

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Board of Trustees

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Present: Vice Chair Jay Cowles, Treasurer Roger Moe, and Trustees AbdulRahmane Abdul-Aziz, Ashlyn Anderson, Alex Cirillo, Dawn Erlandson, Bob Hoffman, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe, April Nishimura, Rudy Rodriguez, Louise Sundin, Cheryl Tefer, Samson Williams, and Chancellor Devinder Malhotra

Absent: Chair Michael Vekich and Trustee George Soule

Call to Order

Vice Chair Cowles called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm. He acknowledged Trustee Williams who was participating in the meeting by telephone.

Chancellor's Report, Devinder Malhotra

Vice Chair Cowles, and members of the board, let me first begin by expressing my deep gratitude for your engagement during yesterday's Reimagining Minnesota State study session. The dialogue that we had yesterday got me into a learning mode as if I was back in the classroom. Some of my colleagues remarked that as I shared yesterday with everyone my next steps, it seemed I got into a "professor" mode. Indeed, I was very energized by our discussions and very appreciative of the perspectives that were shared. Lest anybody thought that I will let the Reimagining work gather dust somewhere, I want to repeat the goal I suggested yesterday:

By 2030, Minnesota State will eliminate the educational equity gaps at every Minnesota State college and university.

It is indeed not an easy task but if our agency is for all of our students regardless of where they are enrolled, then this is truly the right goal to focus on. This objective brings clarity and focus to our work. As we learned yesterday in the subsequent committee presentations, there is great work going on at our colleges and universities. But if we are truly to live into the vision of the higher education system of tomorrow, we must learn how to increase our capacity and capabilities across our colleges and universities and position the system office to provide the necessary support to all of our colleges and universities.

We can't do this work without engaging and empowering all our faculty and staff across the system. I want to thank the board for their optimism and counsel. If we are to meet this goal, we will need not only the coalition of the willing but also will need the unwilling to be active participants in our discussions and our next steps.

I am fully cognizant that removing the barriers for the success of our students and closing the educational equity gaps will require strong partnerships with K-12, state agencies, the Governor's Office, legislators, and businesses and philanthropic organizations. If we could have, in isolation, removed the barriers that sustain equity gaps, it would have been accomplished by now. Instead, it will require a sustained and concerted effort with the operational and student support structures of our colleges and universities and those of the broader community, and executive and the legislative branches of the government.

We will spend the next few months:

- In consultation and communication with internal stakeholders around this overarching goal and its implications,
- Refine the 2030 goals and identify the targets and metrics,
- Conduct an inventory of current work underway, assess their maturity and scalability of effort, and identify other opportunities, and
- Engage key external stakeholders to align our efforts with them.

We intend to present the refined version for review and discussion at the board's fall retreat.

Workforce Media Tour

Yesterday, Trustee Erlandson commented on the need to increase the awareness of the cost of a college or university degree within Minnesota State. The board also heard about the impact of the Workforce Development Scholarship program by President Mulford and the difference these scholarships are making for students across our state and for widening a bit the doors of hope and opportunity. So, against my better judgement, I'm getting in the car with Bernie once again for a four-day tour of the state, making close to 20 stops. This time it is to do exactly as Trustee Erlandson suggested...to get out there and share the value proposition of Minnesota State and the opportunities, like the Workforce Development Scholarships and the challenges our students face each and every day.

This tour will come directly after Minnesota State Week which kicks off June 24th. This has been a collaborative effort between our marketing and communications departments and admissions teams to promote the opportunities across our 54 campuses through on-campus events, social media and earned media.

Each one of our colleges will have 18 - \$2500 scholarships to award to students beginning this fall. I am thankful to the college presidents and their foundation and admissions teams for the work they will engage in over the next two months in this regard. I look forward to providing an update to the board on these efforts later this fall.

Argosy Students

In addition to the great efforts we learned about yesterday happening on our campuses, I wanted to share the good work being done to help students affected by the closing of

for-profit Argosy University. My deep gratitude and appreciation to President Millender and Interim President Berndt who along with the faculty and staff at Century College, Dakota County Technical College, and Inver Hills Community College have welcomed these students into their institutions. A few weeks ago, Century College welcomed 35 Argosy seniors into their Dental Hygiene program which included getting special approval from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. These students will be able to complete their program by August.

