



Meeting Minutes January 24-25, 2023

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**Audit Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023**

A meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on January 24, 2023.

Committee members present: Alex Cirillo, Chair; Jay Cowles, Vice Chair; Dawn Erlandson, Tim Huebsch, and April Nishimura

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobuwa, Jim Grabowska, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe, Kathy Sheran, and George Soule

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Amy Jorgenson, and Bill Maki

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 13. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Cirillo called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2022

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

Agenda Item 2: Select Audit Firm for Systemwide External Auditing Services

Committee Chair Cirillo invited Amy Jorgenson to present the recommendation for the audit firm for Systemwide External Auditing Services, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 16.

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

The Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following motion:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the chancellor or his designee to execute a contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for external auditing services for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, with an

option to extend the contract an additional three fiscal years, for a total amount not to exceed \$1.343,500 million. The Board delegates to the chancellor, or his designee, authority to execute all necessary documents.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo Yes
Trustee Cowles Yes
Trustee Erlandson Yes
Trustee Huebsch Yes
Trustee Nishimura Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 3: Select Audit Firm for Internal Auditing Services

Committee Chair Cirillo invited Amy Jorgenson to present the recommendation for the audit firm for Internal Auditing Services, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 18.

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

The Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following motion:

The Board of Trustees authorizes the chancellor or his designee to execute a five-year contract with Baker Tilly to provide co-sourced strategic internal auditing services for a total amount not to exceed \$3 million. The Board delegates to the chancellor, or his designee, authority to execute all necessary documents.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo Yes
Trustee Cowles Yes
Trustee Erlandson Yes
Trustee Huebsch Yes
Trustee Nishimura Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 4: Revise Office of Internal Auditing Charter

The revision of the Office of Internal Auditing Charter was approved on the Consent Agenda.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 20.

Agenda Item 5: Proposed Technical Changes to Policies

Committee Chair Cirillo invited Amy Jorgenson to present proposed technical amendments to Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration, Policy 1A.4 System Administration Appointment of Administrators, Policy 1C.2 Fraudulent and Other Dishonest Acts, and Policy 1D.1 Office of Internal Auditing, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 31.

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

The Audit Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments to policies 1A.1, 1A.4, 1C.2, and 1D.1 and recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the amended policies as presented.

Based on the review and recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees approves the amendments to policies 1A.1, 1A.4, 1C.2, and 1D.1 as presented.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Nishimura	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.



**Outreach and Engagement Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023**

A meeting of the Outreach and Engagement Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on January 24, 2023, in the McCormick Room, 4th Floor.

Committee members present: Dawn Erlandson, Chair; Jerry Janezich, Vice Chair; Alex Cirillo, and Jim Grabowska.

Committee members absent: Cheryl Tefer.

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobuwa, Jay Cowles, Tim Huebsch, Roger Moe, April Nishimura, Kathy Sheran and George Soule.

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

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 50. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Erlandson called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2022

Committee Chair Erlandson asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes. There being none, a roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Economic Impact Study

Committee Chair Erlandson invited Noelle Hawton, and Nichole Parker, President of Parker Philips, to review and discuss the newly completed FY2022 Minnesota State Economic Contribution Analysis. Minnesota State conducts an economic impact report every four years. Following a robust RFP process, Parker Philips was hired to develop the FY2022 report. As a part of this work, the colleges and universities all had the option of requesting an individualized analysis that details the economic impact each school has at the local community level. The presentation materials are available [here](#), beginning on page 18.

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

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

**Finance and Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023**

A meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

Committee members present: Jay Cowles, Chair; Victor Ayemobuwa, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, Jerry Janezich, April Nishimura, and Kathy Sheran.

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Alex Cirillo, Dawn Erlandson, Roger Moe, George Soule

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

The meeting materials for this meeting are available <[here](#)>, starting on page 54. An audio recording of the meeting is available <[here](#)>.

Committee Chair Cowles called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2022

Committee Chair Cowles asked if there were any changes or amendments to the minutes, then asked for a motion. Trustee Sheran made the motion and Trustee Huebsch provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ayemobuwa	Aye
Trustee Cowles	Aye
Trustee Grabowska	Aye
Trustee Huebsch	Aye
Trustee Janezich	Aye
Trustee Nishimura	Aye
Trustee Sheran	Aye



Agenda Item 2: Contracts Requiring Board Approval

Committee Chair Cowles invited Vice Chancellor Bill Maki to present the five contracts that required board approval as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 61.

