

**North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
Greensboro, NC**

**DECEMBER 18, 2019**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Venessa Harrison called the special called meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:01 p.m. on December 18, 2019.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

In accordance with Chapter II, Section 204 of the Code of the UNC Board of Governors, Chairwoman Harrison called for the presentation of the Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Statement via an audio recording. No conflicts were noted.

**ROLL CALL**

Next, roll call was taken by Shannon Bennett, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Quorum was confirmed.

Members present: John Bluford, Mark Copeland, William Dudley, Kim Gatling, Venessa Harrison, Paul Jones, Timothy King, George Mainor, Joe Parker, Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Bhaskar Venepalli and Allison Gilmore.

Members absent: Calvin Brodie

**CLOSED SESSION**

The language for a motion to go into closed session was offered by General Counsel, Melissa Holloway, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) [NCGS 116-40.7(c)], and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(2), and (6).

Chairwoman Harrison invited a motion to move into closed session, which was moved by Trustee Tim King, seconded by Trustee Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, and unanimously approved.

Chairwoman Harrison invited Provost McEwen to present the recommendation for the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development.

Provost McEwen presented the recommendation to approve Dr. Eric Muth as the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. Dr. Muth accepted the offer of employment with a 12-month gross annualized salary of \$240,000. He is scheduled to begin on January 15, 2020 pending approval of the board.

Provost McEwen further reported that Dr. Muth currently serves as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences at Clemson University. He holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Chairwoman Harrison invited a motion to move into open session, which was moved by Trustee John Bluford, seconded by Trustee Paul Jones, and unanimously approved.

Chairwoman invited the motion to approve the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development as presented by Provost McEwen in closed session with was moved by Trustee Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, seconded by Trustee Joe Parker, and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Harrison invited a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was moved by Trustee Paul Jones, seconded by Trustee John Bluford, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Bennett  
Assistant Secretary