



USU Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Aug 25, 2023 at 8:30 AM MDT

University Inn, Sonne Board Room – Logan Campus

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Attendance

Trustees Present:

Jacey Skinner, Chair

Gina Gagon, Vice Chair

Kent K. Alder

John Y. Ferry

David H. Huntsman

Kacie Malouf

Heather Mason

Abraham Rodriguez

Tessa White

Trustees Absent:

Wayne L. Niederhauser

David A. Petersen

Utah State University Representatives present:

Jodi Bailey (remote)

Lisa Berreau (remote)

Janalyn Brown

Elizabeth Cantwell, President

Grant Cardon

Dave Cowley

Alison Fabricius

Nancy Hanks

Colleen Hobson

Jane Irungu

Mica McKinney

Eric Olsen

Bill Plate

Diana Sabau

Larry Smith

Robert Wagner

Matt White

Devin Wiser

Other attendees:

Geoffrey Landward

Holly Daines and other Logan City Officials

1. Breakfast

2. Welcome and Introductory Items - Chair Jacey Skinner

Chair Skinner called the meeting to order at 9:04am and welcomed new USU Vice President and Director of Athletics Diana Sabau and Utah System of Higher Education Deputy Commissioner Geoff Landward to the meeting.

3. Chair's Report - Chair Jacey Skinner

3.1. Next Board of Trustee meeting - November 3, 2023, in Salt Lake City

4. Roles and Responsibilities of the Board - USHE Deputy Commissioner Geoff Landward and Vice President Mica McKinney

Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) Deputy Commissioner Landward shared handouts which contain the duties and responsibilities of the Utah Board of Higher Education (UBHE), Board of Trustees and how each interplay with the institutional presidents. The Deputy Commissioner mentioned there is a misconception the legislature dramatically changed the Board's roles. USHE is trying to get back to the original intent of what the Board of Trustees and UBHE should be doing. The main changes to the UBHE are: from 18 to 10 members, no longer have two members of UBHE assigned to each institution, there will be a liaison, Board of Trustees will annually evaluate institutional president and report to the UBHE on key performance indicators of their choosing, Board of Trustees oversee, not manage the institution, UBHE should remain independent and be a benefit to the state as a whole, and clarified roles and missions. Landward stated UBHE is the governing level, Board of Trustees is the oversight level (not management level), and the President is running the institution. He mentioned USHE will have staff members who attend Board of Trustees meetings, Council of Presidents meetings as well as the UBHE meetings to ensure communication between entities.

5. President's Report - President Elizabeth Cantwell

President Cantwell reported she has a broad category of key performance indicators (KPIs) and listed them. She asked the group their thoughts on the most useful way they would like to hear from the president. Trustee Alder agreed on the KPIs and included they should be measurable. President Cantwell would like to bring the chair a template and determine if the KPIs will need refining.

6. Trustee Recognition - Vice President Matt White

USU Advancement Vice President Matt White presented a resolution of commendation and recognition to Colleen Hobson, Associate Vice President, Advancement Services.

7. BREAK

8. Consent Agenda

Motion:

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by John Y. Ferry and motion seconded by Tessa White. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the motion passed.

- 8.1. Approve: Minutes from Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2023
- 8.2. Approve: Minutes from Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2023
- 8.3. Approve: Board of Trustees 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule
- 8.4. Approve: Tenure and Professor Rank Approval for Elizabeth R. Cantwell

- 8.5.** Approve: Revised and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Utah State University Research and Technology Park known as Innovation Campus

9. Action Agenda

9.1. Board of Trustees Executive Committee Member Election

New members of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee were presented for ratification. As chair Jacey Skinner, vice chair Gina Gagon, and members David Huntsman, Dave Petersen, and Kent Alder.

Motion:

A motion was made to ratify the New Board of Trustees Executive Committee.

Moved by Gina Gagon and motion seconded by John Y. Ferry. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the motion passed.

9.2. Approval of 2023 Bylaws - Vice President Mica McKinney

Vice President Mica Mckinney presented and reviewed the updated bylaws to the full board for their approval on the action agenda.

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the bylaws as presented in the meeting today.

Motion moved by Gina Gagon and motion seconded by Kent K. Alder. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the motion passed.

9.3. Request to Approve Capital Development Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-25 - Vice President Dave Cowley

USU Vice President Dave Cowley presented the 2024-2025 capital development dedicated projects to the board for their approval and the capital development five-year plan for board reference. President Cantwell suggested long term strategy going forward.

Motion:

Motion was made to approve the FY24-25 Capital Development Priorities.

Motion moved by Kent K. Alder and motion seconded by Kacie Malouf. Trustee Heather Mason recused. All other board members voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

9.4. Request to Approve Real Property Disposition (Logan City) - Vice President Dave Cowley

Vice President Dave Cowley presented a proposed real property disposition to Logan City for installation of a water storage tank. Discussions have been ongoing regarding this property sale/lease/trade. USU looked for a land exchange. No suitable exchange was found. USU then looked at a three-way

exchange they had been hoping to acquire but that was not successful. At this point, President Cockett wanted to support Logan City and support the mayor and wanted to move forward either leasing or selling this parcel to Logan City to build a large water tank to support the ongoing growth of the city. This water tank does not serve Utah State University. An agreement was reached. Sell Logan City the property and they would pay for a new access road to access the property, which is valuable as a secondary access to the other property nearby. The tank would be built into the hillside which allows for less of an invasive quality on land development in the future. Logan City agreed to allow USU to add solar panels on the top of the tank, which is one of the potential master plan ideas for that particular location in the future. The sale price of \$530,000 is a combination of the actual sale price of the property and the easement. Trustee members held a lengthy discussion on various aspects and options for the transaction and concurred they would like more time to study this topic.

Motion:

Motion was made to table the vote on the proposed real property disposition.

Motion moved by Abraham Rodriguez and motion seconded by Heather Mason. Trustee Ferry abstained from voting. All others board members voted in favor of tabling this item and the motion passed.

9.5. Request to Approve Utah State University 2023-24 Budgets - Vice President Dave Cowley

Vice President Cowley met with the trustees executive committee who had the opportunity to review the budget. The three budgets required by policy up for trustee approval are appropriated budget from the legislature, auxiliary and service enterprise budgets and our athletics budget. The state appropriated budget is tax funds and tuition combined. The ongoing base Utah State has from FY23 is \$458 million. USU received just over \$31 million in new ongoing funding during the session which brings the ongoing operating base to \$489 million. Cowley stated the budget is balanced.

Motion:

Motion was made to approve the USU 23-24 Budget.

Moved by John Y. Ferry and motion seconded by Tessa White. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the motion passed.

10. Information Agenda

- 10.1. President's Recent and Upcoming Events
- 10.2. Adopted 500 Level Policies (Use of University Property, Export Controls)
- 10.3. Report of Investments for February 2023
- 10.4. Report of Investments for March 2023

10.5. Report of Investments for April 2023

10.6. Report of Investments for May 2023

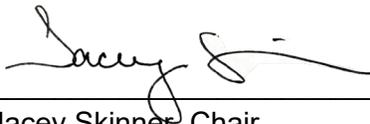
11. Adjourn

Chair Skinner encouraged the board to attend the USU Luminary event later that evening as well as in the future.

Motion:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Heather Mason and motion seconded by Kacie Malouf. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned.



Jacey Skinner, Chair



Janalyn Brown, Secretary
(minutes taken by Janalyn Brown)

November 10, 2023

Date Approved