

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**North Carolina State University**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina**  
**April 16, 2021**

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees met in regular session in a hybrid meeting format on Friday, April 16, 2021. One Trustee attended virtually (noted with an asterisk) and the remaining Trustees attended in person at the Park Alumni Center.

Members present:

Thomas E. Cabaniss, Chair  
Robert F. Andrews III  
Ann B. Goodnight\*  
James A. Harrell, III  
Stanhope A. Kelly  
Wendell H. Murphy  
Ven Poole  
Ronald W. Prestage, DVM  
Perry Safran  
Edwin J. Stack, III  
Dewayne N. Washington  
Edward I. Weisiger, Jr.  
Melanie Flowers, *ex officio*

Chair Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. and a quorum was present. He reminded all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and any appearance 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 conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board at this meeting. Chair Cabaniss reminded those in attendance that while the full Board meeting is a public meeting, it is not a meeting for public comment and only those on the agenda will be permitted to speak. He asked that all Trustees identify themselves before speaking due to the nature of the virtual meeting and reminded them that the meeting is subject to the Open Meetings Act. Chair Cabaniss recognized Terry Hutchens, NC State's Board of Governors Liaison.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Stack made the motion, seconded by Trustee Flowers, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the February 26, 2021 meetings of the full board. Chair Cabaniss called on Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius for a vote by roll call.

Andrews	AYE	Prestage	AYE
Flowers	AYE	Safran	AYE
Goodnight	AYE	Stack	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Washington	AYE
Kelly	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Murphy	AYE	Cabaniss	AYE
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

**CHAIR'S REPORT – TOM CABANISS**

Chair Cabaniss brought two business items before the Full Board, which were included in the April Board of Trustees meeting materials. The first item related to the Centennial Authority. Chair Cabaniss reminded the Board that NC State University has the opportunity to recommend appointments to the Centennial Authority through the Senate and the House of Representatives. NC State's current House appointment is Judi Grainger, and her term expires on June 30, 2021. The Chancellor supported recommending Ms. Grainger to serve another four-year term on the Centennial Authority.

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Trustee Safran made the motion, seconded by Trustee Prestage, to recommend to the North Carolina House of Representatives that Judi Grainger be reappointed to the Centennial Authority. Chair Cabaniss called for a vote by roll call.

Andrews	AYE	Prestage	AYE
Flowers	AYE	Safran	AYE
Goodnight	AYE	Stack	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Washington	AYE
Kelly	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Murphy	AYE	Cabaniss	AYE
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed. Chair Cabaniss also reminded Trustees that the term for NC State’s Senate appointment, Cassius Williams, will not expire until 2023.

The next order of business before the Trustees was the presentation of nominations for the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund. Chair Cabaniss recused himself from the matter and asked First Vice Chair Stan Kelly to assume the role of acting Chair to bring the nominations to the Full Board. Acting Chair Kelly recommended that Tom Cabaniss and Mike Lawrence be appointed to the Endowment Board for 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2021. Both Chancellor Woodson and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Charlie Maimone supported these nominations.

Trustee Weisiger made the motion, seconded by Trustee Stack, to recommend Tom Cabaniss and Mike Lawrence be appointed to the Endowment Fund Board for 3-year terms. Acting Chair Kelly called for a vote by roll call.

Andrews	AYE	Prestage	AYE
Flowers	AYE	Safran	AYE
Goodnight	AYE	Stack	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Washington	AYE
Kelly	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Murphy	AYE	Cabaniss	RECUSED
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed and Acting Chair Kelly turned the meeting back over to Chair Cabaniss.

Chair Cabaniss reminded the Trustees of the Special Call Meeting and Board Retreat was scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2021 and thanked the group for completing the self-assessment survey. Chair Cabaniss announced that beginning in July, BoardEffect will be the new platform for Board of Trustee materials. Additional information and training will be provided to the group by Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius.

Chair Cabaniss thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to have been Chair for the past two years and shared that he enjoyed his 8 years spent on the Board of Trustees.

**CHANCELLOR’S REPORT – DR. RANDY WOODSON**

Chancellor Woodson began his remarks by introducing the new Student Body President, McKenzy Heavlin. He will assume his duties as a member of the Board of Trustees in May. Chancellor Woodson thanked former Student Body President Melanie Flowers for her efforts and wished her continued success.

Chancellor Woodson shared with the group recent economic development efforts in the Triangle region and connected to NC State, including expansion of FUJIFILM Diosynth in Holly Springs, Google’s new Cloud Computing facility in Durham, and the continued expansion of the Novo Nordisk Foundation in the state of North Carolina.

Chancellor Woodson also highlighted the recent announcement of NC State’s new Data Science Academy in Fall 2021 to build on our leadership in data science and analytics and the success of Day of Giving. In NC State’s third Day of Giving, the university raised over \$58 million dollars. He congratulated

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Vice Chancellor Brian Sischo and his team for their efforts and for creating a culture of philanthropy within the NC State community.