At Dakota County Technical College, they helped seven Argosy students complete their programs and they even participated in their May graduation. Thirty-seven students have enrolled at Dakota County Technical College with 34 of those students have enrolled in a special summer cohort of their Veterinary Technician program. An additional eight students are enrolled at Inver Hills Community College. Many thanks to Commissioner Olson, Chairs Bernardy and Anderson, and the higher education committees for their partnership in helping us to meet the needs of these students.

Service to Minnesota State

As I reflected on my Reimagining comments I must admit I had a range of emotions. Last month we celebrated the accomplishments and transitions of our 39,000 graduates. Today, we celebrate a different kind of transition. I have great anticipation for the coming year with many new leaders stepping forward. Yet, I am torn in watching some of our colleagues moving on to new phases in their life and professional journeys, and I am hopeful some will take my advice and fail in this overrated phenomenon referred to as retirement. I am sincerely grateful for the leadership and contributions of Presidents Dastmozd, Gores, McDonald, and Urban. They have not only been colleagues of mine but also dear friends.

I am in awe of the long standing leadership of President Johns' and Vice Chancellor King who have served as pillars of our system and together have guided students, faculty, and staff of Minnesota State for over **60 years**. At the same time, I am excited about the new colleagues that will be joining us, including three new permanent presidents and the three new interim presidents that I have recommended today who have over 55 years of campus leadership experience within Minnesota State.

I was reminded the other day that the work we do is a calling. We take on the challenges and address the forces of change because we believe in the power and difference public higher education can make for Minnesotans across the state. I want to thank all our leaders for answering the call and I look forward to the work ahead with you.

Vice Chair Cowles, that concludes my remarks.

Vice Chair's Report, Jay Cowles

• Report on Reimagining Minnesota State

Trustee Cirillo reported that the Board of Trustees met in a study session yesterday morning on the Report on Reimagining Minnesota State. The board thanked the members of the Forum Advisory Group, the colleges and universities that hosted the five forums, and all of the

stakeholders who participated and provided feedback. The board also thanked Dr. Lisa Foss and Dr. Terry MacTaggart for their leadership.

Trustee Cirillo made the following motion that was seconded by Trustee Moe and carried.

The Board of Trustees accepts the Report on Reimagining Minnesota State and charges the chancellor with developing a plan for the next steps for review and discussion with the board at the September retreat.

- **Recognition of Vice Chancellor Laura M. King**

Vice Chair Cowles said it is his honor to acknowledge Vice Chancellor Laura King's retirement. He personally worked with her as chair of the Finance Committee. Chancellor Malhotra added that he worked with Vice Chancellor King when he was a provost, a president, and now as a chancellor. She is fearlessly passionate about the vision and mission of the students we serve. Chancellor Malhotra read a letter from former Chancellor Jim McCormick acknowledging Vice Chancellor King's service.

Vice Chair Cowles invited Vice Chancellor King to the presenter's table, and he read the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Laura M. King has served Minnesota State from 1996-2019 as the Vice Chancellor and Chief Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, Laura M. King has provided counsel and advice to five chancellors, ten Board of Trustees chairs and numerous presidents and system and campus leaders; and

WHEREAS, Laura M. King has served as Minnesota State's lead testifier during 23 legislative sessions advocating and promoting access to an affordable, extraordinary higher education for all Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS, while at Minnesota State nearly \$2 billion in capital investment provided through 16 bonding bills has been carefully delivered and executed to maintain, renovate, replace, and construct college and university academic buildings demonstrating sound stewardship and bettering the teaching and learning environments at Minnesota State's 54 campuses; and

WHEREAS, Laura M. King previously served as the Commissioner of Finance for the State of Minnesota from 1994 to 1996 and served prior to that as the assistant commissioner and state budget director from 1991 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, during Laura M. King's tenure as commissioner, the state was rated the fourth-best financially managed state in the country and received an upgrade in its bond rating to Aaa from Moody's Investor Services. Minnesota became the first state upgraded to Aaa by Moody's in 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Laura M. King served as the assistant to the finance officer for the city of Minneapolis from 1988 to 1991 and held various finance and management positions in the Minneapolis City Coordinator's office from 1979 to 1988

WHEREAS, Laura M. King has been an active contributor to civic and philanthropic organizations, including her service to Catholic Charities and Catholic Finance Corporation for the past 16 years of which she served as chair for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Laura M. King as a daughter, sister, aunt and friend, has supported, guided and mentored with laughter, kindness, and generosity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CHANCELLOR MALHOTRA on this day, June 19, 2019, pay tribute to Vice Chancellor Laura M. King, whose leadership and service will benefit generations of Minnesotans to come.

