

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022****4 p.m. VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

PRESENT: Steve Fastook, Chair; Linda Lewis, Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; John Kean, Jr., Bertha Little-Mathews, Linda Lewis, Ada Morell, Rajeev Malhotra, Matthew McDermott, Ed Oatman, Barbara Sobel, Rick Torres, Richard Trabert; Chris Sclafani, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jessica Adams, Michelle Freestone, Maris Henson, Christopher Rustick, Lynette Zimmerman

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 Fastook welcomed the board and the public to the meeting. He noted, as the war in Ukraine grows worse, he sends prayers and thoughts to the people of Ukraine and encouraged all to do so. Regarding COVID-19, he said the data shows the pandemic is winding down and it will be a welcome sight to see more student activities on campus throughout the Spring. He encouraged the public to stay vigilant in terms of safety precautions, and specifically to get vaccinated and boosted to stay safe and healthy.

Chair Fastook also commended the campus community for their work on the Self-Study report for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The report is well done, he said, and the Board looks forward to welcoming the MSCHE Visiting Team in late April via a virtual visit. Fastook also commended the men's baseball team for their 11-1 run to date, and wished them well in today's game in Rochester.

4. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Repollet also welcomed the trustees and the public. He noted it is Spring Break this week at Kean, and encouraged students to take a break and rest up. He reported that he is attending the TravelLearn with students later this week for Spring Break. The trip, developed by the Human Rights Institute, will take students

through the south to visit various landmarks of the Civil Rights movement.

The President also reported that the University recently was named a Professional/Doctoral University by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education. This designation is a reflection of Kean’s increased number of doctoral programs offered and degrees award, as well its strong commitment to research, he said. He thanked all faculty, administrators and students who helped Kean reach this position.

The President also thanked CNN Senior Political Correspondent Abby Phillip for her distinguished lecture last week, and his wife Darlene for moderating the lecture. He recognized the hard work of student athletes and commended their performance both on the field and in the classroom. He encouraged the Kean community to attend some athletic competitions.

The President reported that the campus will become “mask optional” on April 1. He noted guidance from the state and the CDC says it is time to move in this direction and he is comfortable—based on data—with the mask optional decision. He encouraged everyone to vaccinate and to get a booster shot before fall.

The President then introduced Dr. Jessica Adams from Kean Ocean. Dr. Adams provided an overview of Kean Ocean activities and introduced a Kean Ocean student to present on her fantastic experiences. The President introduced Lynette Zimmerman, executive director of Kean Galleries and the Liberty Hall Academic and Exhibition Hall. She shared a presentation related to the campus galleries and art programming, and showed a spotlight piece that recently ran on News 12.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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

Trustee Trabert noted the committee met to discuss various student affairs and enrollment programs. He moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

6. 1 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Professional Services

Advertising, Recruitment, et al

Red Bull New York Inc.

Art Guild

MB Productions

The Common Application INC

SWISH LLC

Not to Exceed

\$450,000 (FYs 2022-2024)

\$240,000 (amends fy22)

\$110,000

\$100,000

\$200,000 (amends fy22)

Info Technology

California State University

Not to Exceed

\$90,000 (fys22,23)

Chair Fastook opened the floor for questions on the bid waiver resolutions. Each was seconded, and approved by the Board. Chair Fastook abstained from voting on item 6.1.

7. **ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Oatman noted the committee met to discuss various facilities and maintenance issues. He moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

7.1 Resolution Approving the Equipment List for the Kean Skylands and Environmental Sciences Programming to be Submitted to NJEFA for Funding

7.2 Resolution Authorizing the President to Accept the Following Grants from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Chair Fastook opened the floor for questions on the resolutions. Each resolution was seconded, and approved by the Board.

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

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

11.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

11.2 Resolution Authorizing a Waiver for Public Advertising and Bidding for Professional Legal Services in FY2022, 2023

Professional Services

Saiber LLC

Storbeck Search LLC

Ruderman & Roth LLC

Not to Exceed

\$250,000 (*amends FY22*)

\$95,000 (*fy22, fy23*)

\$55,500

11.3 Resolution Adopting *The Policy for the Protection of Minors on Campus*

Chair Fastook asked for questions on the personnel actions and resolutions. Each item was seconded and approved by the Board.

12. **ITEMS OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

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

9.1 Resolution Delegating Authority of Certain Powers and Duties

Granted to the Board of Trustees under the Kean University Act of 2021

- 9.2 Resolution Authorizing Kean University to Participate in the Tuition Exchange Program
- 9.3 Resolution Authorizing the University and the Holocaust Resource Center to Accept the Donation of Archival Material Once Belonging to the late Josiah E. Dubois, Jr.
- 9.4 Resolution Confirming Authorization for Kean University to Enter Into a Lease Agreement for Shared Office Space in Trenton, NJ
- 9.5 Resolution Confirming Authorization for a Kean University Lease Agreement with the Institute for Life Science Entrepreneurship (ILSE)
- 9.6 Resolutions Authorizing Amendments to the Waivers of Public Advertising and Bidding

Entertainment Services

Strike Sound	\$65,000
The Harry Walker Agency	\$50,000
Baldwin Fine Art & Residential LLC	\$46,000

Not to Exceed

Commencement

Paradigm Inc.	\$275,000 (fy22-fy26)
Oak Hall	\$222,000

Not to Exceed

Info Technology

ProEducation Solutions LLC	\$175,000 (amends fy22)
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Not to Exceed

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

10. 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:

- 10.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report
- 10.2 First Year Faculty Reappointments
- 10.3 President’s Nomination for Continuation of At-Will Administrative Appointments with Faculty Rank

- 10.4 Faculty Promotions
- 10.5 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Yoga Teacher Training Certification Program
- 10.6 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY22

<u>Info Tech/Sci. Equipment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
World Wide Technologies	\$440,000
ConvergeOne, Inc.	\$56,000
Lambda	\$40,000

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

11. ITEM OF THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Little-Mathews noted the committee and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration.

- 11.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY23

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Winning Strategies Washington	\$120,000

Chair Fastook opened the floor for questions on the bid waiver. The waiver was then seconded, and approved by the Board. Trustee McDermott abstained from voting on this resolution.

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 5:00 p.m.

14. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Chair Fastook reported that the Board would continue its public meetings virtually for the remainder of the academic year, and return in person in September for the new academic year.

15. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2022

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2022 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the full board approved the minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 p.m.