



**Executive Committee**  
**CCSNH BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Meeting of March 16, 2021**

**Present (teleconference):** Trustee Kathy Bogle Shields (Chair), Trustee Paul Holloway, Trustee Robert Baines, Trustee Edwin Smith, Trustee Alison Stebbins, Trustee Tricia Lucas, Trustee Steve Rothenberg, Interim Chancellor Susan Huard

**Others Attending (teleconference):** Trustee Hollie Noveletsky, Trustee Megan Elwell, Trustee Steve Slovenski, Commissioner Frank Edelblut (Department of Education), Jonathan Melanson (Governor's Office), President Brian Bicknell (MCC), President Lucille Jordan (NCC), President Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki (NHTI), President Alfred Williams (RVCC), Interim President Cathryn Addy (GBCC), CCSNH Executive Director of Government Affairs and Communications Shannon Reid, CCSNH Chief Operations Officer Scott Fields, CCSNH Interim CHRO Monica Bradley

Chair Shields called the telephonic meeting to order at 4:01 pm and called the roll. Regarding the conduct of a telephonic meeting and counting all members toward the quorum requirement whether or not physically present in the meeting location, the Chair declared an emergency meeting in order to follow social distancing guidelines related to the current public health crisis, pursuant to RSA 91-A: 2 (III)(b).

CCSNH Chancellor's Search

The Chair reported that the search has yielded 66 applications, including 26 top-tier candidates who are aware of recent developments in the NH public higher education environment and continue to be interested in the position.

Discussion followed regarding next steps for the search, and the committee agreed that the system has a critical need for steady leadership at this time. The committee expressed support for continuing with the search for a chancellor who would start in July 2021 under a 2-year contract, which aligns with the timeframe linked to the proposed legislation citing July 2023 as the point when the new system would take effect and the new chancellor would be in place. Discussion followed regarding the timeline of the proposed legislation and the committee's preference that the search continue for a permanent- not interim- chancellor.

President Jordan noted that an effective chancellor makes it possible for the presidents to focus on the college campuses and strategic plans, and that the presidents fully support continuing the search. Trustees agreed that community college experience and the full support of the senior leadership team will be essential to the chancellor's successful over a short two-year period. Discussion followed regarding the legislative timeline and the need for the new chancellor to be able to work with the changing dynamics of the two systems.

Other Business

Mr. Baines mentioned that USNH recently presented to former trustees the reasons why USNH supports the governor's proposal.

No further business was brought forward. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Meghan Eckner  
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