



Meeting Minutes November 16 – 17, 2021

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**Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 17, 2021.

Trustees present: Jay Cowles, Chair; Rudy Rodriguez, Vice Chair; Asani Ajogun, Victor Ayemobuwa, Alex Cirillo, Dawn Erlandson, Jerry Janezich, Javier Morillo, April Nishimura, Oballa Oballa, Kathy Sheran, George Soule, and Cheryl Tefer

Trustees absent: Roger Moe and Michael Vekich

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 126. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Chair Cowles called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

Chancellor's Report, Devinder Malhotra

Chair Cowles, Vice Chair Rodriguez, members of the board...Yesterday, I shared with you my FY2022 Chancellor and System Office workplan. The activities that are listed is not a comprehensive list of all the collective work that is being undertaken at the system office nor all the activities where I am engaged, but it is reflective of the top priorities as we move towards our shared Equity 2030 goal and shoring up our organization to be programmatically and financially sustainable while responding to the continual changes in higher education.

It was important, given where we are in our strategic positioning as a system, and the maturity and focus of our work that we develop a Framework which would serve as the guideposts for a multi-year chancellor and system office workplan. The Minnesota State Framework will inform our strategic and operational work. This framework builds on the work we have done over the past four years and provides clarity for the needed work in the future. It also will lend clarity to the role of the system office and how it can best facilitate and support the work of our colleges and universities.

The Framework contains four elements:

- Three overarching Strategic Objectives to guide our work
- The four implied Imperatives that will drive our work
- The five Strategic Focus Areas where we will need to augment our capacity and focus our efforts
- And a Monitoring Framework to measure our progress towards accomplishing our strategic objectives

The initiatives contained in the workplan should not be a surprise to anyone. They are the very activities that are woven into the conversations and deliberations that we engage with the board on, as a Leadership Council, and with our students, faculty, and staff.

The workplan will be shared with the board in February and again in late spring. February's iteration will include further refinement of the initiatives, a status update of the initiatives progress, the correlation to the Monitoring Framework, and also provide additional detail for FY2023 and FY2024 initiative activities. The last iteration available in June will provide a final status update and next steps under each initiative.

In October I shared that the House and Senate Capital Investment Committees were making their rounds across the state to learn about the infrastructure needs.

I again want to thank our campus leaders who, as of this week, will have hosted 41 campus stops.

In the past few days nine more campuses were given the opportunity to share the work that they are doing for students and the communities they serve.

Later this afternoon I will be attending one of the tours to express our appreciation to legislators and their staff for taking a great deal of time in seeing Minnesota's infrastructure need first-hand.

The focus on infrastructure is at the federal level too, with President Biden signing the infrastructure bill that will make critical investments in broadband and other crucial areas that will hopefully give state lawmakers more capacity to invest in higher education during the upcoming legislative session.

Last week, we shared with the board that we had reached a tentative agreement with the Inter Faculty Organization. My deep appreciation to the team members on both sides for their diligence and hard work. These are not easy conversations but I am grateful for their focus and willingness to engage together so that we can continue to provide a strong foundation for our university faculty. We will continue to keep the board updated as the process unfolds.

And now the part I am looking forward to most in my brief remarks today. As we near the end of fall semester, I am excited to share that there are celebrations in order at our colleges and universities.

Every two years, community colleges from across the nation are invited to apply for the \$1 million dollar Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding achievement in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equity for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

By focusing on student success and lifting up models that work, the Aspen Prize aims to celebrate excellence, advance a focus on equitable student success, and stimulate replication of effective culture and practice.

This year four Minnesota State colleges have been invited to apply for the 2023 Aspen Prize. Please join me in congratulating:

- Alexandria Technical and Community College,
- Dakota County Technical College,
- Minnesota State Community and Technical College, and
- Minnesota West Community and Technical College

Just last week, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities announced that Metropolitan State University and Minneapolis College were chosen to be a part of the inaugural cohort for the Transfer Intensive, a one-year initiative designed to support partnerships between community colleges and universities in advancing the practices and policies associated with improved, more equitable transfer student success. The lessons learned in this intensive will be valuable as we continue to lean into our systemness for equitable student success across all 37 colleges and universities. Congratulations to Presidents Arthur and Pierce and their teams for their leadership.

