



**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on June 7, 2023.

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

Committee members absent: Kathy Sheran

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 8:01 a.m.

Chancellor's Updates

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, trustees-

JI just returned from my last Leadership Council meeting. Many thanks to the team at Lake Superior College for hosting. It was memorable and for a moment – I questioned my decision to retire. But it was just a moment.

I wanted to update you on a couple of executive searches underway. First, with regard to Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, two finalists completed their campus and system office interviews last week. Campus interviews included conversations with students, faculty, staff, administrators, community members, the Tribal College Board of Directors, and with Vice Chair Soule and Trustee Janezich. Campus feedback and reference checks have been completed and I look forward to bringing forward my recommendation to the June meeting.

Second, two weeks ago we launched a process to identify an interim president for Winona State University. Interim searches follow an abbreviated process largely due to time constraints to ensure a smooth and timely transition of leadership. Chancellor-Designate Olson and I have reviewed the applications received and have selected three finalists to

interview – their names will be shared with the campus community later this morning. We have an overwhelming response to the call for interim president having received over 60+ nominations and over 20 applications both internal and external to Minnesota State. Chancellor-Designate Olson and I will interview the finalists later this week and look forward to bringing a recommendation forward also to the June meeting.

I will close my remarks with an update on the chancellor transition. Chancellor-Designate Olson and I have begun to meet in order to provide him timely and updated information. In the coming weeks he will begin to meet with members of cabinet. I continue to be excited not only for Scott in this leadership transition, but also for Minnesota State.

Thank you Chair Moe, that concludes my remarks.

Chair's Update

Thank you, Chancellor, for your comments...and thank you also for your comments last Friday. I appreciate that as well as my colleagues who attended and all the kind words. We have completed a successful legislative session. Everyone pulled together, and I think we can all agree, it was a successful session. We would have liked a bit more success in the Workforce area, but will address that this fall. Let's move onto the minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of May 3, 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: Revised FY2024 Meeting Calendar (Second Reading)

Chair Moe invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an overview of the changes to the FY2024 Board Meeting Calendar. Meeting materials for this item begin on page 6.

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

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

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 5: Update on 2023 legislative session

Chair Moe invited Bernie Omann to provide an update on the 2023 legislative session. Vice Chancellor Brian Yolitz then joined to give an update on facilities funding. Vice Chancellor Davis shared information on the impact of the recently passed Family and Medical Leave legislation. Feedback was received from committee members. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 9.

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

Agenda Item 6: Update on system office space planning

Vice Chancellor Brian Yolitz then provided an update on system office space planning. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 10. Feedback was received from committee members.

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

Agenda Item 7: Update on board assessment planning

Chair Moe again invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an update on board assessment planning. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 11. Feedback was received from committee members.

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

Adjournment

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.