

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
October 31, 2019

The October 31, 2019, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Shane Bangerter at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Santa Fe Trail Room located in the Wichita State University Rhatigan Student Center (1845 Fairmount Street, Wichita, Kansas). Proper notice was given according to law.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Ann Brandau-Murguia

NAMING THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY 14TH PRESIDENT

Chair Bangerter 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 in the history of 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 be capable of advancing Wichita State's commitment to providing applied learning opportunities. To help with this process the Board created the Presidential Search Committee, and Chair Bangerter thanked and recognized, Regent Mark Hutton, a member of the Committee.

Regent Hutton thanked Interim President, Andy Tompkins, for the remarkable job he has done during this transition time at Wichita State. He also thanked the chair of the Presidential Search Committee, Steve Clark, for his leadership. Regent Hutton 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 Hutton then moved to appoint Dr. Jay Golden as the 14th President of Wichita State University. He stated Dr. Golden currently serves as the Vice Chancellor of Research, Economic Development and Engagement at East Carolina University. Dr. Golden has had a distinguished career in higher education as an administrator, researcher and faculty member, and is also a business leader and entrepreneur. Regent Hutton 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 Rolph seconded, and the motions carried.

Chair Bangerter introduced Dr. Jay Golden and his wife, Dina. Dr. Golden thanked the Board and the Search Committee members. He shared his initial vision and priorities for Wichita State. He spoke about the importance of finding ways to keep college affordable for all students and working with faculty and staff to develop a well-trained pipeline for future leaders. He announced the launching of the Presidents Leadership Fellows, which is a program that allows faculty and staff who are interested in taking on administrative roles the opportunity to be exposed to the offices and challenges facing leaders at Wichita State and other universities, industry and government. Dr. Golden also spoke about his commitment to partnering with business and industry to build and diversify the economy and the importance of continuing the growth of the Innovation Campus. He stated he is looking forward to working closely with the University's students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Wichita community.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Bangerter adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Shane Bangerter, Chair