



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees**

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Zoom Videoconference Call

Open Session Minutes

Present

Dennis Bunker, Acting Chair
John Bailey
Geoff Gray
Wendy Grubbs
Christine Katziff
J. Brett Keeter
Fred Klein Jr.
Hugh McColl Jr.
Tife Olusesi
Michael Smith
Sasha Weintraub
Dontá Wilson

Absent

Teross Young Jr.

Guests/Staff in Attendance

Sharon Gaber, Chancellor
Rich Amon, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs
Kim Bradley, Chief of Staff
Sharon Decker
Susan DeVore
Betty Doster, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Constituent Relations
Jesh Humphrey, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance
David Mildenberg
Larry Shaheen Jr.
Jennifer Troyer, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Call to Order. Mr. Bunker called the meeting to order and reminded members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act, in accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and advised the Board members to notify her immediately if anyone should become aware of a conflict of

interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest during the meeting. No conflicts of interest were reported.

Farewell to Outgoing Trustees. Due to delayed legislative appointments, farewells to four outgoing trustees were postponed from the April 27, 2023 meeting. Ms. DeVore, Ms. Decker, Mr. Klein, and Mr. Mildenberg were invited to attend this meeting so appropriate farewells and recognition could take place. Chancellor Gaber recognized each of them individually, thanked them for their service, and asked them to open gifts that had been previously sent to them. Each former trustee said a few words before leaving the meeting.

Introduction of New Trustees. Mr. Bunker welcomed Mr. Gray, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Smith to the Board. He also recognized the reappointment of Ms. Katziff and Mr. Bailey. Mr. Klein remained on the call in his official capacity as trustee, until his successor, Mr. Shaheen, who attended the meeting as a guest, is officially appointed.

Election of 2022-23 Officers of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bunker turned the meeting over to Ms. Grubbs, a member of the Nominating Committee, to conduct the election of the Board's 2023-24 officers. Ms. Grubbs reminded the Board that she, along with Trustees Young and Weintraub, were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee to bring a proposed slate of officers to this meeting. Ms. Grubbs reported that the Committee met formally on May 30, 2023 and agreed on the following slate of candidates:

Dennis Bunker - Chair
Dontá Wilson - Vice Chair
Christine Katziff - Secretary

Ms. Grubbs asked for further nominations from the floor. With no further nominations submitted, Ms. Grubbs asked for a motion to vote on all three positions as a slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Keeter, seconded by Mr. Olusesi, the Board unanimously approved the slate of officers:

Dennis Bunker - Chair
Dontá Wilson - Vice Chair
Christine Katziff - Secretary

Ms. Grubbs turned the meeting over to Chair Bunker, who presided over the rest of the meeting.

BOT Chair Remarks. Mr. Bunker thanked the Board for electing him as Chair.

Request to Establish a New Dean Position. Chancellor Gaber requested approval to establish a new dean position, referencing the supporting documentation including the rationale, position description, and organization chart.

Mr. Bunker called for a motion to approve the request to establish a new dean position.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Olusesi, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board unanimously approved the request to establish a new dean position.

Request to Authorization of a Capital Project. Dr. Amon presented a request from the Finance and Physical Properties Committee to authorize the University to undertake capital improvement projects for advance planning and project authorization of the Loy Witherspoon Center for Meditation and Reflection.

Mr. Bunker called for a motion to approve the request to authorize the University to undertake capital improvement projects for advanced planning and project authorization of The Loy Witherspoon Center for Meditation and Reflection.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Olusesi, seconded by Mr. McColl, the Board unanimously approved the request to authorize the University to undertake capital improvement projects for advanced planning and project authorization of The Loy Witherspoon Center for Meditation and Reflection.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Bunker called for a motion for the Board to convene in closed session pursuant to the following General Statute of the State of North Carolina:

- a. *Pursuant to N.C.G.S §143-318.11 (a)(6), To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual, public officer or employee, or prospective public officer or employee.*

Action. On a motion by Ms. Grubbs, seconded by Mr. Olusesi, the meeting convened in closed session.

Closed Session

Closed session minutes are filed in the office of the assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Open Session

Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Bunker was disconnected from the call. Mr. Wilson presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Action on Faculty Tenure Recommendations. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve the tenure recommendations as discussed in closed session.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Keeter, seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the faculty tenure recommendations as discussed in closed session.

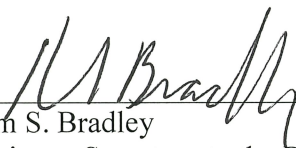
Action on Appointment of the Dean of the “New Science College”. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve appointment of Bernadette Donovan-Merkert as the Dean of the “New Science College” as discussed in closed session.

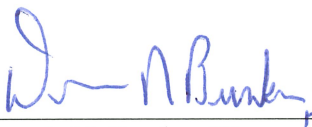
Action. On a motion by Ms. Katziff, seconded by Mr. Keeter, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Bernadette Donovan-Merkert as the Dean of the “New Science College”.

Action on Appointment of the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve the appointment of Beth Crigler as the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, and the proposed salary for her appointment, as discussed in closed session.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Keeter, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Beth Crigler as the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, and the proposed salary for her appointment.

Adjourn. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:  9/27/23
Kim S. Bradley Date
Assistant Secretary to the Board
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees

Approved:  9/27/23
Dennis N. Bunker III Date
Chair
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees