

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY
Virtual
October 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kemi Alli, Chair; Gualberto Medina, Vice Chair; Merodie Hancock, President; Eric R. Lear; Brian Maloney; Lydia Stockman; and Michael Toscani

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Stanley Justice, and Johnnie Whittington

ALSO PRESENT: Cynthia Baum, Vice President and Provost; Deb D’Arcangelo, Chief Advancement Officer & Vice President of the University Foundation; Dennis Devery, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Chris Stringer, Vice President and CFO; Jennifer Hoff, General Counsel; Jasmeial Jackson, Chief Student Success, Equity and Inclusion Officer; Jennifer Nelson, New Jersey State Librarian; Michael Mancini, Chief of Staff/COO and Secretary to the Board; Jamie Adams, Executive Assistant to the President; and Dr. James Lyons, Consultant, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB).

Due to Dr. Alli’s prior commitment, Mr. Medina presided over the meeting until her arrival, which was at approximately 3:15pm.

Mr. Medina officially called the special public meeting to order at approximately 2:15 p.m., followed by a statement of public notice pursuant to New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.

After calling the meeting to order, Mr. Medina turned the meeting over to Dr. Hancock.

After requesting everyone to introduce themselves, Dr. Hancock presented Dr. James Lyons, senior consultant for AGB.

Dr. Lyons provided a history of his experience at several institutions that included serving as a board of trustee, president, as well as secretary of higher education.

Dr. Lyons continued onto the basics of public university strategic planning and the significance of the Board’s role in its formation.

The Board of Trustees recessed at approximately 4:00 p.m. and resumed at 4:15pm

The meeting continued with discussions related to mission, vision and purpose statements of the University.

After further dialogue on the timeline of the strategic plan, the board of trustees ended the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Medina requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was motioned by Mr. Lear and seconded by Mr. Maloney to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Merodie A. Hancock
President

Date

Approved by,



Kemi Alli
Chair

Date