



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on May 3, 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: Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Kari Campbell, Executive Director

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

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

Chancellor's Updates

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, trustees-

Good morning! I would like to start with a Legislative Update. The Higher Education Conference Committee's first meeting is later this afternoon. Vice Chancellor Maki is prepared to provide testimony on Minnesota State's behalf. We continue to work hard to advocate for our colleges and universities and our students, faculty, and staff and look forward as these historic investments get closer to the finish line.

Regarding Presidential Searches, the Search Advisory Committee has concluded the confidential interviews with candidates for the next president of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. I made a commitment from the beginning that this would be a partnership between Minnesota State and the Fond du Lac Tribal College Board of Directors. The next step in the process is to meet with them to review the process and our next proposed steps. Finalists will visit the college campus and the system office the week of May 30th. My thanks to Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, and Trustee Janezich for their willingness to assist with these interviews. It is my intent to bring my recommendation to the June Board meeting.

I want to talk about the Chancellor Transition. Well, it has finally dawned on me that there are consequences for my actions. When I said I wanted to retire, you took it seriously and really did search for a new chancellor! This is an exciting time for our system and for the future of Minnesota State and I look forward to an announcement soon of my successor. Thoughts will quickly turn to transition and how to assist the chancellor-designate in their preparation not only over the next three months, but as they embark on their first few months at the helm of this thing called Minnesota State. I have had discussions with my cabinet over the past few months to help me in my own thinking about the transition. In consultation with Chair Moe, I will share with the board a transition plan that will serve as a springboard for conversations with the chancellor-designate.

The transition plan will focus on three primary areas: Background and Information Set; Relationship Cultivation and Management; and Communication. In addition, with the Chair's guidance, we will identify critical areas for consultation (in the short-term) with the chancellor-designate to keep them apprised of issues or operational matters. Just as we aim to customize and personalize the educational experience for our students – we must embrace the same philosophy for the chancellor-designate. I stand ready to work with the chancellor-designate on a smooth transition.

Finally, I am pleased to make an introduction this morning – Shannon Bryant. Shannon is on Day 3 as our new Executive Director for Workforce and Economic Development. So, with the Chair's permission, I would like to ask Shannon to join us.

Chair's Update

Thank you, Chancellor. Since we last met, things have been quite busy. Last week we had the ASA awards banquet, which is always a highlight of the year and recognizes outstanding faculty and support staff. Truly an enjoyable event. I'm newly updated on the Next-Gen project and staff have been diligent in following all of that – I thank them for the time and effort. As we know, this is an enormous undertaking and that things are moving along. I now call on Bernie Omann to provide an update on the legislative matters.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of January 4, 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.

Agenda Item 4: FY2024 New President Orientation an Onboarding Pilot

Chair Moe invited Chancellor Malhotra and Chief of Staff Simonsen to provide an overview of the FY2024 New President Orientation an Onboarding Pilot. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 6.

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

Agenda Item 5: Revised FY2024 meeting calendar (First Reading)

Chair Moe invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an overview of the revised FY2024 meeting calendar. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 7.

This being first reading, there was no vote taken.

Agenda Item 6: Proposed FY2024 Board Operating Budget

Chair Moe again invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an overview of the proposed FY2024 Board Operating Budget. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 10. Feedback was received from committee members.

Vice Chair Soule made the motion and Trustee Cowles seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Chair Moe	Yes
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Vice Chair Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.