



Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees

Thursday, March 12, 2026

NHTI - Concord's Community College | Grappone Hall Room 106

Present: Governor Kelly Ayotte, Chair Donnalee M. Lozeau, Trustee Alan Beaulieu, Trustee Will Cunningham, Trustee Christopher Dodge, Trustee Joel Dolan, Trustee Tiffany Eddy, Trustee Geoffrey Kennedy, Trustee Tricia H. Lucas, Trustee Matt Mayberry, Trustee Edwin O. Smith, Trustee Alison Stebbins, Trustee John T. Stevens, Trustee Dennis Tappin, Trustee Nick Toumpas, Chancellor Mark Rubinstein, Vice Chancellor Charles Lloyd, Director Stephen Appleby, Legal Coordinator Sarah Morrissey, President Paul Beaudin (*MCC*), President Patrick Cate (*LRCC*), President James Keane (*NCC*), President Cheryl Lesser (*GBCC*), President Patrick Tompkins (*NHTI*), President Alfred Williams IV (*RVCC*)

Regrets: Trustee Richard Ackerman, Trustee Katharine Bogle Shields, Trustee Pharra Duguay, Trustee Kaylee Felix, Trustee Gregory C. Eastman, Policy and Legislative Assistant John Callaghan, Director Joseph Doiron, President Sarmad Saman (*WMCC*)

Meeting Minutes:

Chair Lozeau opened the meeting at 9:00am by welcoming Governor Ayotte to the meeting.

During her address to the CCSNH Board of Trustees and employees, the Governor spoke about the significance of the GoNorth initiative, being led by Trustee Lozeau. She expressed gratitude to the trustees, and everyone involved with the schools, emphasizing CCSNH's vital role in supporting the state's workforce needs. The Governor reaffirmed that CCSNH is a top priority for her administration, particularly in delivering workforce development, dual enrollment for high school students, and expanding access to trades and credentialing programs. She noted that attracting employers to New Hampshire depends on having a qualified workforce.

The Governor also mentioned that Lucy Lange is the new head of the Business and Economic Affairs department, highlighting her collaboration with Richard Lavers and CCSNH/USNH to align programs and strengthen workforce development. She acknowledged current resource challenges and encouraged focusing on the system's core mission while exploring new delivery methods. A key point in her address was the importance of ensuring students can transfer credits seamlessly within the system, urging both CCSNH and USNH to work together more effectively to prevent student attrition due to credit transfer issues.

The Governor concluded by assuring the group of her full support for CCSNH's and reiterating her thanks to all the people at CCSNH who assisted with writing the GoNorth grant. She also noted that we were awarded the largest amount for New England.

The Board meeting took a brief break from 9:30am - 9:42am for the Audit Committee to meet. BerryDunn gave a brief presentation of the Uniform Guidance report and the Audit Committee voted unanimously to approve it.



Topic: Uniform Guidance Report

Discussion: Audit Committee Chair Lucas noted the approval of the committee and asked for full Board approval of the uniform guidance portion of the audit.

Vote: Trustee Toumpas motioned to approve the uniform guidance as presented, Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Bishop gave a brief update to the Board of Trustees regarding the insurance renewal process and let Trustees know that CCSNH will now be monitoring motor vehicle reports more closely for those who drive for CCSNH or as part of their job functions.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

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