Vice Chancellor King thanked the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Malhotra for their kind words. She is reminded that the work we do supports what happens in the classrooms and on the campuses each and every day.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Nominating Committee, May 17, 2019**
- 2. Minutes of Board Meeting, May 22, 2019**
- 3. Revised FY2020 and Proposed FY2021 Board Meeting Dates (Second Reading)**
- 4. Approval of Mission Statement: Northwest Technical College**
- 5. Students United Fee Renewal (Second Reading)**
- 6. FY2020 Annual Operating Budget (Second Reading)**
- 7. FY2020 Capital Program Recommendations (Second Reading)**
- 8. Revenue Fund Current Refunding Bond Sale (Second Reading)**
- 9. NextGen Phase 2, Including Finance Plan**
- 10. Approval of FY2020 Internal Audit/Project Plan**
- 11. Contracts Exceeding \$1 Million**
 - a. Annual Baker Tilly Contract Amendment**
 - b. Guaranteed Energy Savings Program, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie**
 - c. Admissions Recruitment Software Contract, Minnesota State University, Mankato**
 - d. Library Information Software and Services (PALS)**

Trustee Abdul-Aziz requested removal of Item Number 6 – FY2020 Annual Operating Budget from the Consent Agenda. Chair Cowles said the item will be removed and taken up during the report of the Finance Committee.

Following a motion by Trustee Erlandson and a second by Trustee Hoffman, the Consent Agenda minus item number 6 was adopted.

Board Policy Decisions (Second Readings)

Vice Chair Cowles explained that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the proposed amendments to the policies listed below and refers them to the board for its approval.

Proposed Amendments to Policies:

- a. 2.3 Student Involvement in Decision-Making**
- b. 3.36 Academic Programs**
- c. 3.8 Students Complaints and Grievances**

Trustee Cirillo moved approval of the proposed amendment to the policies. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anderson and carried.

Board Standing Committee Reports

Human Resources Committee, Jay Cowles, Chair

1. Appointment of Interim President of Saint Paul College

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the Human Resources Committee received Chancellor Malhotra's recommendation of an Interim President of Saint Paul College. Chancellor Malhotra recommended Dr. Deidra Peaslee, currently the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

Committee Chair Cowles read the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Dr. Deidra Peaslee as the Interim President of Saint Paul College effective July 1, 2019, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the human resources committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Peaslee thanked the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Malhotra, her colleagues at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, President Dastmozd and President Hanson and her family for their support.

2. Appointment of Interim President of Northeast Higher Education District

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the Human Resources Committee received Chancellor Malhotra's recommendation of an Interim President of Northeast Higher Education District. Chancellor Malhotra recommended Dr. Michael Raich, currently the Provost of Hibbing Community College.

Committee Chair Cowles read the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Dr.

Michael Raich as the Interim President of Northeast Higher Education District effective July 1, 2019, up to a term of two years and subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the human resources committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Raich thanked the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Malhotra for the opportunity. He also thanked President Bill Maki for his leadership, along with thanks to his wife and daughters for their support. He thanked his colleagues across the Northeast Higher Education District in advance and looks forward to working with them.

3. Appointment of Interim President of North Hennepin Community College

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the Human Resources Committee received Chancellor Malhotra's recommendation of an Interim President of North Hennepin Community College. Chancellor Malhotra recommended Jeffery Williamson, currently the Provost/Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer at Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

Committee Chair Cowles read the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Dr. Jeffery Williamson as the Interim President of North Hennepin Community College effective August 5, 2019, subject to the completion of an employment agreement. The board authorizes the chancellor, in consultation with the chair of the board and chair of the human resources committee, to negotiate and execute an employment agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Personnel Plan for Administrators.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Williamson thanked the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Malhotra for the opportunity. He also thanked his wife who was with him today. He recognized Dr. Terry Gaalswyk for his leadership as president of Minnesota West Community & Technical College.

