

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
Walker Cisler Center
West Superior Room
April 03, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 03, 2023, in the West Superior Room of the Walker Cisler Center, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. 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 on April 03, 2023. 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 several members in the audience and a member of the press.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Timothy Lukenda, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and asked the secretary, Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey
Ms. Patricia Caruso
Ms. Sheri Davie
Mr. Jon P. DeRoo
Mr. Timothy Lukenda
Mr. Randy Pingatore
Ms. Cynthia Williams

Seven Trustees were recorded as present. Trustee Davie and DeRoo were connected via Zoom video/audio conference. Trustee Barch and Dr. Rodney Hanley were recorded as absent.

II. Approval of the Agenda for April 03, 2023

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the agenda for April 03, 2023, as presented.

Mr. Lukenda requested the Board not go into closed session, and to change the order of the agenda to have the Chair’s remarks come before the Address to the Board; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Chair’s Remarks

Mr. Lukenda stated that the Board will vote to receive and respond to the resignation of Dr. Hanley as the President of Lake Superior State University. The Board wants to reassure the community that swift action will be made and focused on ensuring a smooth transition.

IV. Addresses to the Board

None

V. Resignation

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval to accept the resignation and separation agreement entered into as a result of the notification of Dr. Rodney S. Hanley of his desire to resign from the position of President of Lake Superior State University; supported by Ms. Caruso. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey acknowledged Dr. Hanley's milestones and achievements over the past five years.

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval to accept a request by Dr. Hanley, for an immediate leave of absence to facilitate his transition; supported by Ms. Caruso. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lukenda expressed thanks to Dr. Hanley on behalf of the Board and wished Dr. Hanley and his family success in their future endeavors.

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval to appoint Dr. Lynn Gillette, currently Provost, as Interim President of Lake Superior State University, with all of the authority customarily afforded the role of President; supported by Ms. Williams. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Caruso moved for Board approval for the Board to embark on a nationwide search to find the best candidate for President of the University; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lukenda stated the Board is confident that the future of Lake Superior State University is bright, and the Board will look forward with optimism and enthusiasm.

VI. Other Business

None

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Pingatore moved for adjournment at 11:09 a.m.; supported by Ms. Williams. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Timothy Lukenda, Chair

Lynn G. Gillette, Interim President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Lauren Pierce, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed on April 14, 2023.