

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
May 1, 2020**

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The South Dakota Board of Regents convened by teleconference at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on May 1, 2020, with the following members in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Lucas Lund – PRESENT  
Pam Roberts, Secretary – PRESENT  
Randy Schaefer – PRESENT  
Kevin Schieffer – PRESENT\*  
Barb Stork – PRESENT  
Jim Thares – PRESENT  
Joan Wink – PRESENT  
Jim Morgan, Vice President – PRESENT  
John Bastian, President – PRESENT

\*Regent Schieffer joined after roll call.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Jay Perry, System Vice President of Academic Affairs; Nathan Lukkes, Board of Regents General Counsel; Kayla Bastian, System Director of Human Resources; Heather Forney, System Vice President of Finance & Administration; Molly Weisgram; Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board; Barry Dunn, SDSU President; José-Marie Griffiths, DSU President; Laurie Nichols, BHSU President; Jim Rankin, SDSM&T President; Tim Downs, NSU President; Sheila Gestring, USD President; Marje Kaiser, Special Schools Superintendent; and other members of the Regental system, public and media.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020**

President Bastian called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 9:00 a.m. and declared a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Morgan, to approve the agenda with one addition, a discussion on COVID-19 Issues On-Campus.

**ROLL CALL:**

Lund – AYE  
Roberts – AYE  
Schaefer – AYE  
Schieffer – ABSENT  
Stork – AYE  
Thares – AYE  
Wink – AYE  
Morgan – AYE  
Bastian – AYE

Motion Passed.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Schaefer, that the Board dissolve into executive session at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020, to consult with legal counsel and discuss personnel and contractual matters, and marketing or pricing strategies by a board of a business owned by the state when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business, and that it rise from Executive Session directly following to report its deliberations while in executive session.

**ROLL CALL:**

Lund – AYE  
Roberts – AYE  
Schaefer – AYE  
Schieffer – ABSENT  
Stork – AYE  
Thares – AYE  
Wink – AYE  
Morgan – AYE  
Bastian – AYE

Motion Passed.

The Board dissolved into executive session.

The Board reassembled in public session at 11:30 a.m.

### **REPORT AND ACTIONS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Regent Roberts said the Board dissolved into executive session at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, May 1, to consult with legal counsel and discuss personnel and contractual matters, and marketing or price strategies by a board of a business owned by the State when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business, before rising from Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. to resume the regular order of business.

While in executive session, the Board discussed the matters just described, which included certain recommended actions as set forth in the Secretary's Report and other matters permitted by law.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Schieffer, to approve the recommended actions as set forth in the Secretary's Report and that it publish said report and official actions in the formal minutes of this meeting.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Lund – AYE  
Roberts – AYE  
Schaefer – AYE  
Schieffer – AYE  
Stork – ABSENT  
Thares – AYE  
Wink – AYE  
Morgan – AYE  
Bastian – AYE

Motion Passed.

The Secretary's Report can be found on page **627** of the official minutes.

### **COVID-19 ISSUES ON CAMPUS**

Each university president provided an update on their institutional response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent movement to online courses for the spring and summer semesters. They shared information on how they are planning to safely and responsibly resume in-person classes in the fall.

Regent Bastian expressed appreciation for the hard work and dedication of presidents, superintendent, staff, faculty, students, and Regents' staff. He said they've all done herculean work to adjust and navigate.

Regent Schieffer asked the presidents what they see as their biggest challenge to resuming in-person courses in fall.

President Dunn said the campuses are aggressively responding to comply with guidance on congregate living and implementing safety measures to opening campuses in the best way possible.

President Griffiths noted the importance of the learning environment for students and said this adds to the quality of education.

President Downs said in addition to following CDC guidance, campuses are also looking at how they could implementing testing and quarantine protocol when necessary.

Regent Schieffer asked what is driving the national projections of a 15% decrease in higher education enrollment. He also asked how our surrounding states are approaching the fall semester.

President Griffiths responded by saying they anticipate a decrease in international students, a decrease due to students considering a gap year, and a decrease because those who've been hit hard economically will not want to make the financial commitment.

Regarding surrounding states' approaches to the fall semester, President Gestring said many of them have come out publically that they will resume in-person classes in fall. Because of this, presidents are very interested in a public statement that they will also plan to resume in-person classes in fall as well.

Upon a question from Regent Morgan about whether a FAFSA can be updated if there has been a change to expected family contribution, President Gestring confirmed that FAFSA adjustment can be made to respond to a changing situation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjournment Regent Bastian noted that the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Regents meeting has been moved to May 21<sup>st</sup>.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Morgan, seconded by Regent Roberts, to adjourn the meeting.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Lund – AYE  
Roberts – AYE  
Schaefer – AYE  
Schieffer – AYE  
Stork – ABSENT  
Thares – AYE  
Wink – AYE  
Morgan – AYE  
Bastian – AYE

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

*Secretary's Executive Session Report*

*The Board convened in Executive Session pursuant to the vote of the majority of the Board present and voting at its public meeting on Friday, May 1, 2020, in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2 to discuss matters authorized therein. Following executive session, the Board will meet in open session to discuss and take official action on the matters set forth below, all other matters discussed were consistent with the requirements of SDCL 1-25-2, but no official action on them is being proposed at this time.*

*Recommended Action:*

*4-B – Approve the appointment of Claudean Hluchy as Interim Superintendent of SDSBVI, effective May 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020 with an additional duty pay of 10% of her current salary.*

The South Dakota Board of Regents adjourned its regular business meeting on May 1, 2020 and will meet again for its regular business meeting on May 12, 2020, via teleconference.

I, Regent John Bastian, President of the South Dakota Board of Regents, declare that the above is a true, complete and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Regents meeting held on May 1, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W. Bastian', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

John W. Bastian  
President  
South Dakota Board of Regents