Earlier this fall, South Central College received a \$2 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education to advance guided learning pathways for adult learners and underrepresented students, a concept that has been shared and discussed with the board previously. As President Parkers shared, "guided learning pathways will provide our students with a roadmap for success in their area of interest." My congratulations to the South Central team.

Earlier this summer, President Joyce Ester was named as a trustee to the 18-member Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees. The HLC board is a critical partner in our

colleges and universities work to advance the common good through quality assurance of higher education. Our appreciation to President Ester for engaging in this critical work that not only informs our institutions but effects the landscape of all of higher education.

Trustees – there are many other examples that highlight the recognition that our faculty and staff and our colleges and universities receive both locally and nationally. Amidst all that we have and are continuing to go through. Our commitment to our students remains solid and our focus un-wavered.

Chair's Report, Jay Cowles

I'd like to share that Chancellor Malhotra and I had the opportunity to attend a virtual retreat for board chairs and presidents of public universities and systems, hosted by the Association of Governing Boards, also known as AGB, in early November. This half-day retreat was informative and insightful and included sessions focused on diversity and inclusion, fostering effective relationships with state and local government, and strengthening the chair-president, or in our case...chair-chancellor, relationship. I appreciated the opportunity to learn alongside the Chancellor and other board chair and president colleagues from across the country.

I want to acknowledge and congratulate Trustee Alex Cirillo who recently accepted an invitation from the Association of Governing Boards to join their Council for Student Success. As a system, we share AGB's commitment to elevate student success outcomes and are honored to have Trustee Cirillo join their efforts to achieve this end.

I also want to recognize that Chancellor Malhotra was recently appointed as the chair of the National Association of System Heads (NASH) after serving this last year as the vice chair. NASH is the association of the chief executives of the college and university systems of public higher education in the United States and Puerto Rico whose mission is to leverage the power of systems to advance innovation and change in public higher education; we are pleased to have the Chancellor assuming a leadership role within this organization.

Lastly, I want to note a few events that trustees have recently attended or will attend in the coming weeks:

- Trustees Rodriguez, Soule, and Tefer attended a virtual listening session scheduled as part of LeadMN's Minnesota Student Leadership Summit in late October. The session was an open forum during which students shared their college student experiences. We were thankful for this valuable opportunity to hear directly from students.
- Trustees Cirillo and Erlandson joined me in late October at Metropolitan State University 50th anniversary celebration. It was a grand evening and I, along with my fellow trustees, was delighted to join in celebrating this momentous occasion.

- I am also pleased to report that the board has received a couple of invitations to join in-person commencements to be held next month. I think I speak for my fellow trustees when I say we are thrilled to have this opportunity – truly one of the highlights of trustee service – and very much look forward to getting back to the normal cadence of commencement ceremonies, hopefully this coming spring.

Consent Agenda

Chair Cowles asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the Consent Agenda.

Vice Chair Rodriguez made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Trustee Ayemobuwa seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ajogun	Yes
Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Moe	Absent
Trustee Morillo	Yes
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Yes
Trustee Rodriguez	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes
Trustee Vekich	Absent

The board voted to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1. Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, September 22, 2021**
- 2. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 19, 2021**
- 3. Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, October 20, 2021**
- 4. Contracts Requiring Board Approval**
 - a. Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Lease, Minnesota State University, Mankato**
 - b. MSUM Foundation Ground Lease, Minnesota State University Moorhead**
 - c. EDA Federal Grant Construction Contract, St. Cloud Technical & Community College**
- 5. Revised Office of Internal Auditing Charter**
- 6. Review Audit Results and Approve Release of Audited Financial Statements and Federal Student Financial Aid Audit Update**
- 7. Mission Statement Change – Normandale Community College**

Board Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee, Roger Moe, Chair

Committee Vice Chair Nishimura reported that the committee approved a recommendation for FY2022-FY2023 supplemental budget request. The committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees approves the FY2022-FY2023 supplemental budget request in the amount of \$60,000,000 in FY2023, to be continued as base funding. Full funding of the \$60,000,000 for campus support, a tuition freeze, mental health resources, student basic needs resources, and workforce development support the system's priorities while providing financial stabilization for our campuses.

