

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

<p>Trustees Present (*via Zoom)</p>	<p>Trustee Raymond Ciccone, <i>Chair</i> Trustee Nelida Valentin, <i>Vice-Chair</i> Trustee Nancy Davis, <i>Secretary</i> Trustee Collins Days, Sr. (<i>Absent after 3:30 p.m.</i>) Trustee Mady Deininger Trustee Stanley Ellis Trustee Sonia Gonsalves Trustee Kristi Hanselmann Stephanie Lutz-Koch Trustee Michelle Keates *Trustee Amy Kennedy Trustee Timothy Lowry Trustee Jose Lozano (<i>Absent after 3:30 p.m.</i>) Trustee Fotios Tjournakaris Trustee Shalayby Parsons, Student Trustee Dr. Joseph Bertolino, President, and Ex Officio</p>
<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>Chair Raymond Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:24 p.m.</p>
<p>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2023.</p>	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Davos, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Open Public Meeting.</p>
<p>Approval of Open Public Special Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2023.</p>	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Davis the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2023 Board of Trustees Special Open Public Meetings.</p>
<p>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</p>	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Gonsalves, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 3:34 p.m.</p>
<p>Chair's Remarks</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He extended his warm welcome to President Joseph Bertolino and Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, Dr. Terricita Sass.</p>
<p>Oath of Office: Fotios Tjournakaris</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone welcomed new Trustee, Fotios Tjournakaris, to the Board of Trustees and, with President Bertolino, administered the Oath of Office.</p>

<p>President's Report</p>	<p>President Bertolino began his remarks by expressing his excitement and gratitude to serve as the President of Stockton University. He thanked those who were able to make his transition run smoothly. President Bertolino emphasized the importance of building relationships with one another throughout the Stockton community and shared his excitement to continue building those relationships. President Bertolino also shared his impression of current and future students after meeting them throughout the summer. Many of whom are first-generation students.</p> <p>President Bertolino highlighted a few initiatives, such as The Live-Work-Learn program in Atlantic City, of which 245 students have taken advantage of. The university also received a record \$42 million in state appropriation, which can mitigate the cost of higher education and provide more opportunities to first-generation and economically disadvantaged students. Lastly, President Bertolino highlights and recognizes the research that faculty and staff continue to do, as well as the grants they continue to apply for.</p>
<p>Academic Affairs & Planning Committee Report</p>	<p>Chair Ciccone called upon Trustee Sonia Gonsalves to provide the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Report.</p> <p>Committee Chair, Trustee Gonsalves began her report by reflecting on the most recent Academic Affairs and Planning Committee meeting. At this meeting, the committee discussed the Provost search, their expectations of a Provost, and the reorganized leadership profile, which now highlights the importance of the teacher-scholar model and academic excellence. Trustee Gonsalves also shared that the university will be utilizing a search firm to assist in facilitating the Provost search.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the meeting, Interim Provost Marissa Levy shared the numerous successes of Academic Affairs, including updates to the Library and Learning Commons, as well as the preparations Academic Affairs has been making for faculty to harness the advances in artificial intelligence. • Alex Marino, Director of Academic Operations, shared that the Live-Work-Learn Program has also seen an increase in the number of students who have secured employment for the program. This year, 442 students were program-eligible, and 244 secured employment. <p>Trustee Gonsalves presented a Resolution to offer a Master of Science Degree in Accounting.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Ciccone and seconded by Trustee Ellis the Board unanimously approved the resolution to offer a Master of Science Degree in Accounting.</p> <p>Trustee Gonsalves invited the Dean of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Ian Marshall, to provide information regarding the name change the</p>