Chancellor Woodson was honored to share more details about NC State’s third recipient of the Churchill Scholarship, Ana Sofia Uzsoy. Ana Sofia is a Park Scholar, majoring in computer science and physics. She plans to attend Cambridge University and study machine learning and machine intelligence.

Chancellor Woodson then shared information about the Class of 2025 admissions. NC State received over 33,000 applications this year, the most in NC State’s history.

Chancellor Woodson thanked the Trustees for their continued dedication and concluded his report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE - CHAIR ED STACK**

Trustee Stack reported that the Buildings and Property Committee met and reviewed and approved the November 12, 2020 closed meeting minutes and the February 25, 2021 meeting minutes. The Committee reviewed and approved the procedure update for the Campus Design Review Panel appointment in addition to two designer selections for the Integrative Sciences Building and the Physical Master Plan. The Committee approved one construction manager at risk for the Integrative Sciences Building, accepted seven building projects at a combined value of \$15,711,750, and accepted Designer Selections for projects \$1 million or less. The Committee received and approved the Integrative Sciences Building site and six plans and specifications of Formal Projects costing less than \$2 million. The Committee also received an update on proposed revision to Policy 07.06.01 Parking and Transportation Ordinances 2021-2022 for Full Board approval.

Trustee Stack made a motion, seconded by Trustee Goodnight, to approve Policy 07.06.01, Parking and Transportation Ordinances. Chair Cabaniss called for a vote by roll call:

Andrews	AYE	Prestage	AYE
Flowers	AYE	Safran	AYE
Goodnight	AYE	Stack	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Washington	AYE
Kelly	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Murphy	AYE	Cabaniss	AYE
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

The Committee received updates and information reports for the Capital Projects, Status of Projects in Planning, Centennial Campus Rezoning update, and the Physical Master Plan update.

**UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – CHAIR CHIP ANDREWS**

Trustee Andrews shared that the Advancement and External Affairs Committee met, reviewed and approved the February 25, 2021 meeting minutes and heard informational reports.

Vice Chancellor Sischo presented the University Advancement update, sharing an overview of the success of NC State’s third Day of Giving, reviewing the plan for the final year of the campaign, and providing an update on the University Advancement Five-Year Roadmap. Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Baynham shared an update with the Committee highlighting several digital transformations within Advancement Services. Associate Vice Provost and Director for Scholarships and Financial Aid, Krista Ringler, reported on the impact of the Extraordinary Opportunity Scholarship Initiative and how it is helping students from North Carolina overcome financial barriers. The Committee reviewed and approved one naming opportunity proposal for the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (Suite 4100 Shelton Leadership Center, James B. Hunt Jr. Library). Following the presentations, the

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Committee met in closed session and approved four donor naming proposals for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Design, the College of Natural Sciences, and NC State Athletics and the Wolfpack Club, which were presented to the full board in closed session.

**AUDIT, RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIR ED WEISIGER, JR**

Trustee Weisiger reported that the Audit, Risk Management and Finance Committee met and approved minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting and heard informational reports.

Internal Audit Director Cecile Hinson presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Plan, which was approved. Ms. Hinson also provided a quarterly update on Internal Audit activity since the last meeting. Vice Chancellor Kevin Howell and Assistant Vice Chancellor Julie Smith discussed legislative activity. The Governor’s budget includes raises for state employees, full funding for enrollment growth and building reserves, biennium matching funds for the NIIMBL grant, and capital plan funding. The Committee also heard about several bills on the current legislative agenda that could affect campus, including student conduct, personnel actions and vacant positions. Vice Chancellor Charles Maimone briefly discussed the biennial budget request and current budget activities, which included a workforce growth study, reporting on the F&A cash balance, and the receipt of federal COVID relief funds. Associate Vice Chancellor Mary Peloquin-Dodd reported on the university’s balance sheet and income statement performance for the first eight months of fiscal 2021. Lori Johnson, University Controller, provided the Committee with a debt update, and Vice Chancellor and General Counsel Allison Newhart and Kristen Meeks, the University Compliance, Ethics and Enterprise Risk Management Officer, presented an update on the University’s Strategic Enterprise Risk Management assessment.

**UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – CHAIR DEWAYNE WASHINGTON**

Trustee Washington reported that the University Affairs Committee met and approved the minutes from the February 25, 2021 meeting and conferral of tenure actions under the consent agenda. Provost Arden presented NC State’s 2021-2030 Strategic Plan for endorsement. Discussion resulted in recognition that the Board will be engaged in implementation of the plan, which is the next step in the process and includes establishing metrics, strategies and other details. This plan outlines the big picture priorities of the University going forward. The Committee voted to recommend endorsement of the Strategic Plan to the full board.

