

**Official Minutes  
Board of Regents  
Special Meeting of the Full Board  
April 17, 2020  
Zoom Conference**

## **1. Individuals Present and Opening Items**

### Regents Present:

Sheri Buretta, Chair  
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair  
Dale Anderson, Secretary  
Lisa Parker, Treasurer  
John Bania  
John Davies  
Darroll R. Hargraves  
Mary K. Hughes  
Gloria O'Neill  
Andy Teuber

### Regent Absent:

Cachet Garrett

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

### Others Present:

Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast  
Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage  
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Michael Hostina, General Counsel  
Matthew Cooper, Associate General Counsel  
Myron Dosch, Chief Financial Officer  
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research  
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer  
Mark Kondrak, Chief Information Technology Officer  
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents  
Steve Mullins, Continuity Director and Emergency Planner for Statewide Risk Services  
Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance Chair  
Audrey Kirby, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

## **A. Call to Order**

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020.

## **B. Adoption of Agenda**

### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented. This motion is effective April 17, 2020."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Not Present at Vote: Gloria R O'Neill

## **2. COVID-19 Update**

### **A. COVID-19 Update**

President Johnsen provided an update regarding COVID-19, discussed the precautions UA has taken and reviewed UA administration's management efforts regarding the pandemic.

Chancellors Sandeen, White, and Caulfield reviewed their campus management efforts regarding the pandemic.

### **3. Executive Session**

#### A. Executive Session

##### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to an honorary degree. This motion is effective April 17, 2020."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 8:30 a.m. and concluded an executive session at 8:44 a.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to an honorary degree. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Johnsen, General Counsel Hostina, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 14 minutes.

### **4. Approval of an Honorary Degree**

#### A. Approval of an Honorary Degree for Spring 2020

##### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves a nominee for an honorary doctoral degree as proposed for commencement in spring 2020, and authorizes Chancellor Sandeen to invite the approved nominee and announce the acceptance. This motion is effective April 17, 2020."**

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

##### POLICY CITATION

##### **Regents' Policy 10.03.020.A.**

Honorary degrees may be conferred upon approval of the Board of Regents.

##### A. Criteria

The criterion for individuals to receive an honorary degree from the University of Alaska is evidence of a significant and lasting contribution to the university, to the State of Alaska, or to the individual's discipline or profession.

##### RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

A recommendation submitted by the University of Alaska Anchorage for a recipient of an honorary degree was sent under separate cover for Board of Regents' review prior to the April 17, 2020 board meeting.

### **5. Adjourn**

#### A. Adjourn

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020.