Guskiewicz thanked the board for their continued support.
- The Chancellor shared updates on the University's response to COVID-19, and a few highlights from campus.

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MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Secretary Artis Neal, and seconded by Vice Chair Davis, the Board voted to convene in closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-318.11 (a) (1) (to prevent the disclosure of privileged information under Section 126-22 and the following); and also pursuant to Section 143-318.11 (a) (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), and (9). Secretary Artis Neal called the vote by roll call. The motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE MEETING IN OPEN SESSION

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to return to open session. Trustee Cochrane seconded, and it passed. Secretary Artis Neal called the vote by roll call. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OPEN SESSION

DISCUSSION AND RECAP OF 2015 BOT RESOLUTIONS AND PROCESS

Chair Stevens called upon Trustee Jeff Brown to share an overview of the process that was used to create the three resolutions passed by the Board at the May 2015 meeting. The first related to curation of UNC's history and the creation of a history task force. The second included the renaming of Saunders Hall and the creation of a plaque to acknowledge the renaming and issues for contextualization. The third, provided that a 16-year moratorium be placed on renaming historical buildings, monuments, memorials, and landscapes. (See May 2015 minutes for further detail).

Trustee Boliek made a motion to lift the 16-year moratorium on renaming, and Trustee Meekins seconded. Chair Stevens then called for discussion.

Trustees weighed in on how timely this is given the current environment. Trustee Moseley indicated that a petition to remove the moratorium has garnered over 9,000 signatures. Trustees Preyer and McCullen indicated that something of this magnitude should be discussed in person.

Trustee Hopkins made a substitute motion to (1) not rescind the moratorium but to (2) further support the curation and teaching aspects indicated in resolution #1, and Trustee McCullen seconded. Chair Stevens then called for discussion. Trustees then discussed the merits of waiting for more curation and education work, or would curation and education happen faster by removing the moratorium.

Vice Chair Davis made a substitute motion to Trustee Hopkins' substitute motion. This was not seconded. Chair Stevens remarked that this is a time to lead, be clear and concise, and to remove the moratorium. Vice Chair Davis withdrew his substitute motion and then Trustee Hopkins withdrew her substitute motion.

Following more discussion, Vice Chair Davis made a motion to move the previous question on the original Boliek motion to remove the moratorium on renaming. Trustee Boliek seconded, and Secretary Artis Neal called the roll votes. The motion to move the previous question passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Chair Stevens called for a vote on the motion made by Trustee Boliek to remove the moratorium on renaming that had been seconded by Trustee Meekins. Secretary Artis Neal called the roll vote. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Secretary Artis Neal, Trustee Boliek, Trustee Brown, Trustee Cobey, Trustee Cochrane, Vice Chair Davis, Trustee Duckett, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Meekins, Trustee Moseley, and Chair Stevens. Trustees Preyer and McCullen voted against the motion.

Vice Chair Davis then made a motion to return to closed session. Chair Stevens then called for a recess and Vice Chair Davis withdrew his motion.

Following the recess, Chair Stevens indicated that the board would not return to closed session. Instead, Chair Stevens shared next steps for the board. He shared that the next step would be for the board to adopt a policy on the removal of names. In addition, Chair Stevens asked Vice Chair Davis, Secretary Artis Neal, Trustee Boliek, and Trustee Brown to assist in the preparation of a draft policy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Stevens called for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Davis made the motion; Trustee Cochrane seconded, and Secretary Artis Neal called the vote by roll call. The following trustees voted in favor of the motion: Secretary Artis Neal, Trustee Boliek, Trustee Brown, Trustee Cobey, Trustee Cochrane, Vice Chair Davis, Trustee Duckett, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee McCullen, Trustee Moseley, Trustee Preyer, and Chair Stevens. Trustee Meekins voted against the motion. Chair Stevens adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.



Clayton Somers, Assistant Secretary