

Board of Trustees
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina

June 8, 2009

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees met in a special session in the Hood Board Room of the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center on Centennial Campus, Raleigh, NC, on Monday, June 8, 2009; Chair Bob Jordan presided.

Members present:

Bob Jordan, Chair
Derick S. Close
Lawrence Davenport
Suzanne Gordon
Gayle S. Lanier
Robert L. Mattocks, II
Burley Mitchell
Barbara H. Mulkey
John Sall
Norris Tolson
Steve F. Warren
Cassius S. Williams
Jim Ceresnak, *ex officio*

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He reminded all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act and inquired as to whether there were any known conflicts of interest or appearances of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Board at this meeting. Hearing none, he called upon Assistant Secretary PJ Teal for the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary PJ Teal called roll and certified that a quorum was present.

CHAIR'S REMARKS- BOB JORDAN

Chair Jordan provided a statement on Chancellor Oblinger. He remarked that Chancellor Oblinger cares deeply for NC State and has devoted 23 years to the university. Chancellor Oblinger has always put the university's interests ahead of his own. He is resigning because he does not want the ongoing controversy surrounding the university's hiring and employment of Mary Easley to continue detracting from the important work of our faculty and staff. Chancellor Oblinger wants the university to move forward.

Chair Jordan gave a report on the June 7, 2009, emergency meeting of the Executive Committee. The committee met in an emergency closed session to consider the release of confidential personnel records to protect the integrity of the University under the exception to confidentiality that is set forth in N.C. General Statute 126-24. Pursuant to this exception, the University may release personnel record information about

the employment of an employee upon the Chancellor's determination that the release of such information is essential to maintaining the integrity of the institution. Because of the gravity of the situation, the Chancellor referred this determination for Board action.

Chair Jordan reported that the Executive Committee discussed release to the media of employment records relating to Mary Easley that were requested in the federal subpoenas, with appropriate redactions identified by our attorney. Also discussed were the release of the letter of May 13, 2009, and the attached letter of appointment from Chancellor Oblinger outlining the retreat rights and salary package to be provided to Dr. Nielsen as he transitions back to his faculty position. Chair Jordan stated that after discussion, the committee voted that transparency in the matter of Mary Easley's hiring and salary as well as the retreat package provided to Dr. Larry Nielsen was essential to maintaining the integrity of the university and that the redacted documents should be released under the exception provided in the law.

With no further business in open session, Chair Jordan called for the motion to go into closed session to consult with an attorney employed or retained to preserve the attorney client privilege, to prevent the disclosure of privileged information under N.C. Statute 126-22, and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee according to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(1)(3)(6). Trustee Davenport made the motion, seconded by Trustee Mitchell; the motion passed.

At 3:18 p.m., the Board came out of closed session. Chair Jordan reported that a motion was made in closed session that would be voted on in open session. Trustee Mitchell moved that the Board of Trustees terminate Mary Easley's contract on the grounds that the duties for which she was hired no longer exist and because it is in the best interests of NC State University to eliminate her contract. Trustee Warren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, Ms Mulkey made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Secretary

Secretary

Approved:

Chair of the Board