

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Utah State University, Logan, Utah
August 27, 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held via zoom videoconference commencing at 8:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kent K. Alder	Chair
John Y. Ferry	Vice Chair
Gina Gagon	
David H. Huntsman	
Kacie Malouf	
Steven L. Palmer	
David A. Petersen	
Jacey Skinner	
Lucas Stevens	
Tessa White	

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Wayne L. Niederhauser

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Neil N. Abercrombie	Vice President, Government Relations
Noelle E. Cockett	President
David T. Cowley	Vice President, Business and Finance
Teresa Denton	Staff Assistant Senior
Boyd Edwards	President, Faculty Senate
Francis D. Galey	Executive Vice President and Provost
James Morales	Vice President, Student Affairs
Sydney M. Peterson	Secretary of the Board of Trustees
William M. Plate	Vice President, University Marketing and Communications
Laurens H. Smith	Vice President, Statewide Campuses
Scott Theurer	Board of Higher Education, Member
Robert W. Wagner	Vice President, Academic and Instructional Services

I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Chair Kent Alder called the special meeting to order and welcomed those present for their attendance.

A. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Next Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021, in Logan

Chair Alder stated that committee reports will be a big portion of the next meeting's agenda. He asks that committee chairs schedule committee meetings before the next board meeting.

President Cockett stated that students are beginning to return to campus. The freshman class orientation started a couple days ago and will culminate tonight with the Luminary. Students will carry lit lanterns from the Spectrum to the Quad and form a block "A." This activity builds a great spirit within the class of 2025. Classes begin on Monday.

B. ACTION AGENDA

1. Utah State University's 2027 Statewide Attainment Goals (Appendix AA) [Resolution 21-08-27]

President Cockett took the goals that were approved at the last meeting to Commissioner Dave Woolstenhulme to see if they were in line with what the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) wanted. He said the goals should not be a prediction of where the institution feels it will be but rather a stretch for an aspirational goal.

The three areas are access, timely completion, and high yield jobs. Access is the number of Utah high school graduates who enroll in college within three years of their high school graduation. Timely completion is the number of students who finish their certificate or degree within 150% time. High yield is the number of students who qualify for high demand/high wage jobs.

USU's advantage is providing the technical college programs in the southeast. Other institutions do not have access to these students like USU does. President Cockett suggests targeting technical education students to complete at least an applied certificate rather than a general certificate. This will greatly increase USU's numbers in the high yield category.

Scott Theurer, Board of Higher Education (BHE) representative, said that this is a new endeavor by the BHE so feedback may slightly change how the program continues.

Trustee Tessa White suggested having two sets of goals – goals submitted to USHE and internal goals. The internal goals would be set higher standard in order to help attain the goals submitted to USHE.

Vice President Robert Wagner pointed out that to reach the access goal by 2027, student enrollment will need to increase by the 2024 high school graduating class. The 2024 class will be the students counted for the 2027 goals.

Vice President Neil Abercrombie stated that the legislature performance funding will not be an all-or-nothing scenario. If 90% of the goal is reached, the institutions will get 90% of the performance funding. All goals are weighted equally.

USU's revised five-year performance targets are:

Access – all students – 8.2%

Access – underrepresented students – 4.8%

Timely Completion – all students – 56.4%

Timely Completion – underrepresented students – 42.1%
High-Yield Awards – all students – 67%
High-Yield Awards – underrepresented students – 66%

Action: Trustee John Ferry moved to approve USU's 2027 Statewide Attainment Goals. Trustee David Huntsman seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

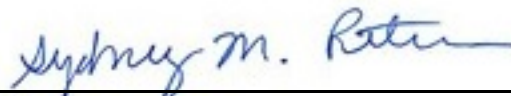
Chair Alder asked if there were any other items the Trustees would like to discuss before the meeting closed; none were mentioned.

Action: Trustee Gina Gagon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tessa White seconded the motion; voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Kent K. Alder, Chair



Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary
(Minutes taken by Teresa Denton)

October 15, 2021
Date Approved