Audit Committee, April Nishimura, Vice Chair

1. Compliance Practices Assessment Advisory Project Report

Committee Vice Chair Nishimura commented that the report was in partner with six of our institutions to review how they comply with external laws related to higher education in a host of different categories. The importance of this work is to mitigate risk and to preserve the integrity of our institutions and system. No negative infractions were identified to the credit of the staff at the institutions and the system.

2. Enrollment Forecasting Advisory Project Report

Committee Vice Chair Nishimura recognized Senior Vice Chancellor Ron Anderson and Executive Director Eric Wion for thinking outside the box as this report looked at how we are measuring enrollment forecasting at the institutional level. The committee learned that institutions are using different methodologies to forecast enrollment. The committee also wondered about the reliability of the forecasting models. Going forward the committee suggested looking at ways to build a better framework for the system. All of this falls in line with Reimagining.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and Joint Human Resources and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees Rudy Rodriguez, Chair

1. Campus Climate Update

2. Minnesota State Faculty and Staff Diversity: Current Demographics and Strategies

Committee Chair Rodriguez commented that these two reports highlighted efforts to increase diversity and inclusion across the system. The campus climate assessment was a pilot that provided good information. The development of a tool kit and updating our systemwide strategy are the next steps. Another next step is to continue to break down the data and look at the different demographics to see how different populations are performing.

Committee Chair Rodriguez commented that the topic for the joint meeting provided a perspective on demographic data on gender, race, and ethnicity of faculty and staff. He added that he was pleased to learn of the efforts underway to recruit, retain, and develop more diverse faculty and staff, including women, people of color, Native American, people with disabilities, veterans, and others. A recommendation was for consideration of a score card or goals or metrics on a systemwide level.

Outreach and Engagement Committee, Dawn Erlandson, Chair

1. Strategic Recruitment of High School Graduates: Normandale Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato

Committee Chair Erlandson commented that the committee heard about Normandale Community College's and Minnesota State University, Mankato's recruitment of high school students. Normandale has a number of innovative partnerships both for recruiting seniors, PSEO students and gifted students in the Bloomington schools. MSU, Mankato shared that the four-year landscape is competitive. The university is working hard to recruit students from within Minnesota and outside the state.

2. Engagement with Philanthropic Partners: Pine Technical and Community College and SPIRE Credit Union and Riverland Community College and The Hormel Foundation

Committee Chair Erlandson reported that the Hormel Foundation in Austin, Minnesota has been incredibly generous to Riverland Community College. President Adenuga Atewologun spoke of the importance of the CRM tool for recruitment and retention of students. President Joe Mulford of Pine Technical and Community College has worked hard to

leverage the state's Workforce Development Scholarships. He has attracted other donors in the region and partnered with local high schools.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Alex Cirillo, Chair

- Guided Learning Pathways- Part II: Transfer Pathways and Credit for Prior Learning
Committee Chair Cirillo reported that the highlight was on credit for prior learning which is competency developed outside of the traditional classroom. The big ideas are: learning is everywhere, students and prospective students have developed college-level learning and competence outside of our institutions, and that Minnesota State faculty can and may assess and validate such learning for college-level credit. A virtual hub has been created for advising students and referring for assessment. A system web-based platform has been built for information, advising, and processing. It matches students to the most appropriate assessment strategy. The platform has a bank of expert faculty across the system and developed a community of peer support, specialist contacts, and resource sharing. The big take-away is that once you are assessed in the system it will carry to all of our colleges and universities.

Facilities Committee, Jerry Janezich, Chair

- Report of the Committee
Committee Chair Janezich commented that the committee heard several items that were placed on the Consent Agenda. On the FY2020 Capital Program, the committee increased the HEAPR amount to \$150 million. It was \$130 million. On the Revenue Fund, we are stable on the S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investor Service. The committee had a discussion on FY2022 because there are some big projects on the table.

Committee Chair Janezich also acknowledged that Heidi Myers, system director, design and construction, also retired.

