



**Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2023**

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 1, 2023.

Committee members present: Roger Moe, Chair; George Soule, Vice Chair; Jay Cowles, Treasurer; Dawn Erlandson, April Nishimura, Kathy Sheran, Cheryl Tefer

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Alex Cirillo, Idman Ibrahim, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch

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

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

Chair Moe called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes of October 4, 2023**

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

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

**Chancellor's Updates**

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, trustees-

I will first start off with highlights from my Northland visit last week. I held campus conversations at both EGF and TRF campus with students, faculty, staff, cabinet, and the President's Advisory Group. Folks up there are very future oriented in what they want when looking for a new president. I unfortunately missed out on the student BBQ club – heard they were smoking meatloaf. Campuses shared perspectives and I will come back to the board in the next few weeks with a decision about how to proceed with the presidency.

The legislative session is right around the corner, as many trustees know we have a meeting this coming Monday at the Capitol with Chair Pelowski. On Friday, we will meet with MMB Commissioner Erin Campbell and members of the Governor's team to present the board's

capital program request. I continue my outreach with legislators – just had lunch with Representative Marion Rarick (formerly O’Neill) in Maple Lake. It was a nice visit. We have six (6) 2024 Legislative Breakfasts scheduled between February/March. We will send the dates to trustees and welcome you all. Chair Moe would agree that these were great engagement opportunities. Today I am driving down to Northfield for the President Biden Visit for a speech at a farm. He will be joined by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and will be highlighting federal investments in rural areas. We will also be Keith Olander, Executive Director for the Minnesota State Northern Agricultural Center of Excellence (which operates out of Central Lakes College).

I wanted to give you a quick enrollment update-overall, enrollment across the system this fall was up 2.3%. for the first time in a while, we have turned that corner. It was up more dramatically in the colleges. The universities were slightly down overall, but university presidents are excited about their recent first year enrollment numbers. We have a long way to go to get back to the numbers of 2010-2011, but things are trending up,

### **Chair’s Update**

First of all, I just want to thank the Chancellor for his comments at Hennepin Tech last month. It was great and you really set a wonderful tone. Thanks to President Bodin and her team for hosting us.

I was fortunate to be at the groundbreaking at the Weld Hall remodeling at MSU-Moorhead. I did a little research and found out that Harvard University also has a Weld residential hall. I also learned that MSU’s Weld Hall is supposedly haunted! There are many stories about this. I then made the joke to President Downs about including all the ghosts on the enrollment count!

### **Agenda Item 5: FY2024 board effectiveness work**

Chair Moe invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an overview of the recent board effectiveness findings and next steps.

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

### **Agenda Item 6: Minnesota MedTech 3.0 Tech Hub designation**

Chair Moe invited Shannon Bryant, Executive Director of Workforce and Economic Development, to give an update on Minnesota’s recent federal designation as a Tech Hub.

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

### **Adjournment**

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.