

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Board of Trustees
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
July 12, 2023

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Trustees attended the meeting in the Hood Board Room, located in the Park Alumni Center.

Members present: Ed Weisiger, Jr., Acting Chair
 Derick S. Close
 Erik L. Dixon
 James A. Harrell
 David D. Herring
 Timothy Humphrey
 Ghazale Johnston
 Ven Poole
 David M. Powers
 Perry Safran
 Edwin J. Stack, III
 Timothy Reid, *ex officio*

Acting Chair Ed Weisiger, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.

Acting Chair Weisiger 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 conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board at this meeting. Acting Chair Weisiger 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 making or seconding a motion.

CEREMONIAL OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS – WITH JUDGE PAUL RIDGEWAY

Acting Chair Weisiger asked the new Trustees Derick Close, Ghazale Johnston, David Powers and Timothy Reid, to move to the front of the room for the Ceremonial Oath of Office. After the oath was administered, Acting Chair Weisiger thanked Judge Ridgeway for presiding.

MINUTES

Acting Chair Weisiger asked for a motion to approve the open and closed session minutes of the April 14, 2023 meeting of the full Board and the open session minutes of the July 10, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting.

Trustee Humphrey made the motion, seconded by Trustee Herring, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the April 14, 2023 meeting of the full Board and the open session minutes of the July 10, 2023 Nominating Committee meeting. Acting Chair Weisiger called on the Assistant Secretary, Paula Gentius, to call the roll to establish the quorum.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	AYE		

A quorum was present.

NOMINATION OF SLATE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR 2023-2024

Per the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Acting Chair Weisiger appointed a nominating committee on July 1, 2023. Trustee Stack was asked to chair this committee and Trustees Harrell, Humphrey and Safran were asked to serve as members. Acting Chair Weisiger asked Trustee Safran to provide a report of the committee's work and present a slate of officers for the 2023-24 year.

Trustee Safran stated that the Nominating Committee met via Zoom on July 10, 2023 and reviewed the Board's Nominating Committee guidelines. After discussing the nominations, the nominating committee unanimously voted in favor of recommending the following slate of officers to the full board for approval for 2023-2024:

- Chair: Ed Weisiger, Jr.
- Vice Chair: Ed Stack
- Secretary: Tim Humphrey

Trustee Safran noted for the record that Trustee Stack and Trustee Humphrey recused themselves from the discussion and voting on the positions of Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively.

Trustee Safran also noted that the Nominating Committee voted to recommend Dr. Paula Gentius to serve as Assistant Secretary upon recommendation of the Chancellor.

Acting Chair Weisiger asked if there were any objections to the slate of nominations for board officers or nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented by Trustee Safran. Trustee Dixon made the motion, seconded by Trustee Safran, to approve the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Acting Chair Weisiger called for a vote by roll call.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE for Chair and Secretary
Humphrey	AYE for Chair and Vice Chair		ABSTAIN for Vice Chair
	ABSTAIN for Secretary	Weisiger	AYE for Vice Chair and Secretary
Johnston	AYE		ABSTAIN for Chair
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

Trustee Herring made a motion, seconded by Trustee Powers to approve Dr. Gentius to serve as the Assistant Secretary. Chair Weisiger called for a vote by roll call.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBERS NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Chair Weisiger noted that it was his duty as Chair to nominate two at-large members of the Executive Committee. Chair Weisiger nominated Trustee Harrell as the first of two at-large members of the Executive Committee for a vote by the full board. Trustee Close made the motion, seconded by Trustee Stack, to approve the motion to elect Trustee Harrell as an at-large member of the Executive Committee.

Chair Weisiger called for a vote by roll call.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	ABSTAIN	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

Chair Weisiger then nominated the second at-large member of the Executive Committee for a vote by the full board, Trustee Ven Poole. Trustee Humphrey made the motion, seconded by Trustee Harrell, to elect Trustee Poole as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. Chair Weisiger called for a vote by roll call.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	ABSTAIN		

The motion passed.

Chair Weisiger stated that it is his responsibility to make committee assignments for the 2023-2024 year and he will review the Board's feedback and share committee assignments, as well as committee chair assignments, via memo before the end of July.

CHAIR'S REPORT – CHAIR ED WEISIGER, JR.

Chair Weisiger expressed his appreciation to the Trustees for selecting him as Chair for 2023-2024 and stated that he is looking forward to working and serving with them. Chair Weisiger welcomed Trustee Safran and Trustee Stack as reappointments to the Board and also welcomed again the new members of the Board, Trustee Derick Close, Trustee Ghazale Johnston, Trustee David Powers, and the new Student Body President, Timothy Reid. Chair Weisiger stated that the Board is waiting on one additional appointment from the House of Representatives and will make that announcement once the selection has been made.

Chair Weisiger stated that this Board will continue to advance the incredible work that happens at NC State University as the premier Research I institution in the state. Chair Weisiger asked that the Trustees familiarize themselves with the UNC Policy on Duties, Responsibilities, and Expectations of Board Members. Chair Weisiger thanked the group again for their service and thanked Chancellor Woodson for the continued pursuit of excellence at NC State.

That concluded the report from Chair Weisiger.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT – DR. RANDY WOODSON

Chancellor Woodson began his report by welcoming the new Trustees and thanking all Board members for their willingness to serve. He then shared a few brief updates beginning with leadership updates. The Board of Visitors has three new members joining this year: Rashida Hodge, Hal Lawton, and Robin Perkins. Chancellor Woodson also shared that we will have new leaders in three of our colleges this fall. Jim Pfaendtner has been named the Louis Martin-Vega Dean of the College of Engineering. Lewis Owen has been named Dean of the College of Sciences. Garey Fox has been named Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Chancellor Woodson also shared that we are losing a great NC State leader in Brad Bohlander, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer. Bohlander has been with NC State since 2011 and has had an incredible impact and will be greatly missed.

