Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Emergency Meeting of the Full Board
June 27, 2017
Fairbanks, Alaska

1. Individuals Present and Opening Items

Regents Present:
Gloria O’Neill, Chair
John Davies, Vice Chair
Lisa Parker, Secretary
Deena Bishop, Treasurer
Dale Anderson
Sheri Buretta
Jyotsna Heckman
Karen Perdue
Andy Teuber

Regents Absent:
Mary K. Hughes
Joey Sweet

James R. Johnsen, Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

Others Present:
Tom Case, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Susan Henrichs, Provost, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Michael Hostina, General Counsel
Myron Dosch, Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer
Daniel White, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research
Roberta Graham, Associate Vice President of Public Affairs and Federal Relations
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents

A. Call to Order

Chair O’Neill called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED
"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented. This motion is effective June 27, 2017."

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

2. Budget Approval Items

A. Acceptance of the FY18 Operating Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan

PASSED
"The Board of Regents accepts the FY18 Operating Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective June 27, 2017."

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the FY18 Operating Budget Distribution Plan as presented. This motion is effective June 27, 2017."

Motion by Jyotsna L Heckman, second by Sheri Buretta.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

POLICY CITATION
Regents' Policy 05.01.04 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION
On June 16, 2017, Governor Walker called legislators back into a second 30-day special session to continue working on the budget impasse. The governor limited the call to the original operating budget bill, HB57. The Legislature passed HB59, the mental health operating budget on June 15, 2017 and HB57, the general operating budget on June 22, 2017. The bills are awaiting transmittal to the governor. Once a bill has passed the Legislature and is sent to the governor, it must be signed or vetoed by the governor within 15 days if the Legislature is in session (not counting Sundays) or within 20 days if the Legislature is not in session (not counting Sundays).

The Board of Regents requested a $920.9 million ($341.2 million in state and $579.7 million in non-state funding) operating budget for the University of Alaska in FY18. Final legislation decreased UA’s overall operating budget state appropriation by $7.9 million (2.4%) from $324.9 million to $317.0 million. President Johnsen presented the proposed FY18 operating distribution plan to the Board of Regents at its special meeting on June 22, 2017. At the time of that meeting, the Legislature had not yet passed the budget.

B. Approval of Authority to Allocate FY18 Operating Budget Reductions

PASSED
"The Board of Regents gives the president the authority to allocate reductions, if any, once the university’s final FY18 budget has been determined. This motion is effective June 27, 2017."

Motion by Deena Bishop, second by John Davies.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

RATIONALE
The FY18 operating budget was passed by the Legislature on June 22, 2017.

The bill is awaiting transmittal to the governor. Once a bill has passed the Legislature and is sent to the governor, it must be signed or vetoed by the governor within 15 days if the Legislature is in session (not counting Sundays) or within 20 days if the Legislature is not in session (not counting Sundays). However, July 1, 2017, is the start of the new fiscal year.

3. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair O’Neill adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.