

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Annual Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2014**

Present: Chair Clarence Hightower, Trustees Ann Anaya, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Alexander Cirillo, Cheryl Dickson, Dawn Erlandson, Duane Benson, Philip Krinkie, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Maria Peluso, Thomas Renier, Elise Ristau, Louise Sundin, Michael Vekich and Chancellor Steven Rosenstone

1. Call to Order

Chair Clarence Hightower called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM and announced that a quorum was present. Trustees Ann Anaya and Michael Vekich participated by phone.

2. Chair's Report: *Clarence Hightower*

(1) Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, May 21, 2014

The minutes were approved as written.

(2) Report of Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees on the Chancellor's Annual Performance Evaluation on June 17, 2014

As Chancellor Rosenstone has said before – and it is no less true today than it was three years ago – the people of Minnesota are counting on us.

I believe we will look back on the previous twelve months and we will come to recognize that this was the beginning of something very significant. Simply put, this was the year when a collaborative effort led by Chancellor Rosenstone identified a pathway to help us chart the future and strengthen our ability to make good on our core commitments to the people of Minnesota.

We are extraordinarily enthusiastic about the new and powerful ways in which our colleges and universities have begun to work together under Chancellor Rosenstone's leadership. We are confident that the priorities laid out in *Charting the Future* for the coming year are the right ones.

If we want to give all Minnesotans a shot at higher education – and we do,
if we want to be a great partner in our communities – and we do,
and if we want to be the highest value, most affordable higher education
option – and we most certainly do,
then these are the right priorities.

Charting the Future gives all of our colleges and universities their best shot at being the colleges and universities we want them to be. The board is pleased that Chancellor Rosenstone has agreed to continue to lead our system of 31 colleges and universities, and we are confident that under his leadership they will continue to be the state's highest value, most affordable higher education option.

In 2012 we encouraged Chancellor Rosenstone to “keep his foot on the gas.” Last year I asked him to “keep the stick at full throttle.” This year, as we all embark on a journey of significant change together, our guidance to Chancellor Rosenstone is this: “stay the course and keep your eye on our true north.”

Trustee Cirillo

Trustee Cirillo made the following remarks.

We set out an unusually aggressive agenda of eighteen separate goals, and Chancellor Rosenstone was successful in meeting almost all of them. During the past year, Chancellor Rosenstone:

Completed the process that led to the *Charting the Future* recommendations and began the initial implementation of those recommendations.

Led the process that saw MnSCU selected by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as one of twelve higher education systems nationally to join its State Postsecondary Education Systems Partnership. Part of what impressed the Foundation about MnSCU was the change process outlined in *Charting the Future*.

Chair Hightower moved that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2015 and 2016 meeting calendar. The motion was seconded and approved.

(4) **Special Recognitions**

Chair Hightower stated that his term, along with those of Trustees Cheryl Dickson, Alfredo Oliveira, David Paskach, Maria Peluso, and Louise Sundin, will end on June 30. Trustees

President Richard Shrubb

Richard Shrubb, president of Minnesota West Community and Technical College for six years. Minnesota West has accomplished a great deal under President Shrubb's leadership, achieving one of the highest graduation rates in the state and being named one of the top 50 community colleges in the nation. President Shrubb has had a great impact on the college.

President Edna Szymanski

Edna Szymanski, president of Minnesota State University Moorhead since 2008. President Szymanski helped engage the university in new collaborative partnerships; worked with the faculty to improve the quality of the education the university provides; and served on the executive committee of the Leadership Council. She leaves Minnesota State University Moorhead on solid footi2help Council.

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Trustee Anderson Kelliher thanked Ms. Matzke

11. Other Business

- Election of Officers

Chair

Chair Hightower announced that Trustee Thomas Renier was a candidate for the position of Chair. He called for other nominations and there were none.

Chair Hightower moved the nomination of Trustee Renier for the position of Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair

Chair Hightower called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Trustee Elise Ristau nominated Trustee Margaret Anderson Kelliher. Chair Hightower called for other nominations and there were none.

Chair Hightower moved the nomination of Trustee Anderson Kelliher for the position of Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hightower adjourned the meeting on 1.78 20. PMher1(t)-2((a)2.97eb(PMhe)4(r)-2(1(t)-2l622-)-2(n