The Board of Trustees has been granted the authority in state statute to govern and operate Minnesota State. The board, after full consultation with Minnesota State constituencies, will make final budget decisions, including setting tuition rates, at the conclusion of the legislative session.

Recommendations of a committee do not require a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ajogun	Yes
Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Moe	Absent
Trustee Morillo	Yes
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Yes
Trustee Rodriguez	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes
Trustee Vekich	Absent

The board voted to approve the recommended motion.

The board also received reports from November meetings of the following committees:

- Committee of the Whole, Jay Cowles, Chair
- Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Cheryl Tefer, Chair
- Audit Committee, Michael Vekich, Chair

- Facilities Committee, Jerry Janezich, Chair
- Outreach and Engagement Committee, Dawn Erlandson, Chair
- Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee, George Soule, Chair

Student Associations and Bargaining Units

Student associations and bargaining units were invited to submit written remarks and were given the opportunity to address the board in person. Written remarks were provided by Students United and have been posted to the board website.

In person remarks were provided by:

- LeadMN President Axel Kylander
- Students United State Chair Emma Zellmer
- Inter Faculty Organization President Brent Jeffers
- Minnesota State College Faculty President Matt Williams
- Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty President Tracy Rahim

Trustee Reports

Additional reports and remarks were heard from Trustee Tefer.

The next board meetings are scheduled for January 25-26, 2022.

Adjournment

Chair Cowles adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.



**Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees was held on November 16, 2021.

Trustees present: Jay Cowles, Chair; Rudy Rodriguez, Vice Chair; Asani Ajogun, Victor Ayemobuwa, Alex Cirillo, Dawn Erlandson, Jerry Janezich, Javier Morillo, Roger Moe, April Nishimura, Oballa Oballa, Kathy Sheran, George Soule, Cheryl Tefer, and Michael Vekich

Trustees absent: None

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 36. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Chair Cowles called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Chair Cowles' Remarks

This morning's meeting includes an update on Minnesota State COVID response and mitigation strategies. While the last board meeting presentation on this topic occurred early this calendar year, the board has received regular and in-depth updates from the Chancellor and has been informed of the system's response within the ever-evolving environment of this pandemic. This response has been guided by clear priorities: the health and safety of students, staff and faculty; and support for students in continuing to progress towards their educational goals. I look forward to a robust dialogue as we hear updates on various aspects of Minnesota State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chancellor's Remarks

Chair Cowles, Vice Chair Rodriguez, and trustees-

20 months ago, we provided the board our first update, highlighting the swift decision-making that had occurred over the course of the first 20 days of what would become a very prolonged and complex global health crisis.

Back in March of 2020, we did not know the gravity of how our world would change and how rapidly and continually we would have to adapt. At that time, I think we all were focused on flattening that curve and were hopeful we would be out of this crisis in a short duration.

As we all know now - that was not the case. Throughout this long pandemic, we have kept two very important priorities front and center in our decision-making:

- To safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of our faculty, staff, and students, and
- To enable students to continue to progress toward their educational goals

Early on, we decided that we would act as a system. The gravity of the situation, the torrent of information, and the rapidly changing health crisis required us to act and respond with a systemwide unified action plan with flexibility for campuses, where appropriate to align to local conditions.

We have been and continue to be guided in our decision-making with information from the CDC and in counsel and recommendations of our partners at the MN Department of Health.

The decisions that have been made over the course of the last 20 months were not easy. We oftentimes had to make quick decisions based even as the information set was evolving. These decisions have not been met without concerns or questions. The decisions that we made early on during the 2020 spring semester, although enormous in their magnitude and unprecedented on many levels, were perhaps the easiest. Our colleges and universities were responding as were the very communities where our campuses reside.

As safety measures evolved and vaccinations were made available, we too adapted our responses, guidance, and protocols. As parts of our communities “reopened” and other parts of our lives attempt to find a balance – seeking for the interactions, experiences, and connections that were lost in those early months, the decisions that we have had to made become more complex and nuanced.

