

**Lake Superior State University  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Considine Hall  
LaJoie Board Room  
September 29, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 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 September 29, 2020. 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.

**I. Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Bailey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., and asked the secretary, Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey  
Mr. Richard Barch  
Ms. Patricia Caruso  
Mr. Randy Pingatore  
Ms. Cynthia Williams  
Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, President and Ex-Officio

Five Trustees were recorded as present. All five Trustees were connected via Zoom video/audio conference. Present for the University were Dr. Michael Beazley, Dean of Student Affairs; Dr. Lynn Gillette, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Fred Pierce, Dean of Admissions and Marketing; and Mr. Maurice Walworth, Vice President for Finance and Operations.

**II. Approval of the Agenda for September 29, 2020**

Ms. Caruso moved for Board approval of the agenda for September 29, 2020 as presented; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

**III. Addresses to the Board**

There were no addresses to the Board.

**IV. Chair’s Remarks**

There were no remarks from the Chair.

**V. President's Remarks**

Dr. Hanley provided the Board with a COVID update, stating that the University COVID Dashboard webpage was in the midst up a redesign. To date, there were no active COVID cases or individuals in quarantine, both on and off campus.

**VI. Michigan Department of Transportation Resolution for Salmon Run Way**

Mr. Walworth presented to the Board, two items for approval, a resolution from the State of Michigan, which would allow the CFRE project to conduct necessary work within the State's jurisdiction, and to secure Board approval to authorize Dr. Hanley to act on behalf of the Board regarding any non-financially binding permits, authorizations, agreements, or other actions related to the construction of Salmon Run Way.

A component of the CFRE project which is outside the scope approved by the DTMB and the SBO is the construction of Salmon Run Way. This component involves the construction of a road which connects the CFRE project (LSSU property) to Portage Avenue (State property) and runs across city property. Although the city has responsibility for the actual construction of the road, LSSU has responsibility for the CFRE related utilities, which run under the road. These utilities will connect to utilities under Portage Avenue. LSSU must secure approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for this work.

The required resolution would:

- permit contractors to perform utility work within the Portage Avenue ROW,
- partition liability with the work to appropriate parties,
- require LSSU to restore the site to its original condition, and
- require LSSU and its contractors to maintain appropriate insurance.

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval of the MDOT Performance Resolution for Universities and Colleges, and for the Board to convey authority to Dr. Hanley to act on behalf of the Board regarding any future non-financially binding permits, authorizations, agreements, or other actions related to the construction of Salmon Run Way, and to report these actions to the Board at a subsequent Board meeting; supported by Mr. Barch. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

**VII. Other Business**

Mr. Pingatore asked if alternative brick options had been researched and/or considered for the exterior of the CFRE building. He shared concern for the quality of the brick material used in winter weather. Dr. Hanley stated that the administration would reach out to Spence Brothers to explore potential options.

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Dr. Hanley announced to the Board that going forward, Spence Brothers representatives would be invited to present to the Board at future Board meetings.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Pingatore moved for adjournment at 3:10 p.m.; supported by Mr. Barch. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

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Thomas C. Bailey, Chair

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Rodney S. Hanley, President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Lauren Pierce, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed at 3:00 p.m. on October 1, 2020.