

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Special Call Meeting of the Board of Regents
4:00 p.m., February 9, 2017
Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky
Regent Karen Bearden, Presiding**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

Chairperson Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University (“KSU” or the “University”) Board of Regents (the “Board”) to order on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

II. Opening Remarks:

Chairperson Bearden opened with brief, introductory remarks.

III. Roll Call:

Secretary Gordon Rowe conducted the roll call:

Regent Mindy Barfield	Present
Regent Karen Bearden	Present
Regent Elaine Farris	Present
Regent Ralph Williams	Present
Regent Paul Harnice	Present
Regent Dalton Jantzen	Absent
Regent Ekumene Lysonge	Present
Regent Derrick Gilmore	Present
Regent Elgie McFayden	Present
Regent Syamala H.K. Reddy	Absent

Eight Regents were in attendance and a quorum was established.

IV. Closed Session:

Action Item: Regent McFayden made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment of a specific employee matters and pending litigation, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(f). The motion was seconded by Regent Williams. The motion passed 8-0.

V. Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:40 p.m. Chairperson Bearden announced that, in closed session, the Board gave direction to counsel regarding litigation matters discussed during the session. The directives and the discussion related thereto were attorney-client privileged.

Action Item: Regent Lysonge made a motion on behalf of the Presidential Search Committee for the Board to accept a list of three (3) candidates as finalists for the presidential search. The finalists were:

- a) **M. Christopher Brown II, Provost of Southern University;**
- b) **Said Sewell, Provost of Lincoln University; and**
- c) **Judge Thomas Colbert, Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice.**

Chairperson Bearden called for a vote on the motion to accept the slate of three final candidates. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-2.

Chairperson Bearden announced that, by majority vote, the Board had accepted the recommendations of the Presidential Search Committee as to the final slate of three candidates.

Regent Harnice provided a statement to the Board listing several reasons as to why he voted "No" on the final list of candidates:

- Regent Harnice disagreed with the search process, in part because he believed that the full Board should be able to vote on the final candidates. He stated that he was not objecting to any individual candidate
- he also disagreed with the slate of candidates because he does not believe that he was given enough information to vote up or down on the final slate

Regent Farris also provided a statement as to why she voted "No" and was against the approval of the final list of candidates:

- Regent Farris also stated that she would have preferred to have read qualifications of all candidates before being asked to approve the final slate
- she also stated that she did not believe she was provided with sufficient information on final three candidates to vote to approve them

Regent McFayden, who was a member of the Presidential Search Committee, stated that the process used for the search was in accord with best practices and that the committee worked very hard to come up with the final slate.

Regent Farris requested that the representatives of Academic Search, Inc. who were involved in the search come before the full Board to explain the process and take questions about the process.

The Board directed Gordon Rowe to contact the search firm and request that its representatives appear at a special meeting of the Board.

Regent Williams thanked the members of the committee for their hard work in the presidential search.

Chairperson Bearden also thanked the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their diligence in the search.

VI. Adjournment

Action Item: Regent McFayden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Gilmore. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted By:

Gordon A. Rowe, Jr., Secretary
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

Karen W. Bearden, Chairperson
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

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