Trustee Washington made a motion to endorse NC State’s 2021-2030 Strategic Plan, seconded by Trustee Murphy. Chair Cabaniss called for a vote by roll call:

Andrews	AYE	Prestage	AYE
Flowers	AYE	Safran	AYE
Goodnight	AYE	Stack	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Washington	AYE
Kelly	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Murphy	AYE	Cabaniss	AYE
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

Trustee Washington stated that the Committee also approved the 2021-2022 salary ranges for all Tier Two Senior Academic and Administrative Officer positions as presented by Associate Vice Chancellor Marie Williams. The Committee also recommended renewal of the Wake STEM Early College High School Memorandum of Agreement. The agreement is effective until June 30, 2026. Effective January 1, 2022, the early college high school will move to School Board property. The Committee voted to recommend renewal of this agreement to the full board.

Trustee Washington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Poole, to approve renewal of the Wake STEM Early College High School Memorandum of Agreement. Chair Cabaniss called for a vote by roll call:

Andrews	AYE	Prestage	AYE
Flowers	AYE	Safran	AYE
Goodnight	AYE	Stack	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Washington	AYE
Kelly	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Murphy	AYE	Cabaniss	AYE
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

Trustee Washington stated that several informational reports were presented to the Committee, including an overview of the Annual Diversity and Inclusion Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 provided by Vice Provost Sheri Schwab; the annual report on the list of recognized entities awarding full scholarships to undergraduates; the annual report on undergraduate students requiring special consideration for admission; updates from Faculty Senate and Staff Senate; and a Commencement update from Chancellor Woodson. Provost Arden provided an update on current initiatives, including leadership announcements, searches, and distinguished professorship appointments. Provost Arden also reported that in accordance with the UNC Policy on the Employment of Related Persons, NC State did not have any reported employees out of compliance with the policy for calendar year 2020. The Committee also approved a Head Coach employment agreement and the appointment and initial salary of a Dean.

#### **CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS REPORT- GENERAL RAY ODIERNO, CHAIR**

Chair Odierno shared updates on board membership, including information on the four newest members of the Board of Visitors and three outgoing members. Chair Odierno provided information regarding the recent meeting of the Board of Visitors, which included a report from Chair Cabaniss regarding recent changes to the endowment fund bylaws along with several faculty members who plan to campaign for political roles in upcoming local elections; a report from Chancellor Woodson regarding several leadership changes and positive news regarding the recent national rankings of NC State and some of our colleges; a COVID update from Drs. Julie Casani and Amy Orders; a presentation on the draft Strategic Plan from Provost Arden and Senior Vice Provost Margery Overton; and an update from Athletic Director Boo Corrigan regarding the continuing impact of COVID-19 on student athletes. Representative Donny Lambeth also shared a legislative update with the group.

#### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT – MELANIE FLOWERS**

Former Student Body President Melanie Flowers stated that on campus vaccination has become available to all NC State Students. Trustee Flowers is working closely with the Provost's Office to address course schedules that conflict with Wellness Day guidance. Trustee Flowers shared that Student Government continues to address the issue of food and housing insecurity by working with the Feed the Pack Food Pantry, Student Emergency Funding and CURE Funding. Trustee Flowers presented the Diversity and Inclusion report from Student Government, which will include demographic breakdowns across all colleges and will be published on the Student Government website. Trustee Flowers shared that NC State Student Government was awarded the Association of Student Governments' Delegation of the Year Award and Trustee Flowers was awarded the Eve Marie Carson Servant Leadership Award. Trustee Flowers stated that NC State University's Student Government celebrated 100 years of service this year and a virtual celebration was held on April 8. The new Student Government elections were held in March, and the 101st Session Student Body Officers are: McKenzy Heavlin, Student Body President; Natalie Bress, Student Body Vice President; Molly Vanhoy, Student Senate President; and Harrison Andrews, Student Body Treasurer.

#### **ORDER OF WALTER HINES PAGE PRESENTATIONS – DR. RANDY WOODSON**

Chancellor Woodson presented Chair Tom Cabaniss, Trustee Wendell Murphy, Trustee Ron Prestage and Trustee Melanie Flowers with the Order of the Walter Hines Page certificate and thanked them for their service to the university. Chancellor Woodson also presented Chair Tom Cabaniss with a crystal gavel to commemorate his service to the Board as Chair.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

With no further business in open session, Chair Cabaniss made the motion, seconded by Trustee Weisiger, at 10:18 a.m. to go into closed session to: consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of employment of a public

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officer or employee; to consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege; and to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or similar award.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

At 11:36 a.m. the board came out of closed session. With no further business in open session, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Paula Gentius*

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*Ana Goodnight*

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Approved:

DocuSigned by:

*Stan Kelly*

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