Committee Chair Cowles asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for **Agenda Item 2a: Crawford B. Hall Restroom Renovation, Minnesota State University, Mankato:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter into a construction contract not to exceed \$1,700,000 to renovate Crawford B Hall restrooms at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Board of Trustees directs the chancellor or their designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa	Aye
Trustee Cowles	Aye
Trustee Grabowska	Aye
Trustee Huebsch	Aye
Trustee Janezich	Aye
Trustee Nishimura	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Committee Chair Cowles asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for **Agenda Item 2b: Social Media Ad Placement, Minnesota State University, Mankato:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with Carnegie Dartlet, not to exceed \$2,250,000 and with a term of five years for the purposes of procuring a Digital advertising partner to strategize, advise on and implement ad campaigns on social media platforms. The Finance and Facilities 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 Huebsch seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Ayemobuwa Aye
Trustee Cowles Aye
Trustee Grabowska Aye
Trustee Huebsch Aye
Trustee Janezich Aye
Trustee Nishimura Aye
Trustee Sheran Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Committee Chair Cowles asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for **Agenda Item 2c: eProcurement, Contracts, and Sourcing Enterprise Software Renewal, System Office:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter into an amendment with JAGGAER to add \$1,508,992 and two years and 93 days to bring the total contract to a term of nine years through June 30, 2025, and not to exceed amount of \$5,865,433 for the purposes of providing e-procurement solutions. The Finance and Facilities Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees direct the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa Aye
Trustee Cowles Aye
Trustee Grabowska Aye
Trustee Huebsch Aye
Trustee Janezich Aye
Trustee Nishimura Aye
Trustee Sheran Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Committee Chair Cowles asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for **Agenda Item 2d: External Auditing Services FY2023-FY2026, System Office:**

*Clarification for the minutes: This contract begins March 23, 2023 which is FY23, and ends June 30, 2026 which is the end of FY26.

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with CliftonLarsonAllen, not to exceed \$1,343,500 over the course of three years for the purpose of providing external auditing services. The Finance and Facilities Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees direct the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa	Aye
Trustee Cowles	Aye
Trustee Grabowska	Aye
Trustee Huebsch	Aye
Trustee Janezich	Aye
Trustee Nishimura	Aye
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Committee Chair Cowles asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for **Agenda Item 2e: Internal Auditing Services, FY2024-FY2028, System Office:**

*Clarification for the minutes: This contract begins July 1, 2023 which is the beginning of FY24 and ends June 30, 2028 which is the end of FY28.

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 over the course of five years for the purposes of providing Internal Auditing Services. The Finance and Facilities Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees direct the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa Aye
Trustee Cowles Aye
Trustee Grabowska Aye
Trustee Huebsch Aye
Trustee Janezich Aye
Trustee Nishimura Aye
Trustee Sheran Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 3: College and University Financial Performance Update

Committee Chair Cowles invited Vice Chancellor Maki to provide an update on the College and University Financial Performance as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 69.

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

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2023**

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on January 25, 2023.

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

Committee members absent: Cheryl Tefer, Javier Morillo

Other board members present: Roger Moe, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Rudy Rodriguez, George Soule, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, April Nishimura

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Satasha Green-Stephen, 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 Vice Chair Cirillo called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2023

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

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

Agenda Item 2: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 2.8 Student Life (First Reading)

Committee Vice Chair Cirillo invited Sr. Vice Chancellor Satasha Green-Stephen to present on proposed amendment to Board Policy 2.8 Student Life, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 87.

Committee Vice Chair Cirillo asked the committee to consider the following recommended committee motion:

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed amendment to Policy 2.8 Student Life

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa Yes
Trustee Janezich Yes
Trustee Morillo Yes
Trustee Sheran Yes
Trustee Cirillo Yes

Agenda Item 3: Review of Board Policy 3.42 Posthumous Academic Awards

Committee Vice Chair Cirillo invited Sr. Vice Satasha Green-Stephen to present on review of Board Policy 3.42, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 91.

Although this is an informational item, the Board of Trustees recommended approval of the review of Policy 3.42 Posthumous Academic Awards.

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa Yes
Trustee Janezich Yes
Trustee Morillo Yes
Trustee Sheran Yes
Trustee Cirillo Yes

Agenda Item 4: Institutional and Specialized Accreditation

Committee Vice Chair Cirillo invited Sr. Vice Chancellor Satasha Green-Stephen along with guest presenters listed, to present Institutional and Specialized Accreditation as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 93.

- Jesse Mason, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Nerita Hughes, Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Workforce Innovation, North Hennepin Community College
- Mary Fenske, Paralegal Program Director, North Hennepin Community College
- Rebecca Bates, Professor and Chair, Department of Integrated Engineering, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Cody Mann, Director of Operations, Iron Range Engineering

- Jayant Anand, Dean of the School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, North Hennepin Community College
- Ashley Martin, Medical Laboratory Technology Coordinator and Faculty, North Hennepin Community College
- Louise Millis, Medical Laboratory Science and Histotechnician Program Director and Professor of Biology, St. Cloud State University

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

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

**Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2023**

A meeting of the Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on March 25, 2023.