We have not been immune to cases occurring on our campuses among our students and employees. However, our decisions and guidance have been instrumental in that have not experienced any major breakouts at any of our campuses.

Perhaps the decision that has generated the most attention is our decision around vaccination attestation and testing of our students. The staff will share with the board specifics with regards to our rollout for employees and students. However, I want the board to understand why we made the decision we did.

Access to an extraordinary education is central to who Minnesota State is. It is what we believe in and what we attempt to deliver for each and every student who chooses one of our 37 colleges and universities.

I believe that if we are to impact the rate of vaccinations in our communities, education is the key. Our best bet is to provide access to information, encourage dialogue and the exchange of information so that students have access and can make an informed choice as to how best to protect themselves, their families, and their communities.

In closing, it is important to recognize our presidents, their campus teams, the faculty, and staff, and the system office team who have from day one, 20 months ago, came together as a community with innovation, creativity and grit.

These efforts, and our commitment to our top priorities of keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe, as well ensuring our students can continue working toward their academic goals, have resulted in Minnesota State producing more than 56,000 graduates since the start of this global pandemic.

That is success for our students, our communities, and our state.

Agenda Item 1: Update: Minnesota State COVID response and mitigation strategies

Chair Cowles invited Associate Vice Chancellor Brian Yolitz to begin the presentation. Other presenters included: Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Facilities; Eric Davis, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources; Ron Anderson, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs; and Nate Hallanger, Special Assistant to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

Chair Cowles adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.



**Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 17, 2021.

Committee members present: Cheryl Tefer, Chair; Alex Cirillo, Vice Chair, Asani Ajogun, Dawn Erlandson, Javier Morillo, and Kathleen Sheran

Committee members absent: Oballa Oballa

Other board members present: Jay Cowles, Rudy Rodriguez, and George Soule

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Ron Anderson, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 84. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Tefer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2021, and Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Joint ASA-DEI Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2021

Committee Chair Tefer asked that both sets of minutes, agenda items 1 and 2, be approved by one single vote. She proceeded to ask if there were any changes or amendments to either set of minutes, then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Sheran made the motion and Trustee Morillo provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted, and both sets of minutes were approved unanimously. The minutes from the joint meeting will be forwarded to the DEI Committee for approval at their next meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Mission Statement Change – Normandale Community College

Committee Chair Tefer invited Sr. Vice Chancellor Ron Anderson along with President Joyce Ester, Normandale Community College to present on the proposed mission statement change for Normandale Community College, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 88.

Committee Chair Tefer asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed mission statement of Normandale Community College.

Trustee Morillo made the motion and Trustee Sheran seconded. A roll call vote was conducted.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ajogun	Yes
Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 4: Enrollment Profile and Enrollment Management Strategy

Committee Chair Tefer invited Sr. Vice Chancellor Ron Anderson along with Dennis Olson, Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education; Carrie Brimhall, President, Minnesota State Community and Technical College; John Maduko, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Minnesota State Community and Technical College; Edward Inch, President, Minnesota State University, Mankato; and David Jones, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Minnesota State University, Mankato to present Enrollment Profile and Enrollment Management Strategy, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 105.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.



**Audit Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 16, 2021.

Committee members present: Michael Vekich, Chair; George Soule, Vice Chair; Victor Ayemobuwa; and April Nishimura

Committee members absent: Jerry Janezich

Other board members present: Asani Ajogun, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Roger Moe, Javier Morillo, Kathy Sheran, and Cheryl Tefer

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Eric Wion, Executive Director of the Office of Internal Auditing; and Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Facilities

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 39. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Vekich called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021

Committee Chair Vekich asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Soule made the motion and Trustee Nishimura provided a second. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021 Joint Meeting of Audit and Finance Committees

Committee Chair Vekich asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Soule made the motion and Trustee Nishimura provided a second. A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: FY2022 Committee Workplan

Committee Chair Vekich invited Mr. Eric Wion, Executive Director of Internal Auditing to present the committee work plan/schedule, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 45.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Agenda Item 4: Revised Office of Internal Auditing Charter

Committee Chair Vekich invited Mr. Wion to present the revised Office of Internal Auditing charter, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 48.

