



**Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2024**

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 17, 2024.

Trustees present: Roger Moe, Chair; George Soule, Vice Chair; Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Tim Huebsch, Idman Ibrahim, Jerry Janezich, Christopher Richter, Kathy Sheran, Cheryl Tefer

Trustees absent: Micah Coatie, Jim Grabowska, Javier Morillo, April Nishimura

Staff present: Scott Olson, Chancellor

Meeting materials and audio recordings are available on the [Board of Trustees website](#).

Chair Moe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Other Business**

Chair Moe called upon President Inch of Mankato State University, Mankato to share the recent national success of both their men's and women's basketball team.

**Student Associations and Bargaining Units**

Student associations and bargaining units were invited to submit written remarks and given the opportunity to address the board in person. No written remarks were provided.

In person remarks were provided by:

- Students United: Marwah Asif, President
- Inter Faculty Organization: Jenna Chernega, President
- Minnesota State College Faculty: President Kevin Lindstrom was accompanied by Faith Erickson, a contingent faculty member at SCTCC
- Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty: Kristy Modrow, President

**Chancellor's Report, Scott Olson**

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, and trustees-

I just want to note that, to be completely clear, we fully support the right of our faculty to research, publish or perform, to speak out and teach within their area of expertise. Thanks

for the prompt to remind of us that today. With that, I will conclude my remarks, as we have the ASA Awards Banquet to get to!

### **Chair's Report**

Well, Chancellor, that certainly sets a precedent! My comments will also be brief. We completed a series of very successful legislative breakfasts in preparation for the legislative session. It included at least a fourth of the legislature and has become quite popular. We extended our congratulations to the MSU-Mankato basketball teams and completed two interim presidential searches for both Northland Community and Technical College and St. Cloud State University. Thank you to the trustees who were part of the interview committees.

### **Consent Agenda**

Chair Moe asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was conducted. Trustee Huebsch motioned and Trustee Richter seconded. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Coatie	Absent
Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Grabowska	Absent
Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Ibrahim	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Absent
Trustee Richter	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of March 19, 2024 Committee of the Whole
2. Minutes of March 20, 2024
3. Proposed Amendment to Policy 3.23 Naming Colleges and Universities (Second Reading)
4. Contracts Requiring Board Approval
  - a. Education Solutions Software Licensing Agreement, System Office

5. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 5.25 Use of Electronic Signatures (Second Reading)
6. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 5.9 Biennial and Annual Operating Budget Planning and Approval (Second Reading)

### **Board Standing Committee Reports**

#### Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee, George Soule, Chair

Committee Chair Soule reported that the committee approved recommendation for two items.

First, the Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

*The Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of Chancellor Olson, appoints Shari Olson as Interim President of Northland Community & Technical College, with the anticipated effective date of July 1, 2024, subject to the completion of an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.*

Recommendations of a committee do not require a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Coatie	Absent
Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Grabowska	Absent
Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Ibrahim	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Absent
Trustee Richter	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the recommended motion.

Second, the Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

*The Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee recommends that the Board*

*of Trustees, upon recommendation of Chancellor Olson, appoints Larry Dietz as Interim President of St. Cloud State University, with the anticipated effective date of July 1, 2024, subject to the completion of an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan.*

Recommendations of a committee do not require a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Coatie	Absent
Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Grabowska	Absent
Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Ibrahim	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Absent
Trustee Richter	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the recommended motion.

The board also received reports from meetings of the following committees:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, George Soule, Chair
- Finance and Facilities Committee, Jay Cowles, Chair
- Outreach and Engagement Committee, Dawn Erlandson, Chair

### **Other Reports**

There were no other trustee reports.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.