Committee members present: George Soule, Chair; Kathy Sheran, Vice Chair; Dawn Erlandson, Tim Huebsch

Committee members absent: Javier Morillo, Cheryl Tefer

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobuwa, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Jim Grabowska, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe

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

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 95. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 15 and 16, 2022

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

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

Agenda Item 2: Appointment of President for Hennepin Technical College

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Davis to present the Appointment of President for Hennepin Technical College, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 100.

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

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Joy Bodin as President of Hennepin Technical College, with the anticipated effective date of January 25, 2023, 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 Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness 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.

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

Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Absent

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 3: Appointment of President for St. Cloud Technical and Community College

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Davis to present the Appointment of President for St. Cloud Technical and Community College, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 101.

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

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Lori Kloos as President of St. Cloud Technical and Community College, with the anticipated effective date of January 25, 2023, 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 Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness 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.

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

Trustee Erlandson	Yes
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Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Absent

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.



**Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 25, 2023.

Trustees present: Roger Moe, Chair; George Soule, Vice Chair; Victor Ayemobuwa, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Dawn Erlandson, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, Jerry Janezich, April Nishimura, Kathy Sheran

Trustees absent: Asani Ajogun, Javier Morillo, Oballa Oballa, Cheryl Tefer

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 102. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Chair Moe called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

Chancellor's Report, Devinder Malhotra

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, and trustees:

Today, my remarks are focused on our biennial budget request and capital request. We are at a critical juncture for our state and our system. The future of the state and that of our system is intrinsically tied. The state can't prosper if we are not firing on all cylinders. We have a strong obligation to get the message across not only to the Legislature but all Minnesotans.

As has been shared with the board, last week I had the opportunity to present to both the House and Senate Higher Education committees and Capital Investment committees. The discussion that occurred in all four committees was informative and engaging. I want to thank our team who helped to prepare us for these discussions and the trustees and presidents who attended the hearings.

When we set out to develop our biennial budget request we had one phrase that resonated in all our planning and discussions – BOLD. Be BOLD in what we envision our colleges and universities to need to enhance access for our students and the communities they serve; Be BOLD in what our students need to persist and succeed for themselves, their families, their communities and ultimately the state; And to Be BOLD in our advocacy. That is why we engaged in budget listening sessions across the state in

the fall. That is why we toured the state two weeks ago - joined by our presidents to meet with editorial boards to share our message. That is why our campus leaders are reaching out to their business and community partners asking for their support of our budget request.

Minnesota State appreciates that the state colleges and universities were figured prominently in Governor Walz higher education budget recommendation yesterday. However, the target though appreciated falls short of what is needed to ensure accessible public higher education as a possibility for the entirety of our state's future workforce, which is an economic imperative for Minnesota. The message we have received from our community partners was clear that they need a robust effort to plan to deliver more talented workers in every corner of the Minnesota and our proposal is key to that success.

Our biennial budget request will enable us to put in place an infrastructure that will increase the number of students we educate and our scale of operations. The student support and workforce development categories include initiatives that facilitate enhanced access and ability to persist and succeed for our students. Minnesota State Stabilization category makes a compelling case to appropriately resource our colleges and universities for them to bring about needed changes in the strategic positioning and business models to accomplish the expansion of number of students we educate and graduate. Our capital request was well received in both the House and Senate committees with a big emphasis on HEAPR. Tomorrow, the Governor will release his recommendation to the legislative and I am confident that his proposal will be robust for Minnesota State.

Even though the football season is coming to a close and a certain Cleveland team seems to have experienced a "rebuilding season" this year – something that I know Minnesota fans are well accustomed to – I can always find a way to incorporate a football analogy into my remarks. Although it may feel like we are in the locker room at half time trying to figure out what we are going to do when we retake the field – the reality of our situation is this. The game hasn't yet begun. We're still warming up in the tunnels. We have four FULL quarters to go. For this game, we need all our players fully prepared and ready for the game – it will be important that we continue the strong advocacy and partnership that we started this session with. I am appreciative of our statewide student associations and bargaining groups who have their advocacy days planned at the Capitol and the work that our presidents are doing both here in St. Paul and also back in their local communities.

Two quotes from President Kennedy come to mind as I look at the work ahead: One, ask not that the journey be easy; ask instead that it be worth it. Two, things do not happen, but rather, things are made to happen.

