

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
February 24-25, 2022
Zoom Conference**

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:

Sheri Buretta, Chair
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair
Dale Anderson, Secretary
Lisa Parker, Treasurer
John Davies
Darroll R. Hargraves, (attended February 25, 2022)
Mary K. Hughes
J. Scott Jepsen
Ralph Seekins
Kali Spencer

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

Others Present:

Karen Carey, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Sean Parnell, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Matthew Cooper, 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
Roberta Graham, Associate Vice President of Public Affairs
John Boucher, Interim Chief Information Technology Officer
David Bishko, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Julie A.K. 'Jak' Maier, Faculty Alliance Chair
Juella Sparks, Staff Alliance Chair
Shanone Tejada, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2022."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves, Ralph Seekins

C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 11-12, 2021

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of November 11-12, 2021 as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2022."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves, Ralph Seekins

D. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 14, 2022

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of January 14, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2022."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves, Ralph Seekins

3. Reports

A. Governance Reports

Shanone Tejada, Coalition of Student Leaders chair, reported on the following issues: UAA hosting luncheons focusing on information regarding zero cost textbooks, the reintroduction of the campus shuttle service, the use and the success of the student food pantry, diversity, equity, and inclusion events across campus, current student government events and projects, the UA student government Juneau fly-in event, and noted appreciation for participating in board meetings. (video timestamp 04:54)

Julie A.K. 'Jak' Maier, Faculty Alliance chair, reported on the following issues: UA goals and measures not containing any reference to academic excellence regarding the academic programs, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation requirements and how it relates to shared governance practices, the decline in UAF's tenured professors and assistant professors and the exodus of professors across the system, compared the number of executive positions to student enrollment numbers and reviewed UA's academic mission. (video timestamp 14:05)

Juella Sparks, Staff Alliance chair, reported on the following issues: the UA compensation philosophy being developed without staff governance input or the 30-day feedback process, requested President Pitney establish a staff review ad hoc committee, the alliance meeting with regents, and through all the university's challenges for the board and the administration to work with governance to engage in meaningful two-way conversations to attract, retain and motivate staff. (video timestamp 40:33)

B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor White provided a campus land acknowledgment and an update on the following topics: the changing needs of students, accelerated learning efforts, and the vision of excellence through a transformative student experience, strategic goals and initiatives, enrollment update, the effort toward achieving Tier 1 research status, an update regarding UAF's distinct and focused high-quality and high-impact research, and an athletics update. (video timestamp 45:20)

Chancellor Parnell provided an update on the following topics: UAA alumni participating in the Winter Olympics and other alumni in Alaska news, additional in-person learning opportunities in fall 2022, upcoming on-campus events including commencement, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) officially accepting UAA's mid-cycle report without any additional requirements, philanthropic news, COVID-19 response efforts, establishing Seawolf Bootcamp, and remembered Seawolf Athletics Director Greg Myford. (video timestamp 52:50)

Chancellor Carey provided a campus land acknowledgment and an update on the following topics: the Alaska Native Success Initiative focusing on student mentoring and retention, events at UAS including Black History month and the Egan Library engagement series, the August 2022 Ironman race in Juneau, hosting the UA Foundation meeting and the UAS Tech Center reception on March 2, information regarding low or no-cost textbooks, an update on COVID-19, a philanthropy update, and the mid-cycle review in April 2022 from the NWCCU. (video timestamp 1:00:17)

C. President's Report

Interim President Pitney provided a campus land acknowledgment and an update on the following topics: the legal challenge regarding the Higher Education Investment Fund, UA's meetings and presentations with legislators in Juneau, UA's involvement in spring and summer events, e.g., State of the University address, an Arctic Encounter Symposium, the federal Department of Energy Innovation XLab Sustainable Energy Conference, UA commencements, state and federal

Mining for a Green Economy Conference, and the submission of a proposal to the Rasmuson Foundation to promote Arctic research and policy components. (video timestamp 1:07:35)

4. Public Awareness Campaign Update

A. Public Awareness Campaign Update

Associate Vice President Graham provided an update on UA's public awareness campaign. (video timestamp 1:23:31)

5. Approval of the Board of Regents Goals & Measures

A. Approval of the Board of Regents' Goals & Measures

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves its Goals and Measures as strategic guidance, as presented, and the board will annually reassess the goals and measures, the priority focus areas, and refine the targets. This motion is effective February 24, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Burette, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves

Interim President Pitney and Acting Chief Human Resources Officer Bishko presented and sought approval for the UA Goals and Measures as strategic guidance.

