# MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIA CONFERENCE CALL APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Monday, March 14, 2022 11:35 a.m.

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: The Board of Trustees of Appalachian State University met via conference call at the call of the Chair and the Chancellor on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 11:35 a.m. Chair Kimberly M. Shepherd presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT ON THE CALL:

James M. Barnes
John M. Blackburn
J. Jeffries Chesson
Fairley Bell Cook
Bailey K. Gardin
James E. Harris
Scott K. Lampe
James K. Reaves
E. Bonnie Schaefer
Kimberly M. Shepherd
R. Thomas Sofield
Steven D. Wyatt

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Mark E. Ricks

OTHERS PRESENT ON THE CALL:

Dawn Antonucci

C. Philip Byers, UNC Board of Governors Liaison

Hank Foreman Paul Meggett

All votes were taken by roll call (see Attachment 1).

<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE</u>: Chair Shepherd read the following statement:

"Under the State Government Ethics Act, all voting members of the Board of Trustees have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Looking at the agenda for today's meeting, does anyone know that you have a conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest? If so, please let me know now."

None reported.

Chair Shepherd also read the following: As we begin the business portion of the meeting, I would like to remind everyone of the Board's expectations for conduct at our meetings. We ask that those attending today remain respectful of fellow attendees and the Board. Those attending an official meeting may not engage in conduct that is inconsistent with our bylaws or that interferes with the rights of others to observe and listen to the proceedings. Any individual who disrupts the meeting will be asked to leave and may be subject to arrest.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: Chair Shepherd asked Dawn Antonucci to call roll to verify all participants joining the meeting.

<u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:</u> Chair Shepherd welcomed guests and press in attendance as confirmed during the roll call.

<u>APPROVAL OF ABSENCES</u>: Chair Shepherd stated Vice Chair Mark Ricks was not able to attend due to personal reasons. Upon motion duly made and seconded the absence was approved as presented.

<u>CLOSED SESSION:</u> Chair Shepherd announced that she would entertain a motion for the Board to convene in closed session. Chair Shepherd asked that the voting Trustees, Governor Byers, Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff and the Assistant Secretary join the voting members in closed session.

Chair Shepherd stated the secondary telephone line would be closed to conduct closed session business. Should participants like to attend once open session is reconvened they can simply stay on the line and the host will reopen at the appropriate time.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the Board convened in closed session:

to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 126-22, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(1) and;

to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) and;

to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment of an individual public officer and to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee, in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(a)(6).

<u>PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED</u>: Upon motion duly made, seconded and verified by roll call vote, the Board reconvened in open session at 12:48 p.m.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by roll call vote at 12:48 p.m.

Kimberly M. Shepherd, Chair

Dawn Antonucci

**Assistant Secretary** 

## Appalachian Board of Trustees Roll Call record of Votes in open Session March 14, 2022

#### Roll Call Vote to Approve Absences:

Motion was made by: James Barnes

Seconded by: Scott Lampe

James Barnes - yes

John Blackburn - yes

Jeff Chesson - yes

Failey Bell Cook - yes

Bailey Gardin - yes

James Harris - yes

Scott Lampe - yes

James Reaves - yes

Mark Ricks - absent

Bonnie Schaefer - yes

Kim Shepherd - yes

Thomas Sofield - yes

Steven Wyatt - yes

## Roll Call Vote to Convene in Closed Session:

Motion was made by: Kimberly Shepherd

Seconded by: Steve Wyatt

James Barnes - yes

John Blackburn - yes

Jeff Chesson - yes

Failey Bell Cook - yes

Bailey Gardin - yes

James Harris - yes

Scott Lampe - yes

James Reaves - yes

Mark Ricks - absent

Bonnie Schaefer - yes

Kim Shepherd - yes

Thomas Sofield - yes

Steven Wyatt – yes

### Roll Call Vote to Reconvene in Open Session:

Motion was made by: John Blackburn

Seconded by: Bonnie Schaefer

James Barnes - yes John Blackburn - yes Jeff Chesson - yes Failey Bell Cook - yes Bailey Gardin - yes James Harris - yes Scott Lampe - yes James Reaves - yes

Mark Ricks - absent Bonnie Schaefer - yes

Kim Shepherd - yes

Thomas Sofield - yes

Steven Wyatt - yes