Committee Chair Vekich asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion:

The Audit Committee has reviewed the proposed revision and recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the revised Office of Internal Auditing Charter:

RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION:

Based on the review and recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees approves the revised Office of Internal Auditing Charter.

Trustee Soule made the motion and Trustee Nishimura seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Vekich	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 5: Review Audit Results and Approve Release of Audited Financial Statements and Federal Student Financial Aid Audit Update

Committee Chair Vekich invited Mr. Wion along with Mr. Don Loberg, Managing Principal with CliftonLarsonAllen, Ms. Brenda Scherer, Signing Director with CliftonLarsonAllen, Mr. Chris Knopik, Principal with CliftonLarsonAllen, and Mr. Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor for Finance and

Facilities to present the review of audit results and approve the release of audited financial statements and the federal student financial aid audit update, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 61.

Committee Chair Vekich asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion:

The Audit Committee has reviewed the fiscal year 2021 audited financial statements and discussed them with representatives of management and Minnesota State's external auditing firm. The committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the release of the fiscal year 2021 audited financial statements as submitted.

RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION:

Based on the review and recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees approves the release of the fiscal year 2021 audited financial statements as submitted.

Trustee Soule made the motion and Trustee Ayemobuwa seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Vekich	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.



**Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 16, 2021.

Committee members present: Jerry Janezich, Chair, Roger Moe, Vice Chair; Victor Ayemobuwa, Alex Cirillo, and Kathy Sheran

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Asani Ajogun, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Oballa Oballa, George Soule, Cheryl Tefer, and Michael Vekich

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Facilities, and Brian Yolitz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 10. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Janezich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2021

Committee Chair Janezich asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Cirillo made the motion and Trustee Moe provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: MSUM Foundation Ground Lease – Minnesota State University Moorhead

Committee Chair Janezich invited Associate Vice Chancellor Yolitz to present the Approval of the MSUM Foundation Ground Lease – MSU Moorhead, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 13.

Committee Chair Janezich asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion:

The Facilities and Finance Committees recommend that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement with the Minnesota State University Moorhead Foundation for the purposes of building an Alumni Center in support of Minnesota State University Moorhead and execute the necessary documents.

Trustee Moe made the motion and Trustee Sheran seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 3: EDA Federal Grant Construction Contract – St. Cloud Technical and Community College

Committee Chair Janezich invited Associate Vice Chancellor Yolitz to present the Approval of the EDA Federal Grant Construction Contract – St. Cloud Technical and Community College, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 16.

Committee Chair Janezich asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion:

The Facilities and Finance Committees recommend that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee to enter into a contract not to exceed \$2,000,000 to renovate and construct campus spaces and create an Advanced Manufacturing Training Lab at St. Cloud Technical & Community College.

Trustee Cirillo made the motion and Trustee Moe seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes

Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 4: FY2022 Facilities Committee Workplan

Committee Chair Janezich invited Associate Vice Chancellor Yolitz to present the FY2022 Facilities Committee Workplan, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 18.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 16, 2021.

Committee members present: Roger Moe, Chair; April Nishimura, Vice Chair; Jerry Janezich, Oballa Oballa, Rudy Rodriguez, Kathy Sheran, and George Soule.

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobuwa, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Cheryl Tefer, and Michael Vekich

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Facilities, Brian Yolitz, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), beginning on page 20. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Moe called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Agenda Items 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2021

Committee Chair Moe asked if there were any changes or amendments to the minutes for either date. There being no changes, Chair Moe asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Rodriguez made the motion and Trustee Nishimura provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Contracts Requiring Board Approval:

Committee Chair Moe invited Vice Chancellor Maki to present the contracts for approval as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 23.

Committee Chair Moe asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for agenda item **2a – Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Lease, Minnesota State University, Mankato:**

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with the City of Mankato – Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center not to exceed \$7,750,000 and with a term of ten years for the purposes of rental for Men's and Women's Hockey Operations and Training Facility and game and practice ice arena. The Finance Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees direct the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

Trustee Sheran made the motion and Trustee Nishimura provided a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The committee voted unanimously to approve the recommended motion.