I am committed to remaining BOLD and I am committed to continuing to work with the Governor, legislators, and our partners during the entire legislative session to position Minnesota State to deliver for the students and communities we serve.

And with that Chair Moe, that concludes my remarks.

Chair's Report

Thank you, Chancellor Malhotra, for your remarks.

Thank you, Chancellor, for your remarks. I want to thank you and your team for your efforts up to this point in the legislative process. This past week we had the opportunity to present in the House and Senate Finance and Capital Investment committees. I am pleased to note that our message seemed to resonate with committee members.

I also want to call out the recent media swing which took us to Bemidji, Moorhead, Alexandria, Marshall, Mankato, Rochester, Winona, and the Twin Cities to generate support for our legislative ask. We will be sharing the results of that effort with the board and more importantly, we will be sharing the results with policymakers.

At the board's Executive Committee earlier this month, we discussed the advocacy plan that has been created to support our legislative efforts. I believe this plan is well thought out and we must maintain our focus on executing this plan.

The bottom line is this: what we need from the governor and the legislature is a better bottom line for our system. I appreciate the governor's support and recognize that Minnesota State fared well within the overall higher education budget. I also acknowledge that the governor's budget is twice what we ended up with last session. However, I am also keenly aware of what we heard consistently from our community and business partners across the state: they need Minnesota State to train and educate students to meet their workforce needs now and in the future. Minnesota State is a critical workforce development tool for the state and investments in the colleges and universities of Minnesota State are investments in the future economic vitality and prosperity of our state.

Chancellor, I know you are laser focused on this work. The message you are delivering to House and Senate committees has been clear and compelling. Your advocacy and leadership have been exemplary, and I am grateful for your efforts. I have confidence in our plan to advocate for what the system needs and, in our ability to tackle the work ahead.

I also want to note that we started this month's meeting with a joint meeting with Leadership Council – I was sorry to miss this session since it is always a great opportunity to connect with Leadership Council colleagues. However, I had a good excuse! I was at the House Higher Education committee meeting to support Minnesota State's advocacy for our FY24-25 biennial budget request. However, I heard positive

feedback about the presentation and discussion on the pandemic impact on the workforce.

Consent Agenda

Chair Moe asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Grabowska made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Trustee Cirillo seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

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

The board voted to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1. Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting, November 16, 2022**
- 2. Select Audit Firm for Systemwide External Auditing Services**
- 3. Select Audit Firm for Internal Auditing Services**
- 4. Revise Office of Internal Auditing Charter**
- 5. Proposed Amendment to Board Policies – Technical Changes**
 - a. Policy 1A.1 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Organization and Administration**
 - b. Policy 1A.4 System Administration Appointment of Administrators**
 - c. Policy 1C.2 Fraudulent and Other Dishonest Acts**
 - d. Policy 1D.1 Office of Internal Auditing**
- 6. Contracts Requiring Board Approval**
 - a. Crawford B. Hall Restroom Renovation, Minnesota State University, Mankato**
 - b. Social Media Ad Placement, Minnesota State University, Mankato**
 - c. eProcurement, Contracts, and Sourcing Enterprise Software Renewal, System Office**
 - d. External Auditing Services, FY23-25, System Office**
 - e. Internal Auditing Services, FY23-25, System Office**

Board Standing Committee Reports

Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee, George Soule, Chair

Committee Chair Soule reported that that committee approved recommendations for two appointments.

Firstly, the Workforce Organization Effectiveness Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Joy Bodin as President of Hennepin Technical College, with the anticipated effective date of January 25, 2023, 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 Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness 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.

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

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

The board voted to approve the recommended motion. Joy Bodin was introduced to make remarks.

Secondly, the Workforce Organization Effectiveness Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Lori Kloos as President of St. Cloud Technical & Community College, with the anticipated effective date of January 25, 2023, 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 Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness 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.

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

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

The board voted to approve the recommended motion. Lori Kloos was introduced to make remarks.

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

- Academic and Student Affairs, Alex Cirillo, Vice Chair (
- Audit Committee, Alex Cirillo, Chair
- Finance and Facilities Committee, Jay Cowles, Chair
- Outreach and Engagement Committee, Dawn Erlandson, 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 AFSCME and Students United and have been posted to the board website.

In person remarks were provided by:

- Lead MN: Karina Villeda, Vice President
- Students United: Kaileigh Weber, State Chair
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees: Jennifer Erwin, President – Minnesota State Policy Committee
- Inter Faculty Organization: Jenna Chernega, President

- Minnesota State College Faculty: Kevin Lindstrom, President
- Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty: Alex Kromminga, President

Trustee Reports

No additional remarks were made by trustees.

The next board meetings are scheduled for March 21-22, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.