

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 19-20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Held at Plymouth State University  
Merrill Conference Center, Plymouth, NH

**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance October 19:** Trustees present at meeting location: Chair Alex Walker, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Donald Birx, Emily Coutermarsh, James Dean, Jackie Eastwood, Frank Edelblut, George Hansel, Shawn Jasper, Kevin Knarr,



**Consent Agenda:** By motion made by Trustee Paul and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the Board unanimously voted by roll call to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

**VOTED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of its meetings held on June 22-23 and September 15, 2023, as presented.

**VOTED**, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the Board of Trustees suspend for FY 25 the limitation of 25 percent imposed by R.S.A. § 187-A:10 on the number of undergraduate students enrolled at UNH from domiciles outside the state, it having been determined that such suspension benefits the state and UNH without impairing the opportunity for qualified students of the state of New Hampshire to attend UNH.

**CAO Update:** Chief Administrative Officer Cathy Provencher and Governor's Office representative James Gerry presented on a proposed gubernatorial Executive Order that would, consistent with discussions held by the Board at its retreat, create a commission to study potential strategic alignment of public higher education in New Hampshire. CAO Provencher noted that the System and CCSNH had been given the opportunity to review and comment on a draft of the Executive Order. The proposed Executive Order has been endorsed by CCSNH and provides for a March 31 report out date. Trustees sought clarification on the proposed timeline for the commission's report and endorsed the concept of exploring various potential alignments with CCSNH. By motion made by Trustee Hansel and seconded by Trustee Tewksbury, the Board voted unanimously by roll call as follows to endorse the proposed order:

**VOTED**, that the Board hereby endorses the proposed Executive Order included with the materials in the agenda for this meeting.

## **Presidents' Reports**



Structure of UNH President/Chancellor Position: By motion made by Trustee Burnett and seconded by Trustee Thornton, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adopt the

**Further Business:** Search Committee Chair Burnett updated the Board on the UNH President search. The search committee will be finalized shortly. Planning meetings have begun with Issacson Miller to set up listening sessions and develop the desired candidate profile. Trustees also discussed class scheduling