	<p>school is seeking for the Communications Program’s Journalism and Media Studies concentration.</p> <p>Lastly, Dr. Robert Henrich, Vice President for Enrollment Management, updated the committee on the pre-registration pilot. After sending out a survey, data concluded that the show rate for first-year student orientations is above 94% for all sessions.</p>
<p>Student Success Committee Report</p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Nancy Davis began her report by thanking Dr. Chris Catching and his team for their hard work. She reflects on how far the university’s Student Services division has come since her time as a faculty member at Stockton.</p> <p>Trustee Davis discussed the Student Success Committee’s meeting, where they recognized the issue of food insecurity among students. They spoke about the different resources on campus that students can utilize for assistance. Trustee Davis invited Chris to address the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Catching acknowledged the work of the many offices such as Stockton Cares, Counseling and Psychological Services, and the Food Assistance Program. He expressed his gratitude for being able to provide such resources to students to ensure academic success.</p>
<p>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</p>	<p>Committee Chair, Trustee Stanley Ellis, began his report by thanking Jennifer Potter and her team for their hard work.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis presented two items for Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed FY24 Operating and Capital Budget and Adoption • Reappointment of Board Member to National Aerospace Research and Technology Park, Inc. <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Timothy Lowry and seconded by Trustee Davis the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda resolutions.</p> <p>Trustee Ellis presented two additional resolutions for Board review and consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY23-FY27 Bid Waiver Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cayuse Topco, Inc. dba Cayuse LLC (5-year waiver) - \$304,000 <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Nelida Valentin and seconded by Trustee Mady Deininger the Board unanimously approved the FY23-FY27 Bid Waiver Contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY23 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South Jersey Gas - \$48,500 <p>Upon a motion made by Trustee Deininger and seconded by Trustee Kristi Hanselmann, the Board approved the FY23 Increase in the Bid Waiver Contract.</p>

	<p>Trustee Ellis provided an update on the FY23 Operating and Capital budget. As of May 31, 2023, 98% of the revenue budget was realized and 99% of the expense budget was realized. The projected operating surplus was approximately \$4.8 million. Capital expenses to date totaled \$10.6 million.</p> <p>Additionally, Trustee Ellis provided an update on the NARTP reorganization.</p> <p>Lastly, Trustee Ellis reviewed the two bid waivers approved at the June 26, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY24 Bid Waiver Contract for Reading and Language Arts Centers Inc. dba Brainspring for \$140,000. • Increase in a Bid Waiver Contract for Tricia Mosher Consulting Inc. for \$199,015.
<p>Audit Committee Report</p>	<p>Committee Chair, Trustee Jose Lozano was absent. Trustee Ciccone gave the Audit Committee Report.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone gave updates on both the external and internal audits. The University external audit is well underway. Grant Thornton has completed their audit planning, and year-end audit procedures will begin in mid-August. Baker Tilly continues to make progress on the current internal audits and the Enterprise Risk Management project. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2023.</p>
<p>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</p>	<p>Trustee Ciccone yields the floor to Don Hudson, Senior Vice President for Facilities and Operations, to provide the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report. Mr. Hudson gave brief updates on the following projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase II: The University took over operations of the building on July 5, 2023. Security is in place, and the Residential Life offices are being prepped for occupancy. • North Athletic Campus Pavilion: The North Athletic Campus Pavilion is a 10,000-12,000 square feet facility to be located on the North Campus to provide shelter and restrooms for the Athletic Fields. The project start date is forthcoming. • Library Learning Commons: The university was awarded a grant of just under \$20 million for the Library Learning Commons. It will take several years to complete the project. Excited about the opportunity and will give ongoing updates as things progress. • Innovation Technology Grant: The university received a second grant to help enhance classroom technology. • Athletic and Recreation Center Expansion Center Project: The project is being put on hold; additional information will be shared at a later date.