Chancellor Woodson stated that we have yet to receive a budget from the State of North Carolina. He also stated that both proposals from the House and Senate reflect the NC General Assembly's strong support and recognition of NC State's critical role in advancing our state's future.

Chancellor Woodson completed his report with a brief update on our preparations for welcoming students back on campus for the fall semester. He shared that we expect to enroll approximately 5,600 first-year students and 1,400 transfer students this fall for a total of more than 38,000 students for the 2023-2024 academic year. Student move-in will begin on August 17. Chancellor Woodson invited the Trustees to attend Wolfpack Welcome Week events, including Packapalooza on August 26, 2023.

Chancellor Woodson thanked the group once again for their leadership and looks forward to working with everyone.

That concluded the report from Chancellor Woodson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE - CHAIR VEN POOLE

The Buildings and Property Committee met twice for special meetings on May 4th and June 29th of 2023, and a quorum was present. The Committee reviewed and approved the consent agenda from the June 29, 2023 meeting, which included the April 13, 2023 and May 4, 2023 open session meeting minutes, non-appropriated capital improvement projects funded entirely with non-general fund money that are projected to cost greater than \$300,000 and less than \$750,000, and Polk Hall Renovation – Construction Manager At-Risk Selection.

The Committee also reviewed and approved one non-appropriated capital improvement project – East Steam Tunnel Repair – Yarbrough Central Utility Plant and three designer and construction managers at-risk selections.

At the May 4, 2023 special meeting, the Committee reviewed and approved three property matters for Full Board approval. They are: Disposition by Lease: Chapter Commons Unit A (516-A Dan Allen Drive); Disposition by Lease: Chapter Commons Unit B (516-B Dan Allen Drive); and Disposition by Lease: Chapter Commons Unit C (516-C Dan Allen Drive)

Trustee Poole made the motion to approve the three property matters for Disposition by Lease. A second was not required. Chair Weisiger called on Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius to record the vote. All members were in favor.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

On June 29, 2023, the Committee reviewed and approved the Physical Master Plan – Framing the Future, which defines the campus development process, value of the framework plan, and unique stakeholder orientation requirement. The Committee also approved the designation of the Oval as the tenth Hallowed Place as introduced in the Physical Master Plan.

That concluded Committee Chair Poole's report from the Buildings and Property Committee.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – CHAIR TIM HUMPHREY

The University Affairs Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, June 29. The committee also met on July 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present for both meetings.

At the June 29th special meeting, the Committee approved continuation of the Center for Marine Sciences and Technology (CMAST) and the State Climate Office of North Carolina (SCONC). The Committee also approved conferral of tenure for 14 new faculty members; the appointment and initial salary for the Deans of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Sciences; and a market salary increase for a Tier I employee. The minutes from the June 29th meeting will be presented for approval at the committee’s September 7th meeting.

The Committee also held a special meeting on July 12, 2023 and approved a conferral of tenure item and recommended approval of the Request to Establish the Master of Science in Engineering Education and the Request to Establish the Ph.D. in Agricultural Education and Human Sciences. The Master of Science in Engineering Education is to be offered by both the College of Engineering and the College of Education and largely stands alone in the UNC system and the nation. Through the completion of 33 credit hours, including 18 hours of disciplinary engineering and 15 hours of engineering education, students will receive advanced training in educational and multidisciplinary scholarship as well as current trends in engineering.

The Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences proposes to transition its current Ed.D. program in Agricultural and Extension Education to a Ph.D. program in Agricultural Education and Human Sciences; the Ph.D. program will replace the existing Ed.D. The new Ph.D. program will integrate agricultural education, extension education, family and community sciences, and agricultural leadership development. The program will be distinct from all other programs offered in the UNC System and the nation.

Trustee Humphrey made the motion to approve the Request to Establish the Master of Science in Engineering Education. A second was not required. Chair Weisiger called on Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius to record the vote. All members were in favor.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

Trustee Humphrey then made the motion to approve the Request to Establish the PhD in Agricultural Education and Human Sciences. A second was not required. Chair Weisiger called on Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius to record the vote. All members were in favor.

Close	AYE	Powers	AYE
Dixon	AYE	Reid	AYE
Harrell	AYE	Safran	AYE
Herring	AYE	Stack	AYE
Humphrey	AYE	Weisiger	AYE
Johnston	AYE		
Poole	AYE		

The motion passed.

Chair Humphrey stated that the Committee also approved the updated bonus structure for Softball as presented by the Department of Athletics. The Committee was also made aware of academic program-related information including new graduate and undergraduate certificates.

In Closed Session, the Committee discussed a head coach employment agreement. Upon returning to Open Session, the employment agreement for the Head Softball Coach was approved by the Committee.

That concluded Committee Chair Humphrey’s report from the University Affairs Committee.

CLOSED SESSION

With no further business in open session, Assistant Secretary Gentius called for a motion to go into closed session to: consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege. Trustee Stack made a motion to move into Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Humphrey. Chair Weisiger called on the Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius to record the vote. All members were in favor.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

With no further business in closed session, Chair Weisiger called for a motion to return to open session. Trustee Humphrey made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Trustee Stack. Chair Weisiger called on the Assistant Secretary Paula Gentius to record the vote. All members were in favor.

At 11:17 a.m. the Board came out of closed session. With no further business in open session, Chair Weisiger adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paula Gentius

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Assistant Secretary

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Timothy L Humphrey

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Secretary

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Edward Weisiger

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Chair of the Board