



July 14, 2021
11:00 am
Live Stream

MINUTES

Members Present: Betsy Oakley, Chair; Anita Bachmann, Margaret Benjamin (left the meeting at 12:00 pm), Mae Douglas, Mona Edwards, Ernest Grant, Brad Hayes, George Hoyle, Elizabeth Phillips, Dean Priddy, Linda Sloan, AliReza Hamdoon

Members Absent with Notice: Tim Rice

Others Present: Chancellor Frank Gilliam; Provost Debbie Storrs, Bob Shea, Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration; Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; Kim Record, Director of Athletics; Donna Heath, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology; Jeanne Madorin, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer; Kristen Bonatz, Deputy General Counsel; Juliette Bianco, Director – Weatherspoon Art Museum; Paul Lester, Chief of Police; Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Kelly Harris, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees; James Lyons, Technology Support Analyst

Chair Betsy Oakley called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. She welcomed new trustees Anita Bachmann, Ernest Grant, and SGA President AliReza Hamdoon to the meeting. Bachmann and Grant were appointed by the Board of Governors to four-year terms effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Hamdoon is a senior from Raleigh pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology with a double minor in biology and chemistry, with a pre-med concentration.

Oakley thanked trustees George Hoyle and Dean Priddy for committing to second four-year terms. Hoyle was appointed by NC Senate President Pro Temp Phil Berger, and Priddy was appointed by Speaker of the House Tim Moore, both to terms also running July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

Retired North Carolina Superior Court Judge Robby Hassell administered the oath of office to the new trustees.

Oakley then recognized and welcomed new Provost Debbie Storrs, who began on June 30.

She then read the conflict of interest statement. After reading the statement, Oakley announced that, due to a conflict related to agenda item BOT-3, she would recuse herself from that item and that Vice Chair Mona Edwards would conduct the meeting with regard to BOT-3. No further conflicts were identified.

Roll Call was read and a quorum was confirmed.

Chancellor Frank Gilliam gave brief remarks, welcoming the new trustees and Provost Storrs. He recognized and thanked Chief Paul Lester, who retired after serving 23 years on the UNCG police force. Paul has been open and transparent when working with our students and broader community and will be missed.

Open Session

Action Items

BOT-1 Consent Agenda

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2021
- 1.2 Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2021
- 1.3 Election of Officers for 2021-2022
- 1.4 Additions and Deletions to the May 2021 Degree Candidate List
- 1.5 Approval of Candidates to be Awarded Degrees and Certificates in August 2021

Oakley reviewed the items on the consent agenda; all were included in the trustees' pre-meeting materials. There being no questions or requests to discuss any of the items individually, Oakley invited a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Mae Douglas made the motion; trustee Margaret Benjamin seconded. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

BOT-2 Approval of Designer Selections

2.1 Tate + Gate

Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Sameer Kapileshwari presented agenda item BOT-2.1, approval of designer selections for the Tate & Gate projects. The scope of the project includes construction of a new 20,000 GSF multi-purpose cultural arts venue located at 842 West Gate City Boulevard. The goal is to foster an active partnership between UNC Greensboro with the surrounding local and regional arts communities. The project will include demolition of the existing building, a flexible performance space, gallery, instructional and practice rooms, office and administrative space, a retail component, as well as underground parking to support the needs of the venue. This location also provides an important and prominent gateway entrance to campus.

The request for qualifications and letters of interest for design services for the project was advertised on the North Carolina System Office website. In response, twenty-seven (27) firms submitted letters of interest; of those, one was from Guilford County. The Designer Pre-Selection Committee reviewed the letters of interest and invited four firms to a virtual interview

on June 23, 2021 to present their qualifications. Based on those presentations, the selection committee recommended the following firms in ranking order:

1. EVOKE Studio | Architecture
2. Perkins Will
3. Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce Architects, PA
4. Szostak Design

The firm EVOKE Studio | Architecture from Durham, NC was recommended because 1) its approach to the project most closely aligned with the University's vision and their presentation was the most inspiring and best responded to all selection criteria; 2) their proposed project team represents an 80% HUB participation and includes local firms; 3) EVOKE most clearly demonstrated community engagement processes through past examples, and that engagement is critical to the mission of the project.

