

MINUTES

May 5, 2025
Via Videoconference (Zoom)

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This Special Meeting of the ECSU Board of Trustees was presided over by Chair Stephanie Johnson. The following trustees, constituting a quorum, were virtually present via Zoom: Phyllis Bosomworth, James Copland, Chris Evans, Stephen Friedrich, James Gailliard, Kathryn Holding, Stephanie Johnson, Tiffany Jones, Patricia Norman, Johnny Tillett, Paul Tine, and Justin Waddell. Trustee Kayla Dixon was not present.

Staff member(s) present included: Regina C. Rudisill, General Counsel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stephanie Johnson at 11:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was performed by Ms. Natalie Jones.

3. State Government Ethics Act

Chair Stephanie Johnson read the State Government Ethics Act and gave the purpose of the meeting. The purpose of this special meeting is to recommend an unranked slate of at least three candidates for the UNC President's consideration in selecting a nominee for the position of Chancellor. No one mentioned a conflict of interest based on the information and materials received.

4. Closed Session

Chair Johnson called for a motion to go into closed session. In order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, Trustee Johnny Tillett made a motion to go into closed session so the board can discuss confidential matters pertaining to the University. The motion was seconded by Trustee Paul Tine. The motion carried unanimously. All individuals in the zoom meeting who were not board members and the general counsel were placed in the

waiting room for the duration of the closed session. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) & (6), the board went into closed session at 11:11 a.m.

5. Open Session

Trustee Johnny Tillett made the motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Patricia Norman and the meeting returned to open session at 11:36 a.m.

Trustee Paul Tine notified the board that this was his final meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees. He is resigning after today's meeting to assume his new role as the Commissioner of the NC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), effective tomorrow. Trustee Tine expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve, and his deep appreciation for Elizabeth City State University, affirming his continued support for the institution.

Chair Johnson invited all individuals on the meeting to join her in a moment of silence to honor the young man who lost his life on ECSU's campus, and to remember all students and employees affected by the recent act of violence. The board solemnly acknowledged the loss and extended their condolences.

Chair Johnson expressed the importance of Trustee attendance and active engagement with the University community during this period of transition. She encouraged her fellow Trustees to show their support by attending the upcoming Spring Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Trustees were asked to notify Mr. Robert Boone if they plan to attend commencement, especially if they were bringing a guest, to ensure proper seating accommodations. It was noted that approximately 228 students are expected to graduate.

6. Adjourn

With there being no further business and without objection, Chair Stephanie Johnson adjourned the board meeting at 11:49 a.m.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Jones