

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Special Meeting of the Full Board
July 30, 2020
Zoom Conference**

1. Individuals Present and Opening Items

Regents Present:

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

Regent Absent:

Lisa Parker, Treasurer

Michelle Rizk, Acting President, University of Alaska
Pat Pitney, Interim Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

Others Present:

Karen Carey, Interim Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Matthew Cooper, General Counsel
Michael Hostina, Of Counsel
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research
Steve Patin, Chief Human Resources Officer
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Heather Batchelder, Faculty Alliance Chair
Mathew Mund, Staff Alliance Chair

A. Call to Order

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective July 30, 2020."

Motion by John Davies, second by Cachet Garrett.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

2. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX

In order to adhere with the August 14, 2020, compliance deadline regarding the new rule adopted by the U.S. Department of Education, the committee held a special meeting on July 23, 2020, to review revisions to Regents' Policy.

B. Governance Committee

1. Approval to Give Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents and a Recommendations to Consider Adoption of the Proposed Amendments

The Governance Committee approved the following motion:

PASSED

"The Governance Committee, in accordance with Bylaw 19, requests that the board secretary immediately give notice of proposed amendments to bylaws as presented, and recommends that the Board of Regents consider adoption of the proposed amendments at a regular or special meeting at least 14 days after notice. This motion is effective July 23, 2020."

2. Committee Report

The committee held a special meeting on July 23, 2020, in addition to the action item, the committee discussed and accepted the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems final report regarding the Regents' Policy Audit and setting forth roles & responsibilities of the board, the president and the chancellors.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 3.B., 3.C., and 3.D. as presented. This motion is effective July 30, 2020."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Gloria R O'Neill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: John Bania

B. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy Chapter 01.04 - Sex and Gender-Based Discrimination

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 01.04 - Sex and Gender-Based Discrimination Under Title IX as presented and allows university administration to cross-reference this policy in other relevant Regents' Policies. The policy is effective August 14, 2020. This motion is effective July 30, 2020."

C. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 01.02.025 - Discrimination

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy P01.02.025 - Discrimination as presented and allows university administration to cross-reference this policy in other relevant Regents' Policies. The policy is effective August 14, 2020. This motion is effective July 30, 2020."

D. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 09.02.020 - Student Code of Conduct

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy P09.02.020 - Student Code of Conduct as presented and allows university administration to cross-reference this policy in other relevant Regents' Policies. The policy is effective August 14, 2020. This motion is effective July 30, 2020."

***3.1. Statement from Chair Buretta Regarding the Conceptual Plan Involving the Merger of the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks** (added)

In early June, the Board of Regents voted on a motion to develop a Conceptual Plan involving the merger of the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Since that time, the board has been faced with a number of critical issues -- selecting an interim president, changes to Title IX regulations, addressing the reduction

in state funding, and the best way to go about class offerings across the system for our fall semester in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the need to focus on those critical priorities, the board has yet to establish the working group called for in the motion. While there have been preliminary conversations among staff regarding project scope and deliverables, work to develop the Conceptual Plan has not been initiated. The board has received some public comments and feedback since our June meeting, and it is my intention for the Board to review and reconsider some aspects of the June motion at our meeting on August 5.

Please continue to send us your feedback, and the regents will be prepared to address the issue when we meet next week on August 5, 2020.

4. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

PASSED

"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the university, and to receive legal advice, regarding athletic programs. This motion is effective July 30, 2020."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, John Bania, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Cachet Garrett, Mary K Hughes, Gloria R O'Neill, Karen Perdue, Andy Teuber

Voting in opposition: Darroll R Hargraves

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 9:21 a.m. and concluded an executive session at 10:32 a.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the university, and to receive legal advice, regarding athletic programs. The session included members of the Board of Regents, Acting President Rizk, Interim President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members designated by the acting president and lasted 1 hour and 11 minutes.

***4.1. Statement from Chair Buretta (added)**

On Monday, August 3, we will welcome Pat Pitney to the University of Alaska as our interim president. We look forward to her leadership, her vision and her collaboration with the UA community. Welcome Pat!

I also want to acknowledge and thank Acting President Michelle Rizk who stepped into this role to help the university move forward in a time of needed transition. We are grateful for her service to our community not only as acting system president but also in her current position as vice president of university relations. Michelle oversees a wide range of critical issues, and her tenacious service and commitment to students will continue to have a positive and profound impact on our university. I am personally grateful for all she has done to lead us during this time as well as to make the transition for Interim President Pitney smooth and productive.

Please join me, the Board of Regents and the university leadership in thanking Michelle for serving as acting president and in welcoming Pat Pitney to the University of Alaska.

5. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020.