

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
August 18, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**\*\*MEETING WAS IN-PERSON AND CONDUCTED BY TELECONFERENCE\***

**Board of Regents Room  
2nd Floor Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
(Primary Physical Location)**

**MINUTES**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Elaine Farris, Ed.D. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Elise Borne, Board Liaison, conducted roll call:

Regent Ron Banks	Present
Regent Carolyn Burns, MD	Present
Regent Elaine Farris, Ed.D.	Present
Regent Chandee Felder	Present
Regent Paul Harnice, Esq.	Present
Regent Dalton Jantzen	Present
Regent Rahul Reddy, MD	Absent
Regent Roger Reynolds	Present
Regent Jason Robinson	Present

Eight Regents were in attendance. Quorum was established.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board to adopt the agenda of the August 18, 2021 Special Called Meeting.  
Seconded by Regent Robinson and passed without dissent.

**IV. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**MOTION** by Regent Reynolds:

Move the Board to keep the existing Chair and Vice Chair: Regent Elaine Farris, Chair  
and Regent Dalton Jantzen, Vice Chair.  
Seconded by Regent Burns.

Noting dissent, a roll call vote on the motion was held.

Regent Carolyn Burns – yes  
Regent Elaine Farris – yes  
Regent Chandee Felder – no  
Regent Paul Harnice – yes  
Regent Dalton Jantzen – yes  
Regent Roger Reynolds –yes  
Regent Jason Robinson –yes

The motion passed with dissent.

**V. Election of Secretary**

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board to elect Roger Reynolds as Secretary of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents.

Seconded by Regent Felder and passed without dissent.

**VI. Appointment of Greg Rush/CFO as Treasurer**

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board to appoint Greg Rush as Treasurer of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents.

Seconded by Regent Reynolds and passed without dissent.

**VII. Overview of the Executive Order Relating to Kentucky State University**

Dr. Aaron Thompson, President of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), shared a comprehensive overview of the Executive Order relating to KSU that was put in place by Governor Beshear. The Executive Order calls for CPE to provide an assessment of the current financial status of KSU, for KSU to provide CPE access to any records needed for the assessment, for CPE to assist KSU's Board of Regents in creating a management, and improvement plan, and for CPE to make recommendations to the KSU Board of Regents regarding its administrative structure and leadership.

Dr. Thompson shared that CFO Greg Rush has begun the necessary work and CPE has identified some issues that can be remediated quickly. Dr. Thompson stated that he will be completely transparent about the situation and KSU has the support of the Governor and CPE.

**VII. University Updates**

Finances/Greg Rush, CFO

Greg Rush, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO, shared an update regarding the University's finances. He stated that currently, KSU owes over \$13.5 million, including over \$3 million in unpaid vendor invoices with \$1.7 million over 121 days past due, payment of an ongoing energy performance contract of \$621,868 which was due in June but not paid until July, \$5.5 million in outstanding construction invoices, and a \$5

million unpaid Revenue Anticipation Note that was not paid by June 30. Additionally, deferred FICA payments from April 2020 through December 2020, a relief measure enacted due to COVID-19, total \$1,530,000 and must be repaid over the next two fiscal years but the payments of \$765,000 due in December 2021 and December 2022 do not appear to be listed in the KSU budget.

To solve the most immediate financial matters, the state budget office was able to advance Kentucky State's fourth quarter allotment of \$5.4 million which covered long overdue invoices and permission to draw down on the Revenue Anticipation Note has been requested but not yet used. He stated that administration has taken an aggressive approach to budget management and plans to review all expenditures and contracts, but the University's financial situation can't be fixed by budget cuts alone. A revenue infusion will be necessary to get KSU back to zero and could take many years. The administration has committed to transparency and at every quarterly meeting, the Board will receive a statement with cash position compared to prior years, aging schedule of payables, current accounts receivable, personnel actions, and any additional reports recommended by CPE.

