



**Utah Board of Higher Education
Utah System of Higher Education
Thursday, November 30, 2023**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

Amanda Covington, Chair
Steve Neeleman, Vice Chair
Javier Chávez, Jr.
Jon Cox
Sharon Eubank
Danny Ipson
Aaron Skonnard
Cydni Tetro

Board Members Absent

Tina Marriott Larson

Office of the Commissioner

Geoff Landward, Interim Commissioner
Nate Talley, Deputy Commissioner and CFO
Alison Adams, General Counsel
Russ Galt, Senior Assistant Commissioner for Tech Education Finance
Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist
Loreen Olney, Administrative Assistant
Brian Shuppy, Senior Assistant Commissioner for Budget and Planning
Melissa Van Hien, Office Manager / Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Institutional Presidents Present

Mindy Benson, Southern Utah University
Darin Brush, Davis Technical College
Chad Campbell, Bridgerland Technical College
Elizabeth Cantwell, Utah State University
Clay Christensen, Mountainland Technical College
Paul Hacking, Tooele Technical College
Deneece Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College
Stacey McIff, Snow College

Brad Mortensen, Weber State University
Jordan Rushton, Dixie Technical College
Jim Taggart, Ogden-Weber Technical College
Astrid Tuminez, Utah Valley University
Aaron Weight, Uintah Basin Technical College
Richard Williams, Utah Tech University
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical College

Other Guests

John Dougall, Utah State Auditor
Japheth McGee, Zions Bank
Val Peterson, Vice President for Administration/Strategic Relations, Utah Valley University
Wayne Vaught, Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Utah Valley University

Chair Covington called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Committee of the Whole

Presentation & Discussion of Institution Tuition and Fees Analysis

Nate Talley presented a review of the tuition and fee-setting process. Interim Commissioner Landward shared the history around the tuition setting process with the merging of the system. He further

explained the process the Commissioner's office is taking to train trustees and vet materials received from institutions before the requests are presented to the Board. **Board Member Ipson motioned to approve and direct the Commissioner to distribute the 2024-25 Institutional Board of Trustees Tuition & Fee Setting Guidance, with an emphasis on fiscal prudence. Board member Cox seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

Policy R522 Amendments

Nate Talley presented the agenda materials as outlined and reviewed the proposed amendments. Based on a discussion in the Council of Presidents, the current November 29 deadline to submit annual goals could put some pressure on institutions in case we don't have a consensus on what the actual data looks like. They agreed to move the deadline to one week after consensus around the actual numbers. **Chair Covington moved to approve the proposed amendments to R522, Annual Performance Goal Setting and Funding Determination, with the adjustment to the November 29 deadline being one week after there is consensus around the actual numbers. Board member Tetro seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

Academic Year 2022-23 Institution Performance Goal Evaluation

Nate Talley presented as outlined in the agenda materials. There was a discussion amongst the Board members and presidents regarding the performance goals and access. Nate reviewed timely completion measures. They discussed using one-time funding to help change the trajectory and reviewed high-yield performance by institution. Nate noted an issue with program alignment, and we will continue to work on that. **Vice Chair Neeleman motioned to approve the proposed performance funding distributions for the 2023 General Session ongoing appropriations to degree-granting institutions and the Board requested \$30 million in new performance funding in FY 2025. Board member Tetro seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

Academic Year 2023-24 Institution Performance Goal Setting

Nate presented the agenda materials as outlined and reviewed the goals. There was a discussion on how to set annual goals to meet the five-year goals for access. Nate reviewed goals for timely completion and high-yield. **Board Member Ipson motioned to adopt the proposed performance funding goals for the academic year 2023-24. Board member Skonnard seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

FY 2024-2025 Prioritization of External Requests for Appropriation

Nate presented, as outlined in the agenda materials. **Chair Covington motioned to adopt the 2024 General Session external requests for appropriations in the order prioritized by the Board. Board member Cox seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

Shared Services Update

Nate provided an update on Shared Services. There was a discussion about the RFP process and the benefits and drawbacks of shared services. **Vice Chair Neeleman moved to support and approve the proposed expansion of shared services in the areas of commercialization, Title IX, information technology, and benefits/payroll. Board member Tetro seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

Board member Tetro motioned to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Board member Eubank seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Closed Session

Board member Skonnard moved to adjourn. Chair Covington seconded the motion. The Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Date Approved:

Geoffrey Landward, Secretary