

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Special Call Meeting of the Board of Regents
5:00 p.m., March 13, 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 Monday, March 13, 2017, at 5:00 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 by video
Regent Paul Harnice	Present
Regent Dalton Jantzen	Present by video
Regent Ekumene Lysonge	Present
Regent Derrick Gilmore	Present
Regent Elgie McFayden	Present
Regent Syamala H.K. Reddy	Present
Regent Ron Banks	Present

Eleven Regents were in attendance and a quorum was established.

IV. Closed Session:

Action: Regent McFayden made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment of a specific employee and pending litigation, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and KRS 61.810(f). The motion was seconded by Regent Reddy. The motion passed 10-0.

V. Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:53 p.m. Regent Lysonge announced that no action was taken in closed session, except that the Board gave direction to counsel regarding litigation matters discussed during the session. The directives and the discussion related thereto was attorney-client privileged.

After Regent Lysonge's report, Gordon Rowe swore in Ron Banks as the newest Regent.

VI. Closed Session:

Action: Regent McFayden made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation, pursuant to KRS 61.180. The motion was seconded by Regent Reddy. The motion passed 10-0.

VII. Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:40 p.m. Regent Lysonge announced that no action was taken in closed session.

Action Item: Regent Lysonge made a motion to name Dr. M. Christopher Brown as the University's next president. The motion was seconded by Regent Gilmore. The motion passed on a vote of 7-3. Individual regents were polled as to their votes and the results were as follows:

Regent Mindy Barfield	Yes, in favor of Brown
Regent Karen Bearden	Abstain
*Regent Elaine Farris	No, not in favor of Brown

*Regent Farris explained her vote of No on Dr. Brown:

-Regent Farris stated that she believes that Dr. Brown is not right for KSU and that the KSU Board needs cleaning up before a vote is taken.

Regent Ralph Williams	Yes, in favor of Brown
*Regent Paul Harnice	No, not in favor of Brown.

*Regent Harnice issued a statement as to why he voted "No" on Dr. Brown:

-He believes that KSU Board needs to be cleaned up before a new president is named.

- He believes that the search should be redone.
- Regent Harnice said that he also did not have enough information to make a decision.
- Regent Harnice stated that KSU needs to get process right. He did not agree with the decision of the rest of the Board to not allow Dr. Aaron Thompson to have an opportunity to be voted on by the full Board. He complimented Dr. Thompson's work and said that he did enough to deserve a vote. He believes that Dr. Thompson made the relationship between KSU and the community better than what it had ever been.
- Regent Harnice criticized Academic Search's work and thought the search was not intensive.
- He recommended putting search in abeyance and said that the full Board should hear from faculty and students about the search. He recommended that search committee be reconstituted and should include the full Board and more students and faculty.
- Regent Harnice stated that KSU has been around for more than 130 years and it deserved a better process.

Regent Dalton Jantzen	Yes, in favor of Brown
Regent Ekumene Lysonge	Yes, in favor of Brown
Regent Derrick Gilmore	Yes, in favor of Brown
Regent Elgie McFayden	Yes, in favor of Brown
Regent Syamala H.K. Reddy	Yes, in favor of Brown
Regent Ron Banks	No, not in favor of Brown

*Regent Banks explained his "No" vote on Dr. Brown:

-Regent Banks stated that he voted "No" because he believed that the University already had the person it needed in Dr. Thompson and briefly talked about Dr. Thompson's qualifications.

So, Dr. M. Christopher Brown received 7 Yes votes, 3 No votes, and 1 Abstain vote in favor of his selection as President of the University. Regent Lysonge announced that Dr. M. Christopher Brown would be the next President of Kentucky State University, pending agreement on contract terms.

VIII. Adjournment

Action Item: Regent Reddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent McFayden. The motion passed on a vote of 10-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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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