

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, LUMBEE HALL 423/Webex  
Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

The special called meeting of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Board of Trustees was held via webex. This special called meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law. Chair Pat Corso called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

**SWEARING IN-CEREMONY**

Conducted the swearing-in ceremony for four new Board of Trustee members. Trustee Randall Jones, Trustee Kenneth Robinette, Trustee Michelle Ingram and Trustee Dana Hunt-Locklear were sworn in by Judge Brooke Clark.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and the following Trustees were present as indicated:

Pat Corso  
Allen Jamerson  
Allison Harrington  
Edward Brooks  
Linda "Mickey" Gregory  
Karen Sampson  
Bobbi Stanley  
Michelle Ingram  
Randall Jones  
Dana Hunt-Locklear  
Kenneth Robinette

Absent: Alphonzo McRae; Jesse Thomas

Also in attendance: Chancellor Robin G. Cummings; Mark Gogal, chief of staff and assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees; Teresa L. Bryant, recording secretary to the Board of Trustees; Kelvin Jacobs, general counsel; Virginia Teachey, Vice Chancellor of Finance & Administration; Dr. Art Malloy, Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Dr. Zoe Locklear, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; Jodi Phelps, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing; Dick Christy, Athletic Director; Carla Jacobs, Auditor; Steve Varley, Vice Chancellor of Advancement; and Chris Maples, Executive Director of External Affairs; guest, Jenelle Pinner.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE PRESS**

None present.

## **ETHICS STATEMENT**

Chair Corso reminded the Trustees of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and/or the appearance of a conflict of interest. Trustees reviewed the printed statement. No member made known any conflicts of interest.

## **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Chair Corso welcomed everyone to the meeting and again welcomed the new trustee members.

## **INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY PROCLAMATION**

Chair Corso recognized Kelvin Jacobs, General Counsel who presented on the Indigenous People's Day Proclamation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in October will be recognized as Indigenous People's Day. On October 20, 2020, the North Carolina Governor issued a proclamation as well as the Town of Pembroke. Other campuses across the UNC System publically recognizes this day as Indigenous People's Day. Due to the efforts and collaboration by many across that included former SGA President Cotrayia Hardison, Dr. Ashley McMillian, and trustees which was led by Chancellor Cummings, Mr. Jacobs presented the UNCP Proclamation beginning this October. Will have some programs and activities on this day to recognize IDP day. **(Attachment 2)**.

## **OUTDOOR DRAMA "STRIKE AT THE WIND" MOA**

Chair Corso recognized Kelvin Jacobs, General Counsel to present the Memorandum of Agreement between the Lumbee Tribe of North and UNC Pembroke regarding the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind." This will memorialize the relationship between the tribe and the university. Mr. Jacobs gave some history of the Strike at the Wind and the drama presented on campus, secured the production/script back in 2017. The license agreements expired in 2020. The university has been gifted the rights to the script from the owner and music rights gifted by Dr. Malinda Maynor-Lowery to use. This agreement was crafted between the Lumbee Tribe and UNCP and will be good for fifteen (15) years. **(Attachment 3)**.

## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 12 ACRES OF LAND**

Chair Corso recognized Ms. Virginia Teachey, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration. Ms. Virginia shared that an appraisal of the land has been received and initially it was 12 acres of

land but after the appraisal it is actually 12.18 acres of land. It appraised at \$1.28 million dollars but thanks to Chancellor Cummings, the amount to purchase has been lowered to \$825,000. This land is located near Cypress Hall at the north end of campus. She shared that the land will be the potential location for the new Allied Health Sciences facility. She also shared that currently there is a partially burned house located on the land that will need to be approved to raze once time is to mitigate the land. **(Attachment 4)**.

#### **ACTION 2021-21**

Upon motion made by Ed Brooks, seconded by Randall Jones and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees approved the motion to Approval to Purchase 12.18 acres of Land.

#### **ACTION 2021-22**

Upon motion made by Ed Brooks, seconded by Randall Jones and unanimously carried, the members of the Board of Trustees approved the motion to raze any and all structures on the 12.18 acres of land.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Chair Corso recognized Chancellor Cummings. Chancellor Cummings shared history behind the mission statement. Chancellor Cummings discussed the proposed change to the mission statement and the possibility of adding addition degrees levels. One addition would be Doctor of Nurse Practitioner and the other would be Occupational Therapy Doctoral degree. The changes will be submitted to the system office for review of the mission. **(Attachment 5)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were presented for the following meeting for approval:

- Nominating Committee, special called meeting – June 14, 2021

Upon motion made by Allison Harrington, seconded by Allen Jamerson and unanimously carried, the members of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the minutes as listed. **(Attachment 6)**.

**REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Allison Harrington discussed the meeting of the Nominating Committee held June 14, 2021 during which the committee drafted a slate of names for Board leadership for academic year 2021-2022. Committee Chair Harrington stated after some discussion, the committee reached a consensus to bring the following recommendations to the full Board for approval: Mr. Pat Corso as chair; Gen. Allen Jamerson as vice chair; and Ms. Karen Sampson as secretary.

There being no further discussion, Chair Corso asked for a motion.

**ACTION  
2020-23**

As recommended by the Nominating Committee, and upon motion made by Allison Harrington, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the selection of Board leadership for academic year 2021-2022: Pat Corso as chair; Allen Jamerson as vice chair; and Karen Sampson as secretary, in accordance with POL 01.05.01 – Bylaws of the BOT of UNC Pembroke.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Corso requested the Board move into closed session.

**ACTION  
2020-24**

Upon motion made by Ed Brooks and seconded by Mickey Gregory, and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees approved the motion to go into closed session to discuss confidential personnel matters so as to prevent the disclosure of such information which is confidential pursuant to the laws of this State, or not considered a public record. *NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1)(5)(6)*.

*Minutes of the closed session are stated in a separate document.*



Upon motion made, properly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees approved the motion to return to open session.

As a result of discussions during closed session, the following motion was made.

**ACTION  
2020-25**



As recommended by the Chancellor and upon motion made by Allison Harrington, seconded by Ed Brooks, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Jeffery Howard to the position of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at the salary and under the terms and conditions described in the appointment letter presented by Chancellor Robin G. Cummings. (**Attachment 7**).

**ACTION**

**2020-26**

As recommended by the Chancellor and Interim Provost Locklear, and upon motion made by Allen Jamerson, seconded by Ed Brooks, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Ali Tosun to the rank of Professor with tenure as the Allen Meadors Distinguished Professorship in the Mathematics and Computer Science department at the salary and under the terms and conditions described in the appointment letter presented by Interim Provost Zoe Locklear. (**Attachment 8**).

**ACTION**

**2020-27**

As recommended by the Chancellor and Interim Provost Locklear, and upon motion made by Mickey Gregory, seconded by Randall Jones, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Richard Gay to the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and also be granted the rank of Professor in the Art department at the salary and under the terms and conditions described in the appointment letter presented by Interim Provost Zoe Locklear. (**Attachment 9**).

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Cummings welcomed new trustees to the board and congratulated the new executive officers. Chancellor Cummings shared that searches are underway for the Provost, Dean of Business and Dean of Health Sciences. Dr. Richard Gay will serve as the Chair of the Provost Search Committee. Will open fall semester and masks will not be required. Classrooms will be back to normal setup. Chancellor Cummings shared that a survey was sent out to faculty and staff regarding vaccinations. Had 450 respondents with 90% vaccinated. Student survey was submitted and 80-90% of the respondents have been vaccinated. Chancellor discussed the budget and that it looks good for UNCP.

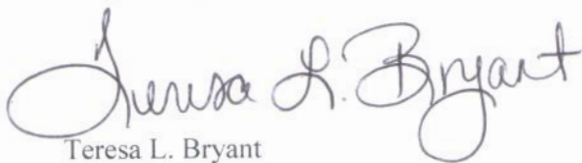
## DISCUSSION – COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND SURVEY DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Gogal addressed the Board concerning the committee assignment survey that will be distributed to the Board on Friday, July 9. He reviewed the makeup of the five committees and briefly explained the duties of each, as per the Board Bylaws. He also reviewed the survey process whereby trustees were asked to rank the committees with their preference from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest. Upon completion, the Board chair will review the trustees' preferences and assign members to committees accordingly. Mr. Gogal reminded the Board the deadline to complete the survey is Friday, July 16. Mr. Gogal shared with the trustees that the BOT Retreat will be held on Wednesday, September 22 followed by the Committee meetings on Thursday, September 23 and the Full Board meeting on Friday, September 24.

## ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mickey Gregory, seconded by Ed Brooks, and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 12:08pm. Chair Corso thanked the trustees for their time.

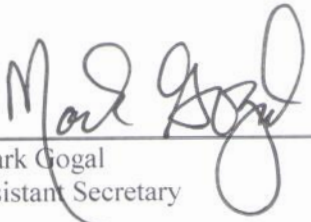
Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa L. Bryant  
Recording Secretary

I certify these minutes accurately reflect the special called meeting held on July 8, 2021.

Signed:

  
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Mark Gogal  
Assistant Secretary

### Attachments:

1. Agenda – Special Called Meeting, Thursday, July 8, 2021
2. Indigenous People's Day Proclamation
3. Outdoor Drama "*Strike at the Wind*" MOA
4. Purchase of 12 Acres of Land
5. Mission Statement
6. Minutes – Nominating Committee, Special Called Meeting, Monday, June 14, 2021
7. Appointment – Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
8. Appointment – Professor with Tenure as the Allen Meadors Distinguished Professorship

9. Appointment – Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and Rank of Professor