



Meeting Minutes June 20-21, 2023

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**Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on June 20, 2023.

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

Committee members absent: Javier Morillo

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

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 13. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Tefer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023

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

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

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2023 Joint Meeting of Audit and Academic and Student Affairs Committees

Committee Chair Tefer 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 Janezich provided a second.

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

Agenda item 3: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.35 Credit for Prior Learning (First Reading)

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 18

This being the first reading of the item, there was no vote taken.

Agenda Item 3: Mission Statement Change: Rochester Community and Technical College

Committee Chair Tefer invited Sr. Vice Chancellor Satasha Green-Stephen along with Jeffrey Boyd, President Rochester Community and Technical College, Michelle Pyfferoen, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rochester Community College and Morris Thompson, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Rochester Community and Technical College to present on Mission Statement Change: Rochester Community and Technical College, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 22.

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

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the Mission Statement Change: Rochester Community and Technical College.

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

Trustee Ayemobuwa	Yes
Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes
Trustee Janezich	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent

Agenda Item 4: Prison Education Program

Committee Chair Tefer invited Sr. Vice Chancellor Satasha Green-Stephen along with Jesse Mason, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Sharon Pierce, President Minneapolis College, Ann Deiman-Thorton, Dean of School of Education, Public and Human Service,

Minneapolis College and Deidra Peaslee, President St. Paul College, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 30.

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

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.



**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on June 20, 2023.

Committee members present: George Soule, Chair; Victor Ayemobuwa, Jim Grabowska, April Nishimura and Kathy Sheran

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee members absent: Javier Morillo, Vice Chair.

Other board members present: Alex Cirillo, Dawn Erlandson, Tim Huebsch, Jerry Janezich, Roger Moe, and Cheryl Tefer.

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Andriel Dees, Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion

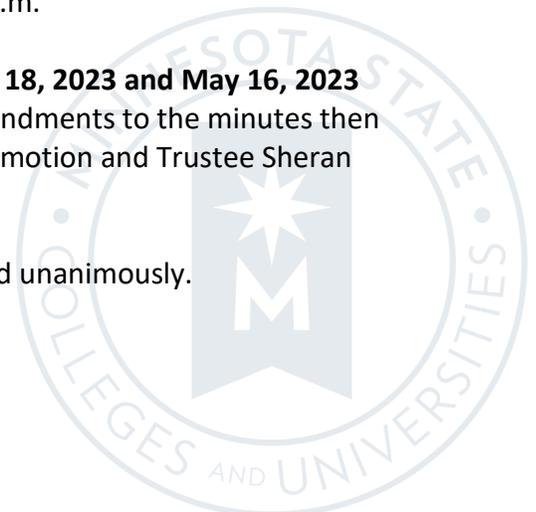
The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 52. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

Agenda Items 1-3: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023 and May 16, 2023

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

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



Agenda Item 4: Campus Climate Update

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Dees along with Priyank Shah, Executive Director for Center for Data Access and Analytics to present an update to the Campus Climate Assessment Framework, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on [page 58](#) with the presentation [page 41](#).

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

Agenda Item 5: Equity Scorecard KPI 5 Overview and Update

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Dees along with Priyank Shah, Executive Director for Center for Data Access and Analytics and Tarrence Robertson, Project Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to present the Equity Scorecard Key Performance Indicator (KPI) 5, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on [page 59](#) with the presentation on [page 49](#).

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

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.



**June Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on June 20, 2023.

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

Committee members absent: April Nishimura

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

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Amy Jorgenson, Chief Audit Officer

Meeting materials and audio recordings are available on the [Board of Trustees website](#).

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

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2023

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

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

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of April 18, 2023 Joint Meeting of Audit and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees

Committee Chair Cirillo 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 Cowles provided a second.

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

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of May 16, 2023 Joint Meeting of Audit and Academic Affairs Committees

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 Erlandson provided a second.

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

Agenda Item 4: Chief Audit Officer Annual Report

Committee Chair Cirillo invited Chief Audit Officer Amy Jorgenson to present the Annual Report as detailed in the meeting materials.

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

Agenda Item 5: Review and Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Auditing Plan

Committee Chair Cirillo invited Amy Jorgenson along with Ashely Deihr (Baker Tilly) to present the Review and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Auditing Plan, as detailed in the meeting materials.

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

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

The Board of Trustees approves the Office of Internal Auditing's annual internal auditing plan for fiscal year 2024, as presented.

Trustee Cowles made the motion and Trustee Huebsch seconded. 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	Absent

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**Finance and Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

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

Committee members absent: Jerry Janezich

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

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 75. An audio recording of the meeting is available <[here](#)>.

Committee Chair Cowles called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023

Committee Chair Cowles asked if there were any changes or amendments to the minutes, then asked for a motion. Trustee Grabowska made the motion and Trustee Sheran 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	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Aye
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the minutes.



Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the Joint Meeting of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Finance and Facilities Committees from May 16, 2023

Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Cowles and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair Soule asked if there were any changes or amendments to the minutes, then asked for a motion. Trustee Grabowska 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	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Aye
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Contracts Requiring Board Approval

Committee Chair Cowles invited Dr. Tim Anderson, System Director for Procurement and Contract Management to present the contracts that require board approval as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 83.