Vice Chancellor Maki was joined by Associate Vice Chancellor Brian Yolitz who stated that the following two contract items were previously approved in the Facilities Committee.

Committee Chair Moe asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for agenda item **2b -- MSUM Foundation Ground Lease, Minnesota State University, Moorhead:**

The Facilities and Finance Committees recommend that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee to enter into a long-term ground lease agreement with the Minnesota State University Moorhead Foundation for the purposes of building an Alumni Center in support of Minnesota State University Moorhead and execute the necessary documents.

Trustee Soule made the motion and Trustee Nishimura provided a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The committee voted unanimously to approve the recommended motion.

Committee Chair Moe asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for agenda item **2c – EDA Federal Grant Construction Contract, St. Cloud Technical & Community College:**

The Facilities and Finance Committees recommend that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee to enter into a contract not to exceed \$2,000,000 to renovate and construct campus spaces and create an Advanced Manufacturing Training Lab at St. Cloud Technical & Community College.

Trustee Nishimura made the motion and Trustee Rodriguez provided a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The committee voted unanimously to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 3: FY2022-23 Supplemental Budget Request (Second Reading)

Committee Chair Moe invited Vice Chancellor Maki to present this item as detailed in the meeting materials. The vice chancellor was joined by Steve Ernest, System Director for Financial Planning and Analysis, Paul Shepherd, System Director for Student Development and Success, as well as Presidents Joe Mulford (Pine Technical & Community College) and Scott Olson (Winona State University). The materials for this item begin on page 30.

Committee Chair Moe asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for this agenda item:

The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2022-FY2023 supplemental budget request in the amount of \$60,000,000 in FY2023, to be continued as base funding. Full funding of the \$60,000,000 for campus support, a tuition freeze, mental health resources, student basic needs resources, and workforce development support the system's priorities while providing financial stabilization for our campuses.

Trustee Sheran made the motion and Trustee Nishimura provided a second. A roll call vote was conducted. The committee voted unanimously to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

**Outreach and Engagement Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Outreach and Engagement Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 17, 2021.

Committee members present: Dawn Erlandson, Chair; Alex Cirillo, Vice Chair; Victor Ayemobuwa, Javier Morillo, and Cheryl Tefer.

Other board members present: Asani Ajogun, Jay Cowles, Jerry Janezich, April Nishimura, Rudy Rodriguez, George Soule, and Kathy Sheran.

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Noelle Hawton, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [<here>](#), starting on page 108. An audio recording of the meeting is available [<here>](#).

Committee Chair Erlandson called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2021

Committee Chair Erlandson asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Morillo made the motion and Trustee Ayemobuwa provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: FY2022 Committee Workplan

Committee Chair Erlandson gave an overview of the FY 2022 Outreach and Engagement Committee Workplan, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 111.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.



Agenda Item 3: Engagement Stories: Farm Business Management Programs

Committee Chair Erlandson invited Noelle Hawton along with Keith Olander, Executive Director, Minnesota State Northern Agricultural Center of Excellence and Dean of Agricultural Studies, Central Lakes College; James Gordon, Vice President, Pioneer Bank in Mapleton and Minnesota Bankers Association Ag Committee Chair; Betsy Jensen, Farm Business Management faculty, Northland Community and Technical College; and Hannah Bernhardt, student and owner, Medicine Creek Farm, to present on Farm Business Management Programs, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 114.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.



**Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on November 17, 2021.

Committee members present: George Soule, Chair; Rudy Rodriguez, Vice Chair; Asani Ajogun, Dawn Erlandson, Roger Moe, Kathy Sheran, Cheryl Tefer

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobuwa, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Jerry Janezich, Javier Morillo, April Nishimura, Oballa Oballa

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Eric Davis, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 116. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2021 Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee

Committee Chair Soule asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Rodriguez made the motion and Trustee Erlandson provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 4.2 Appointment of Presidents (First Reading)

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Eric Davis to present the Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 4.2 Appointment of Presidents (First Reading), as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 119.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.