

Winston-Salem State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes
September 20, 2024
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Chair Kathleen Kelly called the meeting to order.

The following trustees were present at call to order: Kathleen Kelly, Bill Miller, Brent Moore, L'Tanya Bailey, Matthew Cullinan, Tyrone McNair, Jr., Drewry Nostitz, Pam Oliver, Ricky Sides, Robert Barr, Laura Gerald. Trustee Carlos Pauling was in attendance virtually. Trustee Alex Johnson was absent.

II. Report of the Nominating Committee

Trustee Nostitz provided a report on behalf of the nominating committee for the upcoming slate of nominees for the 2024-2025 trustees for officer consideration. They are as follows:

Board Chair: Bill Miller

Board Vice-Chair: Brent Moore

Board Secretary: Alex Johnson

III. Board Officers Election

After receipt of the slate of nominees, Chair Kelly called for nominations of positions from the floor. No nominations from the floor were presented. A motion was made to close the nominations and proceed with voting. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting was conducted by voice, and the following officers were elected unanimously:

Board Chair: Bill Miller

Board Vice-Chair: Brent Moore

Board Secretary: Alex Johnson

IV. Conflict of Interest Statement

Chairman Miller read the following statement: *“All Board Members are reminded of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees’ meeting. If any board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time.”* There were no conflicts noted.

V. Roll Call

Present Members: Kathleen Kelly, Bill Miller, Brent Moore, L'Tanya Bailey, Matthew Cullinan, Tyrone McNair, Jr., Drewry Nostitz, Pam Oliver, Ricky Sides, Robert Barr, Laura Gerald

Virtual Attendee: Carlos Pauling

Absent: Alex Johnson

VI. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approval of June 14, 2024 Full Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of July 9, 2024 Called Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of July 29, 2024 Called Meeting Minutes
- D. Approval of Engineering Services for Elva Jones HVAC Replacement
- E. Approval of Designer Selection for Eller Hall Renovation and Elevator Addition
- F. Authorization of Campus Master Plan Consultant Search
- G. Repurpose of Mackenzie Scott and Move Funds to UNC Management
- H. Internal Audit Plan 2024-2025

VII. Report of Chancellor Brown

Chancellor Brown provided an update on her first 60 days at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), reflecting on her experiences and accomplishments during this period. She shared the current enrollment data, offering a demographic breakdown and comparing the 2023-2024 enrollment targets to the current numbers, providing insight into the University's progress.

In addition to the enrollment update, Chancellor Brown highlighted several student stories and engagement opportunities that she participated in since her arrival. These experiences showcased the vibrant campus life and the connection between students, faculty, and staff.

Key highlights from her report included:

- Faculty and Staff Professional Development: Emphasizing the importance of continuous growth and support for WSSU's faculty and staff.
- Athletic Success: Acknowledging the achievements of WSSU's athletic programs, further demonstrating the University's commitment to excellence.
- WSSU Day of Giving and WSSU Day (September 27, 2024): Celebrating these initiatives as opportunities to showcase the talent and dedication of WSSU's faculty, staff, and students.

These achievements contribute to the University's strategic branding and enhance its positive reputation within the Winston-Salem community. Chancellor Brown noted that WSSU is committed to maintaining its national reputation for equity and upward mobility.

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Concluding her report, Chancellor Brown shared plans for the upcoming semester, aligning these goals with WSSU's mission to continue progressing in a positive direction.

VIII. Report of Board Chair

Chair Miller expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the newly elected WSSU Board Chair, emphasizing his commitment to advancing the mission of the University. He noted that he aims to identify opportunities to strengthen the resolve and progress of the institution during his tenure. Chair Miller also extended thanks to Trustee Kelly for her leadership and support throughout the University's transitions, acknowledging her efforts in strengthening relationships with various University entities.

Additionally, Chair Miller provided a brief overview of the Board of Trustees (BOT) Workshop held on September 19, 2024, which was facilitated by Mrs. Artis Cowan Hampshire. The workshop offered valuable insights and guidance to Trustees, helping them understand their roles and capabilities in making a significant impact on the University.

Looking ahead, Chair Miller shared his vision for the Board over the next 12 months and encouraged Trustees to continue their dedicated work for the advancement and betterment of WSSU.

IX. Report of the Committees

The Board received reports from the following committees:

- a. Audit, Risk, and Compliance (Trustee Bailey)
- b. Finance and Administration (Trustee Cullinan)

X. Adoption of Committee Meeting Reports*

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees accept the committee meeting reports as given. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Motion to Go into Closed Session

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees accept the motion to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Closed Session

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees to accept the motion to come out of closed session, the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the closed session were prepared separately.

XIII. Statement of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Chair Miller reported that while in closed session, the Board received updates on confidential audit and litigation matters.

XIV. Announcements

Announcements about the following events were provided:

- A. **WSSU Day of Giving-Friday, September 27, 2024**
- B. **Free Screening & Reception: Driving Innovation: A Spotlight on Motorsports Management at WSSU**
- C. **WSSU Homecoming (November 2-9, 2024)**
- D. **WSSU Board of Visitors Meeting (November 7, 2024)**
- E. **WSSU Fall Commencement (December 13, 2024)**
- F. **YES US Virgin Island Basketball Tournament (December 13-15, 2024)**
- G. **WSSU Foundation Board Meeting (January 18, 2025)**

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

XVII. Next Full Board Meeting-Friday, December 6, 2024

XVIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by Deidra R. Gilliard.