

**Lake Superior State University  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Walker Cisler Student Conference Center  
Anchor Room  
May 12, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017 in the Anchor Room of the Walker Cisler Student Conference Center, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and with Board of Trustees members connected via teleconference and in attendance. 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 May 12, 2017. 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 several members in the audience and one member of the press.

**I. Roll Call**

Chair James P. Curran, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey  
Mr. Douglas R. Bovin  
Mr. James P. Curran  
Dr. Mark W. Mercer  
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson  
Ms. Ann Parker  
Mr. Randy Pingatore

Seven Trustees were recorded as present and Trustees Bailey, Mercer and Pingatore were via teleconference. Present for the University were Mr. Philip Espinosa, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; and Mr. Morrie Walworth, Vice President for Finance and Operations.

Mr. Curran asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Thomas Pleger, President from July 2014 - May 2017.

**II. Approval of the Agenda for May 12, 2017**

Mr. Bovin moved for Board approval of the agenda for May 12, 2017 as presented; supported by Ms. Parker. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Parker moved for Board approval to go to closed session; supported by Mr. Bovin. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

The Board went into closed session at 1:34 p.m. and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

Trustee Frost Steensma arrived at 1:37 p.m.

**III. Approval of Presidential Responsibilities and Authority Recommendation**

Ms. Parker moved for Board approval of David R. Finley as Acting President effective May 12, 2017 for a short term while the Board proceeds with a search for an interim appointment for president; supported by Mr. Bovin. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Trustee Nelson added that there will be a future announcement of an appointment for interim president.

Trustee Frost Steensma expressed her sympathy to the Pleger and Lake State families for the loss felt by Dr. Pleger.

Dr. Finley thanked the Board for their service to the University community. He also pledged his support and commitment during this transition.

**IV. Addresses to the Board**

Faculty Association President Jaimee Gerrie expressed sympathy to the Board on behalf of the Faculty Association. She also informed the Board of the 2017-18 Faculty Association officers are President Aaron Westrick, Vice President Kristina Olson-Pupek, Treasurer Mindy McCready and Secretary Chris Smith.

**V. Other Business**

There was none.

**VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Pingatore moved for adjournment at 2:10 p.m.; supported by Ms. Parker. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

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James P. Curran, Chair

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David R. Finley, Acting President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed at 1:00 p.m. on May 31, 2017.