Finance Committee, Roger Moe, Chair

1. Report of the Committee
Committee Chair Moe thanked Vice Chancellor King and her team for assisting and providing us with all of the information we needed for the items on the committee's agenda. The committee approved and referred several items to the board for approval and they were approved earlier on the Consent Agenda: contracts exceeding \$1 Million for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Program, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie; Admissions Recruitment Software Contract at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and Library Information Software and Services (PALS). Also approved were the Students United Fee Renewal, the FY2020 Capital Program Recommendations, and the Revenue Fund Current Refunding Bond Sale.
2. **FY2020 Annual Operating Budget (Second Reading)**
Vice Chair Cowles forwarded the recommended motion on pages 13-14 of the handout that was distributed at the Finance Committee meeting, as follows:
The Board of Trustees:

- Adopt the annual total all funds operating budget for fiscal year 2020 as shown in Table 5.
- Approve the proposed tuition structure recommendations and differential tuition rationale for fiscal year 2020 as detailed in Attachments 1A through 1G.
- Tuition rates are effective summer term or fall term 2019 at the discretion of the president. The chancellor or designee is authorized to approve any required technical adjustments, and is requested to incorporate any approvals at the time fiscal year 2021 tuition recommendations are presented to the Board of Trustees.
- Continue the policy of market-driven tuition for closed enrollment courses, customized training, and non-credit instruction, continuing education, and contract postsecondary enrollment option programs.
- Approve the Revenue Fund and related fiscal year 2020 fees for room and board, student union, wellness and recreation facilities, and parking ramps/surface lots as detailed in Attachments 2A through 2E, including any housing fees that the campuses may charge for occupancy outside the academic year.
- Authorize the chancellor or designee to enter into an agreement with the Learning Network of Minnesota to provide the funding appropriated to the organization in Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 64, Article 1, Section 3, Subdivision 4, in the amount of \$4,115,000.

Trustee Anderson proposed an amendment to the motion as follows:

- Decrease the tuition from 3% to 1.5 % with the stipulation that no tuition dollars go to fund NextGen.
- The board have a broader conversation on what Trustee Cirillo mentioned earlier during the Finance Committee meeting on the value/ price sensitivity of enrollment, and
- In the future, the board look at alternative funding options for tuition.

Trustee Cirillo commented that lower tuition does not increase enrollment. Tuition was not raised for several years and enrollment did not increase. Chair Cowles called on Vice Chancellor King to describe some research that was previously done on this topic. Vice Chancellor King reported that the system did an extensive study about four years ago on price sensitivity that sought to answer the question on what impacts enrollment. The findings at that time were that enrollment was substantially predicted by the unemployment rate, whether or not there was growth in household income, and the size of the population in the 18-24 year age quartile. She added that as tuition has stayed steady, enrollments have gone down. We have not asked the question – what does price do to enrollment?

Committee Chair Moe recommended dividing the amendment to take up the recommendation on tuition from the study. He added that he also recommended adding approval of the additional studies at some time.

Vice Chair Cowles outlined Trustee Anderson's proposed amendment as follows:

The tuition increase be capped at 1.5 % and none of the increased tuition dollars may be allocated towards the NextGen project. Trustee Abdul-Aziz seconded the amendment.

Committee Chair Moe divided the motion so that the amendment to the board for additional studies on how tuition impacts enrollment be taken up first. He seconded the proposed amendment.

Trustees expressed concerns regarding the cost of an original study and scope of study.

Trustee Abdul-Aziz noted that a study with definitive results will have a positive impact on our students and campuses.

Chancellor Malhotra commented that there was a presentation yesterday on the strategic enrollment framework that includes a study on predicting enrollment. A study is already underway. Senior Vice Chancellor Anderson commented that staff will prepare a study.

The board voted on the following proposed amendment:

Vice Chair Cowles repeated the amendment on the study. The study carried eight in favor (Anderson, Abdul-Aziz, Cirillo, Hoffman, Janezich, Moe, Williams and Cowles) and four opposed (Trustees Erlandson, Nishimura, Rodriguez, and Tefer).

Committee Chair Moe commented that he is opposed to the second half of the amendment reducing tuition to 1.5%. He continued that the student trustees expressed their opposition to the tuition increase in a respectful manner, as did the representatives of the student associations who were also opposed to the tuition increase. The 3% increase for the colleges amounts to a \$144 increase, which is \$12 a month. Over 35,000 of our students receive state grants. The impact of a 3% increase to them amounts to a reduction of tuition of \$46. For the universities it amounts to \$231 or \$19.25 a month of which one-fourth of them are Minnesota grant eligible and their increase on an average will be \$6. For the last seven years, the colleges have not had an increase. For the universities, they have not had an increase the last four out of seven years. The 3% tuition increase is necessary for equity and diversity, bringing the NextGen technology that will benefit students and everybody else, to meet the chancellor's challenge on reimagining the system.

