

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 a.m., Regent Harrison-Lee moved, followed by the second of Regent Hutton, to recess into executive session in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room for five hours to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The subject of this executive session was to interview and discuss candidates for employment with the Board and the purpose was to protect the privacy of the individual candidates involved. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Flanders, Search Consultant Garry Owens (for a portion), Search Consultant Sally Mason (for a portion), and candidates for the position of President of Wichita State University (each for a portion). The motion carried. At 1:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session. Regent Harrison-Lee moved to extend the executive session for two hours. Regent Rolph seconded, and the motion carried. At 3:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session. Regent Harrison-Lee moved to extend the executive session for 45 minutes. Following Regent Hutton's second, the motion carried. At 4:15 p.m., the meeting returned to open session. Regent Harrison-Lee moved to extend the executive session for 30 minutes. Regent Rolph seconded, and the motion carried. At 4:45 the meeting returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feuerborn adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The May 6, 2021, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Bill Feuerborn at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Beggs Ballroom located in the Wichita State University Rhatigan Student Center (1845 Fairmount Street, Wichita, Kansas).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Feuerborn, Chair
 Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Vice Chair
 Shane Bangerter
 Mark Hutton
 Shelly Kiblinger
 Allen Schmidt
 Helen Van Etten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Brandau-Murguia
 Jon Rolph

NAMING THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY 15TH PRESIDENT

Chair Feuerborn welcomed everyone to the Wichita State University campus and stated that naming a university CEO is one of the most important responsibilities the Board undertakes. The selection of a new president is also an important moment for the University and the community it serves. He noted the Board was seeking a leader who would be able to carry out the goals of the Regents' strategic plan for higher education in Kansas and who would advance Wichita State's commitment to serving students and the Wichita community. To help with this process the Board created the Presidential Search Committee, and Chair Feuerborn thanked and recognized Regent Allen Schmidt, a member of that Committee.

Regent Schmidt thanked Interim President, Rick Muma, for the remarkable job he has done during this transition time at Wichita State. He also thanked and recognized the chair of the Presidential Search Committee, Dan Peare, for his leadership. Regent Schmidt stated the Search Committee was comprised of individuals representing alumni, foundation, students, faculty, administration, staff, and the wider Wichita community. This Committee was committed to helping the Board find the best candidates for consideration as the next president of Wichita State. He recognized the Committee members and thanked them for the many hours they dedicated to this process.

Regent Schmidt then moved to appoint Dr. Rick Muma as the 15th President of Wichita State University. He stated that Dr. Muma is currently the Interim President of Wichita State University. Prior to taking on the role of interim president, he served Wichita State in many capacities, including as Provost. Before assuming the Provost position in 2018, he served as the Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management. He has also served as Chair and Professor in the Departments of Public Health Sciences and Physician Assistant. Dr. Muma remains involved in research on healthcare issues, has published his research in notable journals and has edited four books. Regent Schmidt also moved that the Board direct the Chair and the Board President and CEO to negotiate the compensation package and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of appointment. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded, and the motions carried.

Chair Feuerborn introduced Dr. Rick Muma. Dr. Muma thanked the Board and the members of the Search Committee. He stated that he is committed to the University's mission, which is for the University to be an essential educational, cultural and economic driver for Kansas and greater public good. Dr. Muma spoke about the future of WSU and his commitment to make the University one of the nation's most innovative urban public research universities, known for providing impactful student experiences and driving prosperity for the people and communities it serves. He stated that in the coming months he is looking forward to working closely with the University's students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Wichita community.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Feuerborn adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Bill Feuerborn, Chair