

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**July 29, 2020**

The Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 via zoom teleconference hosted in 105 South Building. Chair Stevens convened the meeting at 9:02 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](http://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.

**APPROVAL OF 2021 MEETING DATES**

Chair Stevens presented the meeting dates for 2021. Vice Chair Davis made a motion to approve the dates. Trustee Cochrane seconded, and it passed. Secretary Artis Neal called the vote by roll call. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

(ATTACHMENT A)

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- Chair Stevens thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared that the board was meeting today to discuss the recommendation from Chancellor Guskiewicz to remove four names from buildings on campus.
- The Chair thanked the board for developing a formal process for name removal.
- Chair Stevens shared his gratitude to the History, Race and a Way Forward Commission and the History Task Force for their important work and extensive scholarly research.
- Chair Stevens acknowledged that this was just one step along the process. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of the university's commitment to understanding its history.
- 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](http://bot.unc.edu).]

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

- Chancellor Guskiewicz thanked the board for their continued support.
- The Chancellor shared his appreciation for the process the board put in place to remove names from university buildings and public spaces.
- Chancellor Guskiewicz thanked the History, Race and a Way Forward Commission and Co-Chairs Pat Parker and Jim Leloudis for their work.
- The Chancellor outlined the recommendation and the importance of moving forward with the removal of names.

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**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE NAMES  
FROM UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS**

Chancellor Guskiewicz presented a recommendation for the removal of four names from university buildings. The History, Race and a Way Forward Commission submitted these four names to the Chancellor. According to the BOT Policy for the Consideration of the Removal of Names on University Buildings and Public Spaces, the Chancellor formed a committee to consider the commission's recommendations. This committee submitted unanimous approval to remove the names of Charles B. Aycock, Josephus Daniels, Julian S. Carr, Thomas Ruffin Sr. and Thomas Ruffin Jr.

(ATTACHMENT B)

Chair Stevens opened the meeting to discussion. Trustee Preyer expressed his concerns around the Daniels Student Stores name. Following discussion, Trustee Preyer made a motion to formally forgive the individuals and their families, creating a timeline to identify alumni for action, and to create a day of university forgiveness. Trustee McCullen seconded the motion. Following more discussion, Vice Chair Davis made a motion to table Trustee Preyer's previous motion. Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion 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 Meekins, Trustee Moseley, and Chair Stevens. Trustees Preyer and McCullen voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Vice Chair Davis presented a motion to accept the Chancellor's recommendation to remove four names from university buildings: Aycock, Daniels, Carr, and Ruffin Sr, except for the removal of Thomas Ruffin Jr. Vice Chair Davis stated that he felt the board needed more information on Thomas Ruffin Jr. to act on the removal of his name. Secretary Artis Neal seconded the motion. Chair Stevens called for any further discussion.

Trustee Hopkins shared her thanks to the commission and the committee appointed by the Chancellor to consider the removal of names. In addition, she mentioned the importance of this learning journey and how contextualizing will help chart a path forward for the university. Trustee Hopkins made a motion to amend Vice Chair Davis' motion to vote on the names individually. Vice Chair Davis accepted the amendment. Trustees Cochrane and Brown stated the need to stand by the policy while considering these names.

Chair Stevens asked Secretary Artis Neal to call the vote by roll call for the removal of Charles B. Aycock from Aycock Residence Hall. 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. The motion passed.

Chair Stevens asked Secretary Artis Neal to call the vote by roll call for the removal of Josephus Daniels from the Josephus Daniels Building. 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. The motion passed.

Chair Stevens asked Secretary Artis Neal to call the vote by roll call for the removal of Julian S. Carr from Carr Building. 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. The motion passed.

Chair Stevens asked Secretary Artis Neal to call the vote by roll call for the removal of Thomas Ruffin Sr. from Ruffin Residence Hall. 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. The motion passed.

Chancellor Guskiewicz shared his gratitude to the Board for taking this important step. Additionally, he stated the need to move forward thoughtfully and deliberately as he and his team determine what names should be on the buildings.

To conclude, Chair Stevens presented the interim names for the buildings:

- Aycock Residence Hall – Residence Hall #1
- Daniels Student Stores – Student Stores Building
- Carr Building – Student Affairs Building
- Ruffin Residence Hall – named only for Thomas Ruffin Jr.

Vice Chair Davis made a motion to approve the temporary names. Trustee Cochran seconded, and Secretary Artis Neal called the vote by roll call. Secretary Artis Neal, Trustee Boliek, Trustee Brown, Trustee Cobey, Trustee Cochran, Vice Chair Davis, Trustee Duckett, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Meekins, Trustee Moseley, and Chair Stevens. Trustees Preyer and McCullen voted against the motion. The motion passed.

**MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of Secretary Artis Neal, and seconded by Trustee Cochran, 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**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

**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 Preyer seconded, and Secretary Artis Neal called the vote by roll call. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Stevens adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 am.



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Clayton Somers, Assistant Secretary