

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
Considine Hall
LaJoie Board Room
April 18, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 in the LaJoie Board Room of Considine Hall, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and with Board of Trustees members connected via zoom conference. The meeting was pursuant to Section 1.03 of the Bylaws of said Board.

Section numbers and headings of these minutes correspond to the agenda. A copy of the proposed agenda was distributed to each Trustee at the public session of April 18, 2019. Any material considered by the Board, which was distributed at the time of the meeting, is so designated in these minutes. Copies of all such material are contained as appendices to these minutes.

At the call to order there were a few members in the audience and one member from the press.

I. Roll Call

Ms. Ann Parker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m., and asked Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey
Mr. Timothy Lukenda
Dr. Mark W. Mercer
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson
Ms. Ann Parker
Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, President and Ex-Officio

Five Trustees were recorded as present and Trustees Richard Barch, Randy Pingatore and Sandi Frost Steensma, as absent. Present Trustees and Dr. Hanley were connected via Zoom conference. Present for the University were Mr. Thomas Coates, Director of Foundation; Mr. Maurice Walworth; Vice President for Finance and Operations; and Dr. Shelley Wooley, Interim Associate Dean of Student Life.

II. Approval of the Agenda for April 18, 2019

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the agenda for April 18, 2019 as presented; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Finance Committee

Dr. Hanley informed the Board of the single action item, explaining the partnership with the City of Sault Sainte Marie and the local Economic Development Corporation (EDC). In order for the

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City/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to apply for the \$1.5-million-dollar grant/loan from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on behalf of LSSU (not an eligible applicant), the City of Sault Sainte Marie has asked for a Board resolution, in support of the application, showing the commitment to the terms of the agreement. Dr. Hanley recognized Sponsored Programs Administrator, Ms. Erica Newland for her diligence in preparing the grant application alongside the City and EDC.

Mr. Walworth provided additional details of the agreement and resolution, stating a pre-application for funding had been approved. If the loan portion of the application were formally approved, LSSU would pay no interest for 5 years and a payback rate of 1% below prime would commence, - after 5 years. Mr. Walworth mentioned the main components of the Resolution (Appendix A). Those components included, the Board's support of the grant and loan application for environmental response activities associated with the development of the Center for Freshwater Research and Education; authorization for the University to serve as the developer in the Sault Sainte Marie Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan application; and authorization for the President of the University to execute the MDEQ Brownfield Grant and Loan Implementation Agreement between the Sault Sainte Marie Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the City of Sault Sainte Marie and Lake Superior State University.

Mr. Walworth introduced Appendix B as the draft MDEQ Brownfield Implementation Agreement. Dr. Hanley would be working with the local Brownfield Development Authority and be determining the terms under which they would be performing their oversight in which LSSU would be paying back the loan under the Brownfield Development Authority.

Ms. Parker opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Bailey asked if the implementation agreement has been reviewed by counsel. Mr. Walworth stated the draft agreement is currently under review by LSSU counsel, with the Murray Law Group. Mr. Bailey asked if it were necessary to include the MDEQ in the agreement based on language mentioning the DEQ in the Resolution. Mr. Walworth did confirm that the MDEQ will be involved based on their role in processing the reimbursement to LSSU.

Ms. Parker asked if the awarded dollar amount would be the full requested amount or a portion of the funds? Mr. Walworth confirmed that the awarded amount may be a portion of the request. The first step would be to submit the application, and present the awarded amount to the Board of Trustees for final loan approval of the exact amount.

Mr. Lukenda asked for confirmation that the agreement would not hold LSSU to any additional standards or obligations, aside from the signed agreement? Mr. Walworth stated that as part of the grant application process, a third party will monitor the development of the parcel, along with following the Due Care compliance outline. It does not commit LSSU to any additional standards or obligations.

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Mr. Bailey moved for the Board to authorize the Resolution to pursue Brownfield funding with the City of Sault Sainte Marie, acting on behalf of LSSU to apply for that funding; supported by Mr. Nelson. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

IV. Addresses to the Board

There were no addresses to the Board.

V. Other Business

Mr. Nelson acknowledged Ms. Frost Steensma's company for being mentioned in the paper as one of 50 companies to watch this year, by Michigan Celebrates Small Businesses. Ms. Parker shared the acknowledgment and mentioned that Small Business Association of Michigan is a partner in the upcoming celebration gala for the 50 companies.

Ms. Parker is looking forward to the upcoming Commencement ceremony and reminded the Board of the May Board of Trustees' meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Bailey moved for adjournment at 8:49 a.m.; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ann Parker, Chair

Rodney S. Hanley, President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Lauren Pierce, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed at 11:00 a.m. on April 22, 2019.