In 2017, the Board of Regents established five broad goals and ten measures with benchmarks through 2025. The measures and 2025 targets were set with certain assumptions around state support, enrollment, tuition revenue, and overall budgets. The university reports the measures to the State of Alaska Office of Management and Budget.

Since the setting of these goals and measures in 2017, the university has seen many changes, including implementation of recommendations from the Strategic Pathways process, significant declines in state general fund support, a declining state population, and the number of high school graduates, the COVID-19 pandemic, renewed interest in Alaska Native success at UA, and the changing state and national landscape of higher education. These factors make this an appropriate time to re-examine UA goals, measures, and targets and look further than 2025 to 2027 and beyond. This will be accomplished through 5-year strategic guidance to establish and achieve UA goals that serve Alaska. (video timestamp 3:32:00)

6. UA's Compensation Update

A. UA's Compensation Update and Compensation Philosophy

Interim President Pitney and Acting Chief Human Resources Officer Bishko provided an update on the University of Alaska's compensation considerations. (video timestamp 2:10:07)

7. Government Relations Report

A. Government Relations Report

Vice President Rizk and State Relations Director Hutchison provided an update on government relations issues affecting the University of Alaska. (video timestamp 2:38:05)

8. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

The committee received reports on transferring credits from non-University of Alaska institutions and fall enrollment and an update on the Alaska College of Education Consortium and the academic program teach-outs. (video timestamp 3:02:10)

B. Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition

The committee met on January 21, 2022, to review its charge and the current Regents' Policies regarding tuition and received a summary of and discussed UA's current tuition practice.

The committee met on February 18, 2022, it received a summary of and discussed the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the University of Alaska Southeast strategic enrollment plans. (video timestamp 3:05:06)

C. Audit and Finance Committee

The committee heard comments from the external auditor, received information regarding the State Small Business Credit Initiative program, a financial briefing, an update on the Education Trust of Alaska Performance, heard the audit status report and held an executive session. (video timestamp 3:08:02)

D. Facilities and Land Management Committee

In addition to the action item, the committee received updates on IT and monetizing capital assets, heard the land management status report, capital project approvals – delegation of authority report, and received updates on the UAA Master Plan renewal, UAA monetization of tract 1 U-Med Professional Park Subdivision, the UAS Master Plan renewal, UAS Tech Center parcel disposal, and construction in progress reports. (video timestamp 3:18:17)

E. Governance Committee

The committee held a discussion with faculty, staff, and student governance chairs regarding the appointment of the university president. (video timestamp 3:29:00)

9. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda item 9.B.1. as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Darroll R Hargraves

B. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Item from February 17, 2022

1. Approval of the Great Northwest, Inc. Lease Extension

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the extension of the lease between Great Northwest, Inc. and the University of Alaska as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2022."

10. Did You Know

A. Did You Know

The Did You Know video presentation provided an in-depth look at the university's drone research program. The University of Alaska Fairbanks is home to one of the top drone research programs in the country, and the presentation highlighted research efforts underway at the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft System Integration, also known as ACUASI. The program has taken advantage of Alaska's unique environment and, working with partners, is developing and testing drones for use in Alaska and across the U.S. (video timestamp 4:16:50)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu0I2Kj0ELE>

All "Did You Know" success stories can be found at <https://www.alaska.edu/news/did-you-know/>

11. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

A. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

Alaska Native Success Senior Advisor Brower and Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community, and Native Education Stern presented an update on the Alaska Native Success Initiative (ANSI). The presentation provided information on the ongoing engagement of the ANSI steering committee and pertinent ANSI developments, such as the proposed Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center.

Chancellors Carey, Parnell, and White provided additional information regarding the respective universities' ANSI efforts. (video timestamp 4:57:00)

12. Title IX Update and Review of Title IX Compliance Brief and Metrics

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Chief Equity and Compliance Officer Gower provided a Title IX update.

