

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

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairwoman Venessa Harrison called the first regular meeting of 2020-2021 of the Board of Trustees to order at 2:00 p.m. on September 25, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the university moving to teleworking March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to adhere to state social distancing and stay at home guidelines.
- Chairwoman Harrison began by thanking everyone for their continued adaptability in these unusual times.
- Chairwoman Harrison invited Trustee Paul Jones to deliver the oath of office to Brenda Caldwell.

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

- Chairwoman Harrison led the board in a moment of meditation.

**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, Calvin Brodie, Mark Copeland, William Dudley, Kim Gatling, Venessa Harrison, Paul Jones, Timothy King, Joe Parker, Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Bhaskar Venepalli and Brenda Caldwell.
- Members absent: George Mainor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Chairwoman Harrison entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes for the special called meeting of the board of trustees held August 24, July 28, and June 18 and the full board

meeting held on April 24, 2020. A motion was made by Trustee Paul Jones, seconded by Trustee Timothy King, and unanimously approved.

### **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

- Chairwoman Harrison invited Chancellor Martin to present the Chancellor's Report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Committee Chair Timothy King gave the report from the Nominating Committee which met September 24, 2020.
  - Committee Chair King presented the recommendation that the board approve the following executive officers of the board for 2020-2021: Venessa Harrison as Chair, Hilda Pinnix-Ragland as Vice Chair, and John Bluford as Secretary which was seconded by Trustee Kim Gatling and unanimously approved.

#### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

- Committee Chair Hilda Pinnix-Ragland gave the report from the Endowment Committee which met September 24, 2020.
  - Committee Chair Pinnix-Ragland presented the recommendation to transfer the investments from the Alumni Association to the Investment Foundation's portfolio which was seconded by Trustee John Bluford and unanimously approved.
  - Committee Chair Pinnix-Ragland presented the recommendation to appoint Willie A. Deese, Chair of the Foundation for N.C. A&T State University as a voting member of the N.C. A&T State University Investment Foundation which was seconded by Trustee Paul Jones and unanimously approved.

#### **UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- Committee Chair Paul Jones gave the report from the University Affairs Committee.

#### **ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

- Committee Chair Joe Parker gave the report from the Advancement and External Affairs Committee.
  - Committee Chair Parker presented the recommendation to remove the names of Governors Cameron Morrison and R. Gregg Cherry from Morrison Hall and Cherry Hall for their role in white supremacy and the disenfranchisement and segregation of African Americans which was seconded by Trustee Timothy King and unanimously approved.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

- Committee Chair John Bluford gave the report from the Governance Committee.
  - Committee Chair Bluford presented the recommendation to amend the charter to the Governance Committee which was seconded by Trustee William Dudley and unanimously approved.

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

- Committee Chair Timothy King gave the report from the Business Affairs Committee.
  - Committee Chair King presented the recommendation to approve the ordinance for parking and transportation services which was seconded by Trustee William Dudley and unanimously approved.
  - Committee Chair King presented the recommendation to approve the authorization of renovations of Carver Hall classrooms and laboratories which was seconded by Trustee Bhaskar Venepalli and unanimously approved.
  - Committee Chair King presented the recommendation to approve the authorization of Corbett Building heating, ventilation, and cooling improvements which was seconded by Trustee Paul Jones and unanimously approved.

**RISK MANAGEMENT, AUDIT, AND COMPLIANCE**

- Committee Chair William Dudley gave the report from the Risk Management, Audit, and Compliance Committee.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- Chairwoman Harrison reminded trustees that the closed session would be held via phone and that they would need to dial into the call with the confidential credentials provided.
- 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 Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, seconded by Trustee Paul Jones, and unanimously approved.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- The board returned to open session via Zoom.
- Chairwoman invited the motion to approve the naming proposal as presented by Ken Sigmon in closed session which was moved by the Advancement and External Affairs Committee, seconded by Trustee John Bluford, and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Chairwoman Harrison invited a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was moved by Trustee Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, seconded by Trustee Timothy King, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Bennett  
Assistant Secretary