

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020****4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Steve Fastook, Linda Lewis, Matthew McDermott, Ed Oatman, Barbara Sobel; Student Trustee Kayla Asare, Alternate Student Trustee Jason Pleitez, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Gene Enlow, John Kean Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Dr. Suzanne Bousquet, Andrew Brannen, Bill Miller, Maximina Rivera, 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 thanked the audience for working together for the benefit of Kean students. She noted the coronavirus is having both a national and international impact, raising concerns for everyone. She said the Board has been kept informed on the initiatives underway both at Kean USA and at Wenzhou-Kean University campuses. She expressed her thanks to Dr. Farahi for his proactive approach during these uncertain times and asked that all take preventive measures and continue to be well informed as the situation progresses.

Chair Morell then asked Trustee Fastook, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, to give a brief update on the Presidential Search process. Trustee Fastook, who chairs the Presidential Search Committee, gave a brief update on the work of the search committee, noting the process is moving forward smoothly and successfully, and that the Board will soon receive its recommendations for finalists. He noted the members of the Presidential search committee have done a phenomenal job to date, working together collaboratively for the benefit of the University. They take the assignment seriously, and they are thoughtful and deliberative, he said.

Trustee Fastook noted more 100 persons have applied for the position from throughout the country and around the world. Chair Morell thanked Trustee Fastook and the Search Committee members for their work.

4. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Farahi spoke briefly of the tremendous generosity of Dr. Dorothy Grant Hennings and her late husband George, both of whom taught at Kean for more than 60 years combined. In recognition of the Hennings' most recent gift to Kean, the largest in Kean's history, Dr. Farahi noted a resolution is on the Board's agenda to rename a number of University facilities and a college in their honor. He asked Dr. Hennings, who was in the audience, to say a few words

Dr. Hennings noted the reason she was here today is because the Board is about to vote to rename various facilities and a college in her honor, and in honor of her late husband George. She told the audience that her historic donation to the University came about because of three people: President Farahi, James Gurland of the Kean University Foundation, and her late husband, George. She noted Dr Farahi was the visionary who inspired both her and George; James, she said, was like a son to her throughout the years; and, her late husband George was not only brilliant, but frugal. George made it possible for Dorothy to make the gifts to Kean she is now making. President Farahi shared a few slide on how the newly-named facilities will look. The audience gave Dr. Hennings a standing ovation.

Dr. Farahi then called on Dr. Steve Kubow, who spoke briefly on the University's Veterans Affairs program and introduced Vito Zajda, director of veteran's affairs at Kean, who gave a more detailed presentation on services, awards and opportunities. He introduced several students who are veterans, and each told their story of how they have been welcomed here at Kean, what they are working on, and how they are relying on each other for support to make it through school. A copy will be kept with the meeting materials. Trustee Sobel thanked the veterans for their service and their contributions to the country. She noted President Farahi asked for her support for Travel Learn programs for veterans, and her family was delighted to do it.

Dr. Farahi then introduced Ms. Robyn Roebuck, director of Kean Skylands, who gave a presentation on the campus and its facilities and its growth. She introduced members of the management and academic team located at the Skylands, and each gave a short overview of their programs. A copy will be kept with the meeting materials.

President Farahi also noted that the video team, led by Manny Vozos of University Relations and Prof. Ed Johnston of the design program, recently were nominated for a New York Emmy in the category of nostalgia programming for their short documentary film, Liberty Hall 360. The film, shot entirely at Liberty Hall Museum

and on its grounds, features 360 technology to tell the story of a famous wedding in the Kean family history.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments from the following speakers: Vanessa Avila and Maria Briffa, both Kean graduates, and Debra Davis of the AFT. Where provided, copies of the speakers' comments will be kept on file in the Board office.

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

Chair Morell noted the committee met to discuss various student affairs and enrollment programs and issues. She moved the following resolution for Board consideration:

6.1 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Services

<u>Advertising</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Capstar Radio dba iHeart Media	\$52,000
<u>Entertainment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
4Wall Entertainment	\$75,000
Opus 3 Artists	\$65,000
New Project LLC	\$60,000

6.2 Resolution Accepting an External Grant Award from the NJ Department of Human Services

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

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

Chair Morell noted the committee met to review various items. She then moved the following items for Board consideration:

7.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative Report

7.2 Resolution Authorizing a Waiver for Public Advertising and Bidding for Professional Services in FY2020

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
NJ Division of Law	\$400,000

Chair Morell asked for questions on the personnel actions and the resolution. Each item was seconded and approved by the full Board.

8. 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:

- 8.1 Resolution Accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019
- 8.2 Resolution Establishing Tuition and Fees for the Kean University Child Care Center
- 8.3 Resolution Thanking Dorothy Grant Hennings for Her Generosity And Approving Various Campus Namings in Honor of Her and Her Late Husband George Hennings
- 8.4 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Fiscal Years

Printing

Royal Printing

Not to Exceed

\$350,000 (*fy20, fy21*)

Information Technology

Touchnet Information Systems

Not to Exceed

\$760,000 (*fy20—fy24*)

Information Technology

Coastal Networking LLC

Cogent Communications Inc.

Not to Exceed

\$121,000 (*amends FY20 waiver*)

\$40,000

The Chair opened the floor for questions on the resolutions and bid waivers. Each resolution and waiver was then 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 First Year Faculty Reappointments
- 9.3 Faculty Promotions
- 9.4 Resolution Accepting and Approving Recommendations to Discontinue Various Academic Programs and Options

- 9.5 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Master of Science in Athletic Training Program
- 9.6 Resolution Authorizing the Conversion of the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education: Exercise Science Option to a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

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 to discuss several items, including the following resolution before the full Board. He moved the following resolution for Board consideration:

- 10.1 Resolution Authorizing the President to Renew Contracts with Firms For On-Call Architectural, Design, Engineering and Environmental Services for Various Renovation and Construction Projects

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

11. 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.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 5:50 p.m.

13. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

14. SHORT BREAK

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

15. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2020

Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 9, 2020 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.