#### Academic Affairs and Enrollment/Dr. Leroy Hamilton, Provost & VP of Academic Affairs

Provost Hamilton reported that KSU's enrollment is in a good position, growing steadily over the past five years. Students continue to be interested in coming to KSU and he is optimistic about the enrollment trends. KSU's fall census will be available on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and will give a snapshot of KSU's enrollment to present to CPE.

The current course modalities are 76 percent face-to-face and 23 percent online. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Academic Affairs is working to ensure continuity if a student becomes ill. Provost Hamilton stated that students will leave KSU at Thanksgiving Break and finish the semester online. He also shared that Academic Affairs is looking at what KSU is currently doing as far as advising and exploring different advising models to strengthen academic advising.

#### Housing/ Dr. Pernella Deams, Interim VP for Student Engagement & Campus Life

Dr. Deams shared that 1,201 housing applications were received, 1,069 applications were accepted, 72 applicants did not complete the application, 83 were waitlisted, and 22 applicants did not pay their deposit. All in all, there were 893 campus placements this semester.

#### Athletics/Ramon Johnson, Interim Athletic Director

AD Johnson reported that athletics has 13 sports and supervises the band, cheerleading, and the Golden Girls. A football schedule has been established with 11 games, including two classics. The SIAC has mandated that all individuals who are part of the game day experience must be vaccinated. He is monitoring the current vaccination status of all KSU players and has rapid antigen testing available.

#### Institutional Advancement/Tanya Carr, Interim VP for Brand Identity and University Relations



Interim VP Carr stated that \$1.7 million was raised in the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Giving Campaign. Ms. Carr encouraged the Regents to donate and shared that a second Bred Box is coming in October.

President's Updates/Clara Ross Stamps, Acting President

President Stamps shared that KSU's COVID-19 rates continue to remain low with only 17 student cases and seven employee positives this summer, with a total of 162 student cases and 36 employee cases. KSU only had two positive tests during student move in out of 526 with those students being sent home. 228 students provided proof of vaccination and more than 150 student athletes have been vaccinated. Masks are required in all buildings and HR has issued mandatory COVID training for employees. Weekly COVID updates have started and cases will be reported every Thursday.

Faculty and staff were welcomed back for Fall Encampment on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The morning encampment speaker was Dr. Aaron Thompson and the afternoon speaker was Dr. Fred Garcia, an author and issue management expert who spoke to the campus on how to build trust during a crisis.

President Stamps acknowledged that the conditions of the residence halls is disappointing. The dorms were occupied this summer and it was difficult to flip the rooms in one week, despite the effort of the campus community who mobilized to help clean the dorms. In some cases, cleaning was still occurring while students were moving in. To rectify the situation, KSU is going to explore hiring a cleaning service, creating a separate budget for auxiliary services, establishing a separate housekeeping unit for residence halls, placing two student employees in each building, and instituting building managers. KSU leadership will continue to respond to this issue and will provide an update at the September meeting.

**VIII. Action Items**

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board to approve the Capital Plaza contract.

Seconded by Regent Felder and passed without dissent

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board to approve the Best Western Parkside Inn contract.

Seconded by Regent Banks and passed without dissent

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board for approval to draw up to \$2.5 million from the Revenue Anticipation Note.

Seconded by Regent Jantzen and passed without dissent

**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:

Move the Board for Approval to Amend Administrative Regulation 745 KAR 1:035.

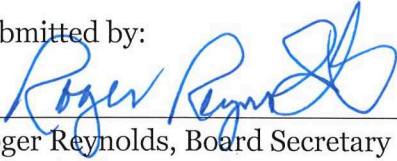
Seconded by Regent Felder and passed without dissent

**IX. Adjournment**

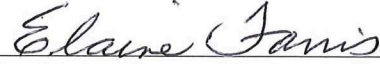
**MOTION** by Regent Harnice:  
Move the Board to adjourn.  
Seconded by Regent Felder and passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by:



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Roger Reynolds, Board Secretary  
Kentucky State University  
Board of Regents



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Dr. Elaine Farris, Chair  
Kentucky State University  
Board of Regents

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