

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
December 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The December 2, 2021, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Cheryl Harrison-Lee at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Forum Hall located in the K-State Student Union (918 N. M.L.K. Jr. Drive, Manhattan, KS 66506). Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Chair
 Jon Rolph, Vice Chair
 Mark Hutton
 Carl Ice
 Shelly Kiblinger
 Cynthia Lane
 Allen Schmidt
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MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Feuerborn

NAMING THE KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY 15TH PRESIDENT

Chair Harrison-Lee welcomed everyone to the Kansas State University campus and stated that the Board is delighted to be on campus to appoint the 15th president of Kansas State University. Chair Harrison-Lee thanked President Myers for his service and noted that his tenure has been marked with many successes for K-State students, faculty, and staff. Chair Harrison-Lee 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. She highlighted that the Board was seeking a leader who was forward-thinking, had a clear record of leadership, understands the changing environment of higher education, has a record of successful resource generation, and understands K-State's Land Grant Mission.

To help with the search process the Board created the Presidential Search Committee, and Chair Harrison-Lee thanked and recognized Regent Carl Ice, the Chair of that Committee. Regent Ice thanked President Myers, for the remarkable job he has done during his time at Kansas State. His leadership experience is unrivaled, and K-State has been fortunate to have his vision and passion guiding them through some very challenging times. Regent Ice noted that a large component of the search process is the work that the Presidential Search Committee undertakes. The Committee was comprised of individuals representing alumni, the Foundation, faculty, students, staff and partners from the wider Manhattan community. Regent Ice introduced, recognized, and thanked all the members for giving their time and lending their expertise to the task of identifying finalists for the Board. The members of the K-State Presidential Search Committee were Vice-Chair Mark Hutton, Glenn Caldwell, Shari Crittendon, Michael Dowd, Blake Flanders, Wayne Goins, Tanya González, Kevin Gwinner, Terry Holdren, Maria Izquierdo, Nabeeha Kazi Hutchins, Steve Lacy, Kevin Lockett, Dennis Mullin, Mary Oborny, David Poole, Usha Reddi, Darrell Reese, Jr., Charles

Rice, Senator Pat Roberts, David Rosowsky, Alysia Starkey, Gene Taylor, Mary Vanier and Lisa Wilken.

Regent Ice then moved to appoint Dr. Richard Linton as the 15th President of Kansas State University. Dr. Linton is the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State, a position he has held since 2012. Under his direction, the college has developed a strategic plan that focuses on building people, programs, and partnerships. Dr. Linton earned a bachelor's degree in biology, a master's degree in food science, and a Ph.D. in food science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Prior to his role as dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University, Linton served as department chair of food science and technology at The Ohio State University (2011-2012), and as a faculty member of the Department of Food Science at Purdue University (1994-2011). While at Purdue, Linton was a founder and director of the Center for Food Safety Engineering and the associate director of agricultural research programs. Throughout his career, Linton has worked with various segments of the food and agricultural industry, integrating applied research projects and outreach programs. Regent Ice 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 Hutton seconded, and the motion carried.

Chair Harrison-Lee introduced Dr. Richard Linton. Dr. Linton stated he is honored and excited to take on this incredible new opportunity as President of Kansas State University and thanked the members of the Search Committee and the Board. He noted that Kansas State is a strong and leading land grant university that still believes in and instills the foundational missions of research, teaching, and extension. He believes in the land grant and what it stands for and noted that he is a product of four land grant institutions. Dr. Linton stated that one of the many aspects that interested him about this position is the forward-thinking of Kansans and the university system direction. He believes the Board of Regents' *Building a Future* plan is connected to K-State's land grant mission and looks forward to helping the University achieve the plan's goals. Dr. Linton stated that he and his family will be transitioning to campus over the next couple of months, and when he arrives, he will be spending a lot of time getting to know the campus community.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harrison-Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Chair