After discussion, Oakley moved to approve the firm of EVOKE Studio | Architecture, Durham, NC as Designer for the Tate & Gate project and, if agreeable terms cannot be met with that firm, authorize the administration to negotiate terms with the other firms in ranking order. Trustee Mona Edwards seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2.2 Taylor Theatre

Kapileshwari presented agenda item BOT-2.2, the Taylor Theatre infrastructure renovation project, which involves updates to the building mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire alarm, and sprinkler systems. The interior space will focus on ADA access and ADA restroom renovations. Alternates are anticipated to address concerns with the aging tension grid and supporting structure, performance rigging, associated machinery and replacing the fire curtain.

The request for qualifications and letters of interest for design services for this project was advertised on the North Carolina General Administration website. In response, twenty-three (23) firms submitted letters of interest; one was from Guilford County. The Designer Pre-Selection Committee reviewed the letters of interest and invited the three firms to an interview on July 1, 2021 to present their qualifications. Following those interviews, the Committee recommended the following in ranking order:

1. Lord Aeck Sargent
2. Clearscapes, PA
3. Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Inc.

Lord Aeck Sargent, from Chapel Hill, NC was selected as the recommended Designer because 1) the firm presented successfully completed projects that were most similar in vision to the Taylor Theater Project with supporting data confirming those projects were completed on time and on budget using the same team that will handle the Taylor Theatre project; 2) their presentation was the most professional and illustrated the highest engagement with the specifics of our project, with potential solutions that generated excitement and interest within the Selection Committee; 3) the Lord Aeck Sargent team best illustrated good working team dynamics, well-defined roles, and a smooth, clear communication process.

After discussion, Oakley moved that the board approve the firm Lord Aeck Sargent of Chapel Hill, NC as Designer for the Taylor Theatre Infrastructure Renovation project and, if agreeable terms cannot be met with said firm, authorize the administration to negotiate terms with the other firms in ranking order. Trustee Margaret Benjamin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Transition to Closed Session

Oakley noted that the final agenda items required closed session discussion. She announced that the live stream would remain active for members of the public until the board returned to the open session, that the only items to be discussed in closed session were items BOT 3 and 4, and that the board would not vote on the action items until open session resumed.

She reiterated that she would not participate in the closed session discussion around agenda item BOT-3 and would abstain from that vote in open session.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Pursuant to Section 143-318.11(a)(2), (5) of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, Oakley then moved that the board convene in Closed Session to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award; and to establish the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. Trustee Mae Douglas seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

General Account of Closed Session Discussion

Members Present: Vice Chair Mona Edwards, Anita Bachmann, Margaret Benjamin, Mae Douglas, Ernest Grant, Brad Hayes, George Hoyle, Elizabeth Phillips, Dean Priddy, Linda Sloan, AliReza Hamdoon (Chair Betsy Oakley joined the closed session for agenda item BOT-4)

Others Present: Chancellor Frank Gilliam; Provost Debbie Storrs; Vice Chancellor Bob Shea; Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; Vice Chancellor Beth Fischer (for BOT-3); Jeanne Madorin, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer (for BOT-4); Kristen Bonatz, Deputy General Counsel (for BOT-4); Director of Athletics Kim Record (for BOT-4); Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Kelly Harris, Assistant Secretary to the Board

BOT-3 Donor Naming Proposal

In closed session, Vice Chair Mona Edwards recognized Vice Chancellor Beth Fischer to present agenda item BOT-3, a proposed donor naming of space in the Alumni House.

Following discussion, Vice Chair Edwards paused the meeting while Chair Oakley and staff members were notified to join the closed session.

BOT-4 Personnel Matters

Chair Oakley recognized Director of Athletics Kim Record to present agenda item BOT-4, and the board discussed athletics-related personnel matters.

Open Session

BOT-3 Donor Naming Proposal

Vice Chair Mona Edwards resumed the meeting in open session and requested a motion to approve the donor naming proposal presented in agenda item BOT-3. Trustee Mae Douglas made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Linda Sloan. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chair Oakley did not participate in the vote.

BOT-4 Personnel Matters

Chair Oakley requested a motion to approve the personnel matters presented in BOT-4. Trustee Mae Douglas made the motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Edwards. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Harris
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees