

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
R.W. Considine Hall
LaJoie Boardroom
May 05, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 05, 2023, in the LaJoie Boardroom of R.W. Considine Hall, 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 May 05, 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.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Timothy Lukenda, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked the secretary, Ms. Lauren Pierce to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Richard Barch
Ms. Patricia Caruso
Ms. Sheri Davie
Mr. Jon P. DeRoo
Mr. Timothy L. Lukenda
Mr. Randy Pingatore
Ms. Cynthia Williams
Dr. Lynn G. Gillette, Interim President and Ex-officio

Seven Trustees were recorded as present. Trustee Barch was connected via Zoom. Trustee Bailey was recorded as absent.

II. Approval of the Agenda for May 05, 2023

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval of the agenda for May 05, 2023, supported by Ms. Caruso. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Addresses to the Board

None

IV. Chair’s Remarks

Mr. Lukenda stated that the purpose of the meeting was to update the LSSU community on the process of the presidential search and for Board approval to adopt a resolution pertaining to the presidential search.

V. Presidential Search

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Mr. Lukenda moved for Board approval and presented a resolution (appendix A) to establish a presidential search committee; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Lukenda thanked all of the committee members for accepting the invitation to participate in such an important process. Mr. Lukenda thanked Trustee Williams for her role as the committee Chair.

Mr. Lukenda stated that there is not a definite timeline, the Board will let a search firm guide the timing, process, and expectations.

Ms. Williams shared appreciation to all of the search committee members for their enthusiasm and support of Lake State. Ms. Williams stated that interviews for search firms have been scheduled.

VI. Other Business

None

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Pingatore moved for adjournment at 4:40 p.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 May 07, 2023.

Appendix A

Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University

Resolution to Establish Presidential Search Committee
Friday, May 5, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University is responsible for governing the business and affairs of the university. One of its most important duties is responsibility for appointing, employing and supervising the university president.

On March 28, 2023, Rodney Hanley notified the Board of his intention to resign from his position of President effective June 29, 2023. In light of this notice, the Board of trustees chose to appoint Dr. Lynn Gillette, then provost of LSSU, as Interim President of the university effective immediately and to continue until a new president was selected by the Board. We are pleased to report that Dr. Gillette is actively engaged in his duties as Interim President.

The Board has emphasized the importance of stability and continuity during this interim period and the need to maintain the university's focus on pursuing strategic initiatives, engaging with university stakeholders, and transparency in our procedures.

The Board wishes to embark on the process of recruiting the next president of LSSU with a goal of the having the next president in place as soon as is practical while emphasizing the importance of a thorough search process.

The Board intends for the search process to engage the broader LSSU community and public at large.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. It is the goal of the Board to attract and retain the most highly qualified person to serve as President, whose knowledge and experience can advance the university's mission and strategic goals.
2. The Board retains ultimate authority to select, appoint, and employ the President of the University.
3. The Board delegates to the Board chair responsibility for organizing and coordinating the Presidential search process.
4. As the assistance of a presidential search consultant is required for the completion of a timely, professional and effective presidential search, the Board chair shall assure that the university undertakes a competitive solicitation process to secure a contract with such a consultant.
5. The Board directs the Board chair to establish a Presidential Search Committee to organize and undertake a search process. The Board chair will appoint the members of the Presidential Search Committee which shall include representatives of the university and the community at large.
6. The Presidential Search Committee has been established and shall include the following individuals:

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Cynthia Williams, LSSU Trustee and Committee Chair

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Hayley Beaudoin, Chair of the Student Government President's Council
Dr. Kathy Berchem, Dean of the College of Health and Behavior
Pat Caruso, LSSU Trustee
Jon DeRoo, LSSU Trustee
Don Gerrie, Mayor, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Whitney Gravelle, President, Bay Mills Indian Community
Don Jones, Facility Attendant and Education Support Professionals President
Bob Kjolhede, Foundation Board Member and LSSU Alumni
Tim Lukenda, Chair, LSSU Board Trustee, Ex-Officio
Dr. Joseph Moening, Faculty Association President and Professor of Electrical Engineering
Dr. Ashley Moerke, Executive Director of CFRE and Professor of Biological Sciences
Fred Pierce, Dean of Admissions and Marketing
Mackenzie Stockwell, Student Government President
Damon Whitten, Men's Hockey Coach

7. The membership of the Presidential search committee has been established with individuals of good judgment who represent a broad constituency and have expressed an interest and willingness to invest time in the search process to assist the university in this important process for the future success of LSSU.
8. The presidential search committee will be responsible for working with the search consultant to adopt a leadership profile and position description for the position of president, for reviewing applicants to determine qualified candidates, for interviewing and ultimately recommending a short list of the most qualified candidates to the Board of Trustees.
9. The Board commits to updating the LSSU community on progress at regular intervals throughout the search process and seeking input whenever possible.

The Board of Trustees adopts this resolution at a special meeting of the Board on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Timothy L. Lukenda
Chair, LSSU Board of Trustees