	<p>Finally, Mr. Hudson spoke about the proposed Capital budget submission, which goes to the state. He shared that it's a process where they draw upon the needs of the University, specifically projects that are geared towards the University's Facility Master Plan.</p>
Advancement Committee Report	<p>Trustee Ciccone asked Dan Nugent, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the University Foundation to provide the Advancement Committee report due to the absence of Trustee Days.</p> <p>He highlighted a number of upcoming opportunities taking place in August for the campus community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Alumni Reunion Weekend – August 5th and 6th • Annual Day for the University at Morrey's Pier • Alumni Event at Wonder Bar in Asbury Park – August 13th • Atlantic City Air Show – August 16th <p>Lastly, Mr. Nugent promoted Ospreys Give, Stockton's Annual Day of Giving, which takes place on October 4th and 5th.</p>
Investment Committee Report	<p>Committee Chair, Trustee Michelle Keates reported on the University's long-term investment portfolio balance.</p> <p>As of May 31, 2023, the University's total portfolio balance was \$104,232,497. The return on investments for the first 11 months of FY23 was a gain of \$4,633,432. Trustee Keates shared that the Committee is scheduled to meet on August 22, 2023, at which time performance through June 30th will be reviewed.</p>
University Policies	<p>President Bertolino presented the Board with the following policies for a first reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I-102 Emergency Operations and Reporting - VI-85 Use of University-Owned Tools and Equipment <p>President Bertolino presented the resolution for approval of the following University Policies following a second reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - II-10.5 Faculty Evaluation Policy (<i>1st reading at the June 26th Executive Committee Meeting</i>) - VI-90 Smoking Policy <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Gonsalves, the Board unanimously approved the revised policies.</p>
Personnel Actions Resolution	<p>Upon a motion duly made by President Bertolino and seconded by Trustee Lowry, the Board unanimously adopted the Personnel Actions Resolution.</p>
Board Comments and Comments from the Public	<p>Chairman Ciccone recognized the new Student Trustee Alternate, Juan Chaparro, and welcomed him to the board. Juan will be sworn in at the September Board of Trustees meeting.</p>

Trustee Davis shared her enthusiasm for the Stockton community and how much it has advanced in the last 50 years. She expressed her gratitude to her fellow Trustees and her excitement for what is to come. Trustee Davis particularly thanks Trustee Ciccone for his work as Board Chair.

Trustee Deninger welcomed the new Trustees. Deininger also thanked Trustee Ciccone for his time and commitment as Chair. Lastly, Trustee Deininger shares her excitement to work with President Bertolino and Dr. Sass.

Trustee Keates concurred with all the previous comments made. She shared her excitement with the incoming Board Chair and welcomed the new Trustees.

Trustee Valentin commended Trustee Ciccone's work and passion as Board Chair. She also expressed her excitement to work with the new administration.

Interim Provost Levy began her public remarks by thanking Admissions and Student Affairs for their hard work to recruit new students and welcome them warmly. She acknowledged the following faculty that will be retiring from their positions at the end of the year:

- Dr. Frank Cerreto, *Professor of Mathematics and First-Year Studies*
- Dr. Weihong Fan, *Professor of Environment Studies*
- Dr. Amy Hadley, *Associate Professor of Communication Disorders*
- Dr. Lois Spitzer, *Associate Professor of Teacher Education*

She also welcomed the following new staff to the Division of Academic Affairs:

- Dr. Joseph Cronin, *Executive Director of Research and Developmental Grants*
- Dr. Mark Rizzo, *Interim Director Small Business Development Center*

The names of employees who have taken on some additional roles within Academic Affairs were also announced:

- Dr. Merydawilda Colon, *Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning, Associate Dean for the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences*
- Dr. Amy Beth Glass, *Associate Provost, Registrar*

Interim Provost Levy concludes her comments by thanking the faculty and staff in Academic Affairs for their work.

Ms. Potter welcomes Michelle Mastrangelo, who will serve as the University's Procurement Manager.

Mr. Nugent welcomed two new members to the University

	<p>Advancement team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney Perkins, <i>Associate Director of Development</i> • Zachary Veneziano, <i>Associate Director of Development</i> <p>He also recognized Sue Werner on her new role as Executive Director of Development.</p>
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at the Galloway Campus, in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room.
Adjournment	<p>Trustee Ciccone thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Ciccone and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 p.m.</p>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 20, 2023