



**Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2024**

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on January 10, 2024.

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, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, Idman Ibrahim

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 November 1, 2023**

Chair Moe asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Cowles made the motion and Vice Chair Soule 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 would like to begin this first meeting of the year with an update on Executive Searches. For the Winona President search, we have confidential semi-finalist interviews that will be occurring in the coming weeks. It is a strong pool of candidates and a recommendation is anticipated for the March BOT meeting. Regarding the Northland One-year Interim President search, we start advertising next week. A recommendation is anticipated for the April BOT meeting.

Finally, the Two-year Interim President position for St. Cloud State is also kicking off. There will be campus listening sessions on February 12<sup>th</sup>, where we will be meeting with students, faculty, staff, leadership, and community members. A community session is being hosted by the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation as well. A recommendation is anticipated

for the April BOT meeting. With all of these searches – involvement of trustees is critical and we appreciate their partnership to help with interviews.

The next big item is the System Office Space remodel. This is a fast-moving train! After an RFP process, we have secured Pope Design Group, St. Paul to help us with the design phase. Pope just met with cabinet last week. It is exciting to start thinking of how we can design a space that will meet our needs now and into the future. At this point, I will hand it off to Bill and Brian for updates and explain more about the gross square footage miscalculation that occurred. CBRE takes full responsibility for this error and we are moving forward with revised information.

### **Chair's Update**

Thank you, Chancellor. I do not have many updates this morning, but did want to note that Representative Pelowski, who has been a great advocate for higher education, is retiring after 35 years. You may also recall there was talk about sitting down with the U of M Board of Regents. We have decided to postpone this to summer after legislative time is over. Last month I enjoyed attending the MSU-Moorhead commencement. We also had a Special Board Meeting regarding ratification of the MSCF contract. Finally, I wanted to let you know that we plan to do an "AI 101" presentation for the Board in the near future.

### **Agenda Item 5: FY2024 Board Operating Budget Update**

Chair Moe invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an update on the FY2024 Board Operating Budget.

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

### **Agenda Item 6: Board Committee Structure: Context and Considerations**

Chair Moe again invited Executive Director Campbell kick-off a series of discussions focused on the Board's committee structure. Director Campbell asked trustees for thoughts on how current committees are functioning and possible improvements. Several trustees made comments stating that it is important and necessary to go through this process to optimize Board effectiveness.

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

### **Agenda Item 7: Legislative Update**

Chair Moe invited Bernie Omann, Special Assistant to the Chancellor/Government Relations, to give an update on the current legislative environment.

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

### **Adjournment**

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.