

Minutes
The University of Toledo
134th Meeting of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020
WebEx – 4:00 p.m.

The one-hundred thirty fourth meeting of The University of Toledo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 8, 2020, via WebEx. Chair Mary Ellen Pisanelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Secretary to the Board, Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The following Board of Trustees members were in attendance:

Roy V. Armes, National Trustee
Eleanore Awadalla
Alfred A. Baker, Vice Chair
Kyle Bergen, Student Trustee
Jeffrey C. Cole
Stephen P. Ciucci
Rebecca K. Dangler, Student Trustee
Daniel J. Guttman
Birdel F. Jackson, III, National Trustee
Patrick J. Kenney Will Lucas
Mary Ellen Pisanelli, Chair
Richard Walinski

ROLL CALL

The following Board of Trustees members were absent:

Christine Brennan, National Trustee

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Katie DeBenedictis, Sr. Dir. of Administrative Ops./Secretary to the Board
Adrienne King, AVP of Marketing and Communications
Diane Miller, AVP for Government Relations and Chief of Staff
Katrina Nottke, Assistant Director, Title IX and Compliance
Jeff Schmucker, Toledo Blade
Kathy Wilson, Business Manager for Student Affairs
Lindsay Tuttle, Sexual Misconduct prevention Education Coordinator
Chrissy Billau, UToledo Media Relations Specialist
Shree Madison, Coordinator of Greek Life
Demond Pryor, Director of Recreational Services
Brittany Jones, Graduate Student Council President
Benjamin Weiner, Coordinator for Student Advocacy and Service Learning
Alex Lewin, Coordinator of Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards
Dr. Phillip Cockrell, VP for Student Affairs
Michele Soliz, AVP for Student Success and Inclusion
John Sawicki, Officer
Aleiah Jones, Program Coordinator
Cam Norton, Associate Director for Social Media
Vicky Kulicke, Title IX Coordinator

Chair Pisanelli requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee. The motion was received from Trustee Ciucci, with a second received from Trustee Kenney. Ms. DeBenedictis took a roll call vote: Ms. Awadalla, yes; Mr. Baker, yes; Mr. Cole, yes; Mr. Ciucci, yes; Mr. Guttman, yes; Mr. Kenney, yes; Mr. Lucas, yes; Ms. Pisanelli, yes; and Mr. Walinski, yes.

After the Board exited Executive Session, Chair Pisanelli stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Pisanelli commented that during executive session the Board of Trustees discussed the employment and compensation of a public employee. Specifically, she said they reviewed and discussed the steps for selecting candidates for the role of interim president to lead The University of Toledo during this transitional period.

Ms. Pisanelli stated that the Board of Trustees recognizes that the selection of both an interim, and ultimately, the next permanent president of The University of Toledo must be the top priority and recognizes the importance of the responsibility entrusted to the board.

Ms. Pisanelli said there is no question that we are at a critical point in UToledo's history and in addition to the complex operational challenges of leading a large, complex institution during a global pandemic, the interim president must be focused on resolving the fiscal crisis exemplified by it.

Ms. Pisanelli continued her comments by stating that in an effort to move hastily and with laser focus, the board contracted with AGB Search firm which specializes in executive leadership searches exclusively for higher education. She reminded the attendees that no public funds were used to pay for the AGB contract, but rather private funds from the UT Foundation.

Ms. Pisanelli said she believes she speaks on behalf of the entire Board when she says that they are extremely pleased with the caliber of candidates AGB has brought forward for consideration. This is a testament to hard work and dedication of our outstanding faculty, staff and students and the national reputation of The University of Toledo.

Ms. Pisanelli requested a motion to proceed with the search for an interim president by interviewing the following candidates:

Dr. Christopher Colenda, president emeritus at West Virginia University (WVU) Health System and former chancellor for health sciences at WVU;

Dr. Gregory Postel — Former interim president at the University of Louisville and former executive vice president for health affairs at University of Louisville; and

Dr. Chuck Staben — The former president and current professor of biology at the University of Idaho, land grant research university;

The motion was received by Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Ciucci and approved by the board.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Pisanelli adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

**INTERIM
SEARCH
UPDATE**

**MOTION TO
PROCEED
WITH
INTERVIEWS**

ADJOURNMENT

