

**LANDER UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Lander University  
Greenwood, South Carolina

Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
2:00 p.m.

**Presiding:** Don Scott

**Members of the Board in Attendance:**

- Robert Barber
- Holly Bracknell
- Linda Dolny
- John Craig
- Ray Hunt
- Marcia Hydrick
- Catherine Lee
- Don Lloyd
- Peggy Makins
- Terry Pruitt
- Robert Sabalis
- Jim Shubert
- Angela Strickland
- Anne Walker

**Absent:** DeWitt Stone

**Others in Attendance:** President Richard Cosentino; Dr. Jim Colbert, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Todd Gambill, Vice President for Enrollment and Access Management; Boyd Yarbrough, Vice President for Student Affairs; Joe Greenthal, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Adam Taylor, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Chief of Staff; Crystal Rookard, Vice President and General Counsel; Brian Reese, Director of Athletics; Matt Braaten, Assistant Vice President for Planning Analytics and Decision Support; Greg Allen, Lander University Police Chief; Abdallah Haddad, Chief Information and Technology Officer; London Thomas, Director of Human Resources; Sadie Erwin, Executive Assistant to the President; Deb Nygro, Assistant Director of University Relations; Dr. John Moore, Chair of the Faculty Senate; and Graham Duncan, Chair of the Staff Senate.

**Guests:** Lindsey Hodges, of the Index-Journal; Dr. Sarah Hunt-Barron, Dean of the College of Education; and Dr. Emily Prince, Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate.

Chair Scott called the meeting to order.

Adam Taylor stated for the record that appropriate publicity had been disseminated in order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, and that the meeting was in compliance with that Act.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Anne Walker motioned to approve the March 14, 2023 board meeting minutes; seconded by Bob Sabalis.

The board meeting minutes from March 14, 2023 were approved by unanimous vote.

## II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Scott reminded trustees representing congressional districts that they will be up for re-election in 2024, and that the application process would begin in the fall of 2023.

## III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Richard Cosentino gave the following updates to the Board of Trustees:

**Strategic Plan:**

**Dean of Math and Science:**

**Vice President for Advancement Search:**

**Institute for the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses:**

**Corporate Partnerships:**

**Budget:**

**Launch into College Program:**

**Higher Education Day:**

## IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Academic Affairs

Anne Walker shared with the Board of Trustees the updates found in the Academic Affairs Committee report. The committee brought forward no action items.

### B. Enrollment and Access Management / Retention

Angela Strickland shared with the Board of Trustees the updates found in the Enrollment and Access Management Committee report. The committee brought forward no action items.

### C. Finance, Facilities, and Audit / Governmental and Strategic Initiatives

Linda Dolny shared with the Board of Trustees the updates found in the Finance, Facilities and Audit / Governmental and Strategic Initiatives Committee report. The committee brought forward the following action items:

1. **FY 2023-24 Housing Rate Proposal**
2. **FY 2023-24 Food Service Rate Proposal**
3. **FY 2023-24 Course, Program, and Other Fees Proposal**

### D. Institutional Advancement

John Craig shared with the Board of Trustees the updates found in the Institutional Advancement Committee report. The committee brought forward no action items.

### E. Policy

Robert Sabalis shared with the Board of Trustees the updates found in the Policy Committee report. The committee brought forward the following action item:

1. **Trustee Emeritus/Emerita - 4 Year Review**
2. **President Emeritus/Emerita - 4 Year Review**
3. **Faculty Emeritus/Emerita - 4 Year Review**
4. **Staff Emeritus/Emerita - 4 Year Review**

**F. Student Affairs / Intercollegiate Athletics**

Ray Hunt shared with the Board of Trustees the updates found in the Student Affairs / Intercollegiate Athletics Committee report. The committee brought forward no action items.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Report of Nominating Committee**

Chair Scott reminded board members that in the meeting on March 14, 2023, he appointed Ray Hunt, Marcia Hydrick, and Linda Dolny to the Nominating Committee, pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Bylaws of the Lander University Board of Trustees. Chair Scott recognized Ray Hunt to give a report from the committee.

The committee nominated Don Scott as Chair, Don Lloyd as Vice Chair, and Peggy Makins as Secretary, for terms of office beginning July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2025.

Bob Sabalis moved to close nominations; seconded by Anne Walker.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**B. Election of Board Officers**

Ray Hunt moved to elect the Nominating Committee's nominees to their respective offices, for terms beginning July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2025; seconded by Jim Shubert.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**C. Faculty Senate**

A report from the Faculty Senate was provided to the Board of Trustees by Dr. John Moore, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

**D. Staff Senate**

A report from the Staff Senate was provided to the Board of Trustees by Graham Duncan, Chair of the Staff Senate.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Don Lloyd to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bob Sabalis.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.