

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018****4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Steve Fastook, Dave Gibbons, John Kean Jr., Matthew McDermott, Ed Oatman, Richard Trabert; Student Trustee Kristen Failla, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Janice Murray-Laury, Karen Smith, Felice Vazquez, Marsha McCarthy, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at @ 4 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum present.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Ms. Kelly read the statement of compliance and reported the meeting was properly advertised and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

Chair Morell welcomed everyone to the meeting and the start of the new academic year. She encouraged the Board and the campus community to work together throughout the year to the benefit of students. She welcomed to the Board meeting the new CEO of the Kean University Foundation, Inc., Mr. William Miller, and wished him the best in his new role. She turned the meeting over to President Farahi.

4. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Farahi reported briefly on his Opening Day address to the University community and thanked those trustees who were able to attend. He noted his address is on the University website. He emphasized three important items for the new academic year: first, the 120-credit baccalaureate degree must be the standard at Kean by the end of the semester per the new state law; second, the Board has authorized funding for curriculum transformation and the work needs to get done to move the curriculum forward to work together; and third, cooperation is needed in making the new career services initiative a success for students. The President said the community needs to commit to providing every student who wants one an internship and access to work experience. It will be a huge differentiator for Kean, he said.

He then introduced Dean Keith Bostian of the New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics for an update on programs and initiatives at the center.

Dr. Bostian reviewed a detailed presentation with the Board members and the public, and introduced several of colleagues—Dr. Michael Tocci, Dr. David Joiner and Dr. Tom Richardson—to address the Board in various topics in STEM including the Pollen Project, diversity among the student base, high graduation rates and high employment rates. Dr. Richardson spoke specifically about the Institute for Life Science Entrepreneurship (ILSE) and its grants and business incubation projects.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

6. **ITEMS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Steve Fastook, Committee Chair, noted the committee met and reviewed nominees. The resolution recommends the following Board officers for the academic year: Ada Morell, chair; Michael D’Agostino, vice chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Dave Gibbons, alternate; and, Gene Enlow continues as past chair. The chair asked if the Board had any questions or comments. The following resolution was moved:

6.1 Resolution of the Board of Trustees Appointing Officers and Executive Committee Members for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

The resolution was seconded and approved unanimously by the Board.

7. **ITEMS OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Richard Trabert, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss a number of items now on the Board’s agenda and to receive updates on various student affairs, athletics and enrollment issues. Mr. Trabert moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

7.1 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising

Information Technology

Campus Labs

Not to Exceed

\$175,000 (FY19-FY21)

Entertainment Services

Graphic Presentation Systems
NJEA/dIPLAN

Not to Exceed

\$125,000
\$50,000

The Chair opened the floor for questions on the bid waivers. Each bid waiver resolution was then seconded, and approved by the full Board.

8. **ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gibbons, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to review various items including the personnel actions now before the board for consideration. He then moved the item for Board consideration:

8.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative Report

8.2 Resolution Rendering a Decision Regarding Tenure Charges

Chair Morell asked for questions on the personnel actions and the resolution. The items were seconded and approved by the full Board.

9. **ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Bistocchi, Committee Chair, noted the committee met and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration. He then moved each of the following resolutions for Board consideration:

9.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report

9.2 Nominations of Returning Lecturers

9.3 Resolution Authorizing the Development of Master of Science
in Genetic Counseling

9.4 Resolution Accepting an External Grant Award from the
New Jersey Department of Education

9.5 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising

Technology

LinkedIn Corp.

Not to Exceed

\$184,600 (FY19-FY22)

9.6 Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert Sitelman and Bestowing the Honor
of Professor Emeritus

9.7 Resolution Establishing a Lab Fee for College of Education Students
Subject to New edTPA Requirements for Student Teaching

The Chair asked the Board if they had any questions on each of the agenda items from the APP Committee. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

10. ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Michael D’Agostino, Committee Chair, noted the committee met earlier in the day to discuss several items, including the resolution on the full Board agenda. He then moved the following resolution for Board consideration:

- 10.1 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for General Construction Services Related to the Development of an Academic Facility for the Business School

Chair Morell asked if the Board had any questions on the resolution. The resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

Trustee Fastook, Committee Chair, noted the committee met earlier in the day to review various items including several forwarded to the Board for consideration. He moved each of the following items for consideration:

- 11.1 Resolution Adopting a Centralized Cash Management and Investment Policy for Investment Purposes
- 11.2 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for Security Services With U.S. Security Associates
- 11.3 Resolution Authorizing the President to Increase the Minimum Wage for all Eligible Student Workers to a Minimum of \$10 per hour
- 11.4 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Items

Printing Services

Royal Printing

Not to Exceed

\$300,000

Food Services

Ace Cafeteria

Not to Exceed

\$350,000

Professional Services

Mantell, Prince & Reynolds

Not to Exceed

\$50,000

Chair Morell asked if the Board had questions related to these resolutions. Each item was seconded and approved by the full Board.

12. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising of a closed session. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 4:55 p.m.

14. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 7:00 p.m.

15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH PRESIDENT DAWOOD FARAH

Trustee Morell noted the Presidential Review Committee had met, performed the President's annual review and briefed the full Board on its recommendations. She moved the resolution, which continues the terms of the President's current contract and provides for a 2% raise, for consideration by the full Board. The resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

16. SHORT BREAK

Chair Morell asked for a short break to allow the minutes of this meeting to be prepared for Board approval.

17. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2018 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.