ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ECSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference (Zoom)
https://ecsu.zoom.us/j/93718973821?pwd=L6bNWdXtUc4gITY43K6y1bGQaPpugi.1

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the acting Chair Johnny Tillett at 1:00 p.m.

II. Administration of the Oath of Office

The Honorable Judge Cole administered the oath of office to new and reappointed Trustees. Trustees were asked to place their left hand on the Bible and raise their right hand to repeat the oath. The full oath was administered, affirming allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the State of North Carolina, and a commitment to faithfully discharge the duties as members of the ECSU Board of Trustees.

The Board congratulated the newly sworn-in members.

III. Roll Call

Roll was called after the oath by Natalie Jones, The following Trustees were present via zoom.

- James Copland
- Christine Evans
- Stephen Friedrich
- James Gailliard
- Katherine Holding
- James Kinion
- Wendy Pierce
- Denauvo Robinson
- Jasmine Jackson
- Patricia Norman
- Johnny Tillett

- Art Hall
- Justin Waddell

Quorum was established.

IV. Ethics Reminder

Board members were reminded of their duty under the State Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest or appearances thereof. Any known conflicts related to matters on the agenda were to be disclosed at this time.

V. Trustee Officer Elections

Trustee James Copland introduced the slate of officers for the 2025–2026 term:

- **Chair:** Justin Waddell
- **Vice Chair:** Johnny Tillett
- **Secretary:** Patricia Norman

No additional nominations were made, the motion to close nominations was approved without objection.

Electronic ballots were distributed and all 13 Trustees voted.

Election Results:

- Chair: Justin Waddell
- Vice Chair: Johnny Tillett
- Secretary: Patricia Norman

Chair Waddell thanked the board for their support and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve, noting his commitment to the University's mission and to working closely with Chancellor Hargrove and fellow board members.

VI. Action Item: Creation of Equality Policy Compliance Subcommittee

Chair Waddell requested a motion to create a subcommittee to oversee ECSU’s compliance with the UNC System’s equality policy directive. The subcommittee will be comprised of five trustees and subject to approval by the UNC System President.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Johnny Tillett and second by Trustee James Gailliard, to create the Equality Policy Compliance Subcommittee.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee Appointments (Pending UNC System President Approval):

1. Trustee James Copland
2. Trustee Stephen Fredrick
3. Trustee Patricia Norman
4. Trustee James Gailliard
5. Trustee Christine Evans

VII. Announcements

- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** The new dining hall and residence hall ribbon cutting will take place on **Monday, August 4, 2025**. Additional details to follow.
- **Next Regular Meeting:** Scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, at the K.E. White Graduate Center, Elizabeth City, NC.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 1:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Natalie Jones