Chancellors Carey, Parnell, and White reviewed the Title IX compliance brief and metrics. (video timestamp 5:35:11)

13. UA Foundation Report

A. UA Foundation Report

Associate Vice President Riebe provided an update on university system development efforts and University of Alaska Foundation activities. (video timestamp 6:04:12)

14. Board Governance

A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance

Regents Hughes stated the board's assessment would be available in March, due in May, and discussed during the June 2-3, 2022 board meeting. (video timestamp 6:44:57)

15. Appointment of the University President

A. Appointment of the University President

PASSED

"The Board of Regents appoints Pat Pitney as President of the University of Alaska and authorizes Chair Buretta to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract and to execute an appointment letter as appropriate. This motion is effective February 25, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Board members discussed the appointment of the university president. (video timestamp 6:46:37)

16. Corporate Resolutions

A. Approval of Revisions to the Corporate Authority Resolution

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution as revised, to reflect the removal of interim from the president's title, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 25, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Ralph Seekins

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Regents regularly passes a resolution specifying certain university officers as being authorized to execute investment and banking transactions for the University of Alaska. Because of the revision to the president's title, a current resolution is necessary in order to execute timely investment and banking transactions.

B. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised, to reflect the removal of interim from the president's title, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 25, 2022."

Motion by J Scott Jepsen, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Ralph Seekins

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

The president and selected members of the university administration are routinely designated by the Board of Regents to handle any duties and responsibilities relating to classified information in connection with contracts with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. These individuals are given an extensive security screening and are the only members of the university administration to have access to classified information.

The university has received similar security clearances since the mid-1950s. Execution of the resolution means that regents and other members of the administration will not have access to the classified information and are not in a position to affect the handling of classified information, thus do not need to be processed through security clearance procedures. The resolution is identical to resolutions previously passed except for the revision to the president's title.

17. 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 on the finances of the university related to real property transactions, matters that by law are required to be confidential related to personnel and compliance, and to receive legal advice and provide direction to counsel. This motion is effective February 25, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Ralph Seekins

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 12:09 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 1:30 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to real property transactions, matters that by law are required to be confidential related to personnel and compliance, and to receive legal advice and provide direction to counsel. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 1 hour and 21 minutes.

18. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022.

19. Public Testimony from February 14, 2022

Jessica Johnson, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) student and gymnastics team member, provided an update on the team's fundraising activities and progress.

Kylie Reese, UAA student and gymnastics team member, provided an update on the team's academic and athletic accomplishments; shared its performance schedule; said the team's fall average GPA was 3.84, including nine team members receiving a 4.0 GPA, and spoke in support of the motion to appoint the university president.

Rachel Decious, UAA student and gymnastics team member, shared the team's student and athletic successes, including community volunteer hours, leadership roles on and off-campus, participation in the Juneau Legislative fly-in, and about being ambassadors and advocates for Alaska and UAA.

Esther Dale, Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage vice president, spoke in support of placing a 60-day hold on the appointment of the university president to allow time for stakeholder input.

Eva Burk, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) graduate student, thanked the board for its support of the Alaska Native Success Initiative (ANSI), noting it is crucial and critical to her and other Indigenous student's success, and asked the board to consider supporting the Troth Yeddha' building project.

Laura Bruce, University of Alaska Foundation chair, provided support for the permanent appointment of Pat Pitney as the university's president, noting that support is based on her work with President Pitney regarding UA's finances.

Steve Johnson, UAA Seawolf Debate Program director, provided an update on the program's successes, noting competitions have been held virtually for the past two years and shared UAA will host an in-person debate for 200 students from across Alaska on February 19-20 and in April 2022 will host the conference championships.

Monique Musick, University of Alaska Public Affairs communication manager, shared information regarding assembling a university-wide team to create a university system mission statement, noting the goal of the project is to build clarity around the system office, ensure alignment, create accountability, and demonstrate how the system supports the three universities.

Bill Schnabel, UAF College of Engineering and Mines dean, provided an update on the college and thanked the board for its support; reviewed the college statistics, noting 515 students are enrolled and has 80 faculty and staff members; highlighted the college's successes and invited the board to the open house on February 26, 2022.

Brianna Gray, North Pole, Alaska resident, shared her gratitude for the ANSI and noted her experience at UAF and the importance of an Indigenous presence on campus.