Trustee Anderson commented that she is not Pell eligible and she pays tuition out of her pocket. The increase will make a difference to her. Trustee Abdul-Aziz commented that he has heard a lot of numbers today, but the students have to live with the decision made today. A tuition increase has an effect on students. If we want to be innovative and imaginative for students we need to take another look. Trustee Williams commented on the impact of the tuition increase for him. He does not receive grants nor scholarships and there are many students like him. He implored the trustees to listen to the students' arguments in favor of reducing tuition.

Trustee Janezich spoke in favor of the 3% tuition increase, adding that the campuses begin a consultation process on the budgets that results in the tuition recommendation.

Trustee Anderson's amendment was for the tuition increase to be reduced from 3% to 1.5%. The amendment had been seconded earlier. Vice Chair Cowles called the question. The motion failed on a vote of three in favor (Abdul-Aziz, Anderson, and Samson) and ten opposed (Cirillo, Erlandson, Hoffman, Janezich, Moe, Nishimura, Rodriguez, Sundin, Tefer, and Cowles)

Trustee Anderson moved the amendment that no dollars from the tuition increase in the FY2020 budget will be applied to NextGen was put on the table. The amendment was seconded by Trustee Abdul-Aziz. Vice Chair Cowles called the question. The motion failed on a vote of three in favor (Abdul-Aziz, Anderson, and Samson), nine opposed (Cirillo, Hoffman, Janezich, Moe, Nishimura, Rodriguez, Sundin, Tefer, and Cowles) and one abstention (Erlandson).

Committee Chair Moe moved the original motion as presented in the materials along with the amendment that was approved authorizing staff to research existing analysis on the price-elasticity of tuition on enrollment. The motion carried by a vote of ten in favor (Cirillo, Erlandson, Hoffman, Janezich, Moe, Nishimura, Rodriguez, Sundin, Tefer, and Cowles) and three opposed (Abdul-Aziz, Anderson, and Williams).

Committee of the Whole, Jay Cowles, Vice Chair

1. NextGen Project Risk Review #4

Vice Chair Cowles reported that the Committee of the Whole reviewed and adopted the finance plan that was approved on the Consent Agenda. The committee also approved the release of the RFP. A group of 58 representatives (students, faculty, and staff) from the colleges and universities are involved in the evaluation of the proposals. The recommendations will be presented for approval early in 2020.

Student Associations

President Frankie Becerra, LeadMN addressed the Board of Trustees.
State Chair Kayla Shelley, Students United, addressed the Board of Trustees.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Bargaining Units

President-elect Matt Williams, Minnesota State College Faculty, addressed the Board of Trustees.

Election of Officers

Trustee Erlandson reported that she will preside over the election of officers. She asked Trustee Rodriguez to give the report of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee's Recommendation of Chair and Vice Chair

Trustee Rodriguez reported that the Nominating Committee's members are George Soule, Cheryl Tefer and himself. The committee meet on May 17, 2019, and discussed the two candidates who had submitted their names for officer positions.

The Nominating Committee sent its recommendations of Jay Cowles as chair and Roger Moe as vice chair to the Board of Trustees on May 21, 2019.

Election of Chair

Trustee Rodriguez put forward the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation to elect Jay Cowles as chair of the Board of Trustees. A motion from a committee does not need a second.

Trustee Erlandson called the question and the motion carried.

Election of Vice Chair

Trustee Rodriguez forwarded the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation to elect Roger Moe as vice chair of the Board of Trustees. Chair-elect Cowles called the question and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Chancellor Malhotra congratulated Chair-elect Cowles and Vice Chair-elect Moe adding that he looks forward to working with them.

Trustee Rodriguez acknowledged Chair Vekich for his leadership.

Chair-elect Cowles thanked everyone. He announced that the next meeting is a joint meeting with the Leadership Council on July 23-24, 2019 at Hibbing Community College.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.