

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Northern State University
Student Center, Centennial Rooms
Aberdeen, South Dakota
June 22, 2021**

The Board of Regents convened at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and via Zoom at 3:30 p.m. on June 22, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Stork – EXCUSED
Thares – PRESENT
Wink – PRESENT
Brown – PRESENT
Partridge – PRESENT
Rave – PRESENT (via Zoom)
Venhuizen – PRESENT
Roberts – PRESENT (via Zoom)
Bastian – PRESENT (via Zoom)

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Dr. Brian Maher, Executive Director and CEO; and members of the NSU and Aberdeen community.

Regent Wink called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order and declared a quorum present.

Regent Thares announced that the Board dissolved into Executive Session at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021, to discuss personnel matters, and upon conclusion, rose from Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. with no action taken thereafter. While in executive session, the Board considered personnel matters, and gave directions to its executive director concerning these matters.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Thares, seconded by Regent Partridge, that the Board approve directions given to the executive director with respect to matters discussed in executive session, and that it defer until the completion of further remarks at this meeting approval of the appointment of the next President of Northern State University; and adopt the report of the Executive Session.

ROLL CALL:

Stork – EXCUSED
Thares – AYE
Wink – AYE
Brown – AYE
Partridge – AYE
Rave – AYE
Venhuizen – AYE

Roberts – AYE

Bastian – AYE

Motion passed.

Regent Wink thanked the campus community for its support during the presidential selection. She introduced and thanked the regents on the search committee:

- Jim Thares, Chair
- Pam Roberts
- Joan Wink
- John Bastian, Board President, Ex-officio

She additionally introduced and thanked the Campus Search Committee:

- **Veronica Paulson**, Administration Representative
- **Dr. Jon Mitchell**, Faculty Representative
- **Dr. Anna Schwan**, Faculty Representative
- **Emily Meier**, Student Representative
- **Isaiah Nolan**, Student Representative
- **Susan Bostian**, Non-Faculty Exempt Staff Representative
- **Judy Lapka**, Civil Service Staff Representative
- **Eric Payne**, Alumni Representative
- **Michael Bockorny**, NSU Foundation Representative
- **Robert Fouberg**, Community Representative
- **Josh Moon**, At-Large Representative
- **Dr. Laurie Nichols**, Representing the Board of Regents' Council of Presidents and Superintendents, President of Black Hills State University

Regent Wink explained that this has been a process that has taken considerable time and energy over just a few months. Each of the committee members made important contributions to the process and the selection of the school's next president. She gave them a special thank you for their dedication and commitment.

Regent Wink also thanked the campus community for its participation in the process. She explained how the campus assisted the Board in the beginning by nominating colleagues to serve on the search committee, by soliciting and making nominations of outstanding candidates, by patiently responding to the process, and by participating in the two-day campus interviews. She stated that one of the great things about the selection process is that it allows the campuses and the Board of Regents to become better acquainted and to work together on issues concerning all of us. She said Northern State University plays a critical role in the development of the region's economy and its people, and for that we are thankful.

Regent Wink asked for a motion from the presidential search committee for the appointment of the new president of Northern State University.

Regent Thares said at this time he was pleased to present to the Board of Regents a report from the presidential search committee. He explained that with an outstanding field of candidates, the committee narrowed the field to an excellent pool of finalists that visited the campus last week. It

is from this group of talented and experienced leaders that he recommended the appointment of Dr. Neal Schnoor as President of Northern State University.

Regent Thares introduced Dr. Schnoor to the campus community. He explained that Dr. Schnoor is currently the chief of staff to the president of California State University Long Beach. As chief of staff, Dr. Schnoor represents the president in her work with internal and external constituencies to advance the university's mission, initiatives, and relationships. He previously served for seven years as a senior advisor to the chancellor for executive affairs at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Before that, he was dean of the School of Education and Counseling at Wayne State (Neb.) College. His faculty and teaching experience includes appointments at the University of Nebraska's Kearney and Lincoln campuses and as a band director in Nebraska high schools. He has a Ph.D. degree in education and a master of music degree, both from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. Wayne State College granted his bachelor of fine arts degree in education. He is joined today by his wife Teresa.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Thares, seconded by Regent Partridge, that Dr. Neal Schnoor be appointed President of Northern State University, effective July 1, 2021, and authorize the Executive Director to take any actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Stork – EXCUSED

Thares – AYE

Wink – AYE

Brown – AYE

Partridge – AYE

Rave – AYE

Venhuizen – AYE

Roberts – AYE

Bastian – AYE

Motion passed.

Regent Wink invited Dr. Schnoor to make brief remarks.

Acting President Veronica Paulson presented Dr. Schnoor the NSU Presidential medallion, and Dr. Schnoor addressed the audience, sharing his enthusiasm for the opportunity to lead the institution as president of the university.

Regent Wink announced that Dr. Schnoor, Dr. Maher, and the other regents would be available to the media for interviews following the meeting adjournment. Additionally, she welcomed the audience to a reception held in the front of the Centennial Rooms immediately following the meeting.

ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Brown, seconded by Regent Thares, to adjourn the meeting of the full board at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Stork – EXCUSED

Thares – AYE

Wink – AYE

Brown – AYE

Partridge – AYE

Rave – AYE

Venhuizen – AYE

Roberts – AYE

Bastian – AYE

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

The South Dakota Board of Regents adjourned its special meeting on June 22, 2021 and will meet again for its next regular business meeting on June 23-24, 2021.

I, Brian Maher, Executive Director & CEO 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 June 22, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian L. Maher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Brian L. Maher
Executive Director & CEO
South Dakota Board of Regents