

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
Walker Cisler Center
West Superior Room
February 22, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024, 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 February 22, 2024. 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 3:00 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 Lukenda
Ms. Cynthia Williams
Dr. Lynn G. Gillette

Six Trustees were recorded as present. Trustees Barch and DeRoo were connected via Zoom video/audio conference.

II. Approval of the Agenda for February 22, 2024

Ms. Caruso moved for Board approval of the agenda for February 22, 2024, as presented, supported by Ms. Williams. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Addresses to the Board

None

IV. Chair’s Remarks

Mr. Lukenda welcomed the Board and members of the audience to the special board meeting. Mr. Lukenda expressed gratitude to Trustee Williams for her role as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee over the last eight months. Mr. Lukenda thanked the committee for their dedication and time during such a significant process. He also thanked the Storbeck firm for their role in the search. Mr. Lukenda invited Trustee Williams to report on the results of the process.

V. Presidential Search Announcement

Ms. Williams thanked Mr. Lukenda for his leadership and thanked the search committee for their commitment and many hours of dedication to the process. Ms. Williams also thanked Storbeck, Fred Pierce, and Lauren Pierce for their roles in facilitating the process as well.

Ms. Williams moved for Board approval of the presented resolution (Appendix A) to appoint Dr. David Travis as President of Lake Superior State University, supported by Ms. Caruso. The Chair requested a roll call vote. The results of the roll call vote were:

Mr. Richard Barch	“Yes”
Ms. Patricia Caruso	“Yes”
Ms. Sheri Davie	“Yes”
Mr. Jon P. DeRoo	“Yes”
Mr. Timothy Lukenda	“Yes”
Ms. Cynthia Williams	“Yes”

The motion carried with six affirmative votes.

Mr. Lukenda stated that Dr. Travis will be making visits to campus before his June 3 start date. Plans are being made for an early April reception to meet Dr. Travis.

VI. Other Business

None

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Williams moved for adjournment at 3:10 p.m.; supported by Ms. Caruso. 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 March 11, 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. DAVID TRAVIS AS THE 11TH PRESIDENT OF LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University authorized the establishment of a presidential search committee; and

WHEREAS, multiple forums and listening sessions were held with University and community stakeholders to inform the presidential profile and overall search process; and

WHEREAS, a fifteen-member search committee selected to represent the full range of the LSSU family, from faculty and staff to students, alumni and community leaders, was charged by the Board of Trustees with identifying and recommending a number of highly qualified candidates for the position of president of Lake Superior State University and successfully completed this charge; and

WHEREAS, the candidate presented for appointment, Dr. David Travis, holds the requisite qualifications, characteristics, and skills desired in the next president of Lake Superior State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Travis has exhibited academic leadership through his current appointment at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and further, at his previous appointment at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, as Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences as well as Associate Dean of Assessment and Co-Director of the LEARN (Learning, Enhancement, Assessment and Research) Center; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University appoints Dr. David Travis as the 11th President of Lake Superior State University, effective June 3, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Dr. David Travis as a Professor of Environmental Science, subject to any applicable and appropriate LSSU faculty review process; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute all such documents and agreements as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this resolution.