



**Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2024**

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 7, 2024.

Committee members present: George Soule, Chair; Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair; Tim Huebsch, Treasurer; Jay Cowles, Jim Grabowska, Roger Moe, Cheryl Tefer

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Idman Ibrahim, Kathy Sheran

Staff present: Scott Olson, Chancellor; Kari Campbell, Executive Director

The meeting materials are available [here](#).

Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes of October 2, 2024**

Chair Soule asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes. Chair Soule asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Moe made the motion and Trustee Erlandson provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Chancellor's Updates**

Chair Soule and Trustees,

My remarks will be brief. I want to begin with a construction remodel update. We had a walk through yesterday after a construction meeting, and the 4<sup>th</sup> floor is gone! We are excited for the project to progress.

I wanted to thank Trustees Erlandson, Huebsch and Soule, who attended President Janz's Presidential Inauguration this past Friday. Thanks also to Trustee Jacquie Johnson for attending the Students United event this past Saturday.

Chair Soule called on Bernie Omann from the Government Relations team to join the table to provide perspective on the recent election. Omann noted the challenge of operating in a 67-67

split in the state senate and noted that maintaining and building relationships will be key. He emphasized that we should continue working with campuses to keep in touch with legislature to keep our messaging strong.

### **Chair's Update**

Thank you, Chancellor and Bernie, for the update. I attended President Janz's Inauguration, and it was a positive and fun event. It is evident that President Janz is well regarded and has many partnerships. Also, a big thank you to Trustees Sheran and Jana Johnson who both attended the Normandale Foundation Breakfast last month.

A brief comment on the election: we all may have different opinions, but as far as I am concerned, it is "full steam ahead" regarding our workplan! I believe we will continue to make progress with the legislature as we keep our focus on Equity 2030 and other key initiatives.

### **Agenda Item 5 & 6: FY2025 Committee Workplan and Board Committee Calendar**

Chair Soule invited Executive Director Campbell to provide updates on both the committee workplan and calendar for FY2025. Executive Director Campbell wanted to put priority/special attention on two items: governance documents and committee charters. We will be reviewing these in the next couple of months. Executive Director Campbell would like to give the annual board assessment focus during May and June, as well as talk about planning for next year's board retreat. The remaining board meetings for FY2025 will take place at Metro State while we go through remodel here at Wells Fargo Place.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

### **Agenda Item 7: Report from ACCT Conference**

Chair Soule invited Trustees Erlandson and Ibrahim to give a summary of their time spent at the ACCT Conference last month in Seattle. Both trustees shared highlights and felt it was a useful conference.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Soule adjourned the meeting at 8:34 a.m.