

**Lake Superior State University  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Considine Hall  
LaJoie Board Room  
October 27, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 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 October 27, 2021. Any material considered by the Board, which was distributed at the time of the meeting, is so designated in 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 10:00 a.m., and asked Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

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

Seven Trustees were recorded as present. Trustees Barch, Mercer, and Williams were connected via Zoom conference. Mr. Barch was noted to be experiencing technical issues while on Zoom. Ms. Frost Steensma joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:03 a.m. Present for the University were Dr. Nafez Alyan, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Ms. Wendy Beach Director of Human Resources, Safety and Risk, and Tile IX; and Mr. Scott Smith, Vice President of Advancement.

**II. Approval of the Agenda for October 27, 2021**

Mr. Lukenda moved for Board approval to amend the agenda for October 27, 2021, to have Item VI. Fundraising Report moved to Item VII. Closed Session, to protect donor identities; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

**III. Addresses to the Board**

There were none.

**IV. Chair’s Remarks**

There were none.

**V. President's Remarks**

Dr. Hanley provided various campus updates, announcing the selection of LSSU as headquarters for the U.S. Coast Guard National Center of Expertise for the Great Lakes. Dr. Hanley shared appreciation to the LSSU team, Dr. Moerke, and Steve Betz in putting the proposal together. With the help of Senator Peters, LSSU beat out proposals from other larger schools.

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Mr. Lukenda shared congratulations on the achievement and asked what the opportunity and vision would be, and if any space in the CFRE building would be available for the USCG Center of Expertise.

Dr. Hanley stated that the University is working on plans and details. Office space has been set aside. The long-term vision would be to add-on to facilities based on need.

Dr. Hanley stated that LSSU continues to have a low number of COVID cases. To date, there are seven active cases, of which none are on campus.

**VI. Closed Session**

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval to go to closed session at 10:06 a.m.; supported by Mr. Lukenda. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval to reconvene in Open Session at 11:23 a.m. with eight trustees present; supported by Ms. Caruso. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

**VII. Other Business**

There was none.

**VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Pingatore moved for adjournment at 11:24 a.m.; supported by Mr. Lukenda. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

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Thomas 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 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 2021.