Committee Chair Cowles asked committee members to consider the following recommended committee motion for **Agenda Item 3a: USDA-NIFA NextGen Grant Award with Leech Lake Tribal College, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with Leech Lake Tribal College, not to exceed \$4,386,124 and with a term of five years for the purposes of DEET grant activities carried out by Leech Lake Tribal College. The Finance and Facilities Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees directs the chancellor or his 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	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Did not vote
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 3b: Lease Extension, ETC Building, Energy Park, Metropolitan State University:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter into a lease amendment with Wellington Management, not to exceed \$6 million dollars and with a term not to exceed five years for the purposes of classroom lab and office space use by Metropolitan State University. 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 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	Absent
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 3c: Custodial Services Contract, Metropolitan State University:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with Campus Services Group, not to exceed \$3,900,000 and with term of five years for the purposes of custodial and event services. The Finance and Facilities Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees directs the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

Trustee Grabowska 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	Absent
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 3d: Custodial Services Contract, Minneapolis Community and Technical College:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to enter a contract with Marsden Building Maintenance, LLC, not to exceed \$2,557,659 and with a term not to exceed three years for the purposes of custodial services at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

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	Absent
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 3e: Student Housing Software Systemwide Contract, System Office:**

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the chancellor or the chancellor's designee to extend the current contract with StarRez by two years, for a total term of nine (9) years, with a not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of housing software. The Finance and Facilities Committee further recommends that the Board of Trustees directs the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.

Trustee Grabowska 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	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Aye
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 4: FY2024 Annual Operating Budget (Second Reading)

Committee Chair Cowles invited Vice Chancellor Maki to present the second reading of the proposed FY2024 Annual Operating Budget as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 94.

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

- Adopt the annual total all funds operating budget for fiscal year 2024 as shown in Table 5.
- Approve the proposed tuition structure recommendations and differential tuition rationale for fiscal year 2024 as detailed in Attachments 1A through 1H.
- Establish that fiscal year 2024 tuition rates are effective summer term or fall term 2023 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 2025 tuition recommendations are presented to the Board of Trustees.
- Continue the policy of market-driven tuition for closed enrollment courses, customized training, non-credit instruction, continuing education, fully online undergraduate programs, graduate programs, and contract postsecondary enrollment option programs.
- Approve the Revenue Fund and related fiscal year 2024 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 2023, Chapter 41, Article 1, Section 3, Subdivision 4, in the amount of \$4,115,000.

Trustee Grabowska 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	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Aye
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 5: FY2024 Capital Program Recommendations (Second Reading)

Committee Chair Cowles invited Associate Vice Chancellor Yolitz to present the second reading of the proposed FY2024 Capital Program Recommendations as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 285.

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

- A. The Board of Trustees approves the 2024 capital program recommendation as presented in **Attachment B**, specifically the projects and priorities for the 2024 legislative session.
- B. The chancellor is authorized to make project cost and related adjustments to the request as required, and to forward the request through Minnesota Management and Budget to the governor and legislature for consideration in the state's 2024 capital budget.
- C. The chancellor shall advise the board of any subsequent changes in the approved capital program prior to the 2024 legislative session.

- D. In addition, as funding is authorized and appropriated by the legislature and approved by the governor, the chancellor or the chancellor's designee is authorized to execute contracting actions necessary to deliver on the scope and intent of the projects.

Trustee Grabowska 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	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Did not vote
Trustee Sheran	Aye

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.



**Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on June 21, 2023.

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

Committee members absent: Javier Morillo

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobouwa, Alex Cirillo, Jay Cowles, Jim Grabowska, 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 294. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2023

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

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

Agenda Item 2: Appointment of President for Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Davis to present Appointment of President for Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, as detailed in the meeting materials. The meeting materials for this item begin on page 297.

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

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Anita Hanson as President of Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, with the anticipated effective date of June 21, 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 Sheran made the motion and Trustee Huebsch 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	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Agenda Item 3: Appointment of Interim President for Winona State University

Committee Chair Soule invited Vice Chancellor Davis to present the Appointment of Interim President for Winona State University, as detailed in the meeting materials.

The meeting materials for this item begin on page 298.

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

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Kenneth Janz as Interim President for Winona State University, with the anticipated effective date of August 1, 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 Sheran made the motion and Trustee Huebsch 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	Yes

The committee voted to approve the recommended motion.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.



**Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 21, 2023.

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

Trustees absent: Asani Ajogun, Jerry Janezich, Javier Morillo, April Nishimura, Oballa Oballa

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#) starting on page 299. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Chair Moe called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Chancellor's Report, Devinder Malhotra

Chair Moe – before I begin my formal remarks, I would ask for the board's indulgence to take a pause.

Friday evening, five (5) young women were killed by a driver a single moment in Minneapolis. These women were described as “bright stars” and leaders in their academic and religious circles and family-oriented community members.

Two of the women were students at our colleges. The communities at Minneapolis College and Normandale Community College are grieving the loss of these students. We keep our colleges and their families and friends in our thoughts.

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, trustees-

When I got on the plane in Ohio in the early hours of February 9, 2017, never did I imagine that I would be sitting here with you 77 months later. To say this has been an opportunity of a lifetime is an understatement. I know I've used this line before but how many chances does one get to reimagine one's profession. I have been fortunate to work alongside great faculty, staff, presidents, and campus and system leaders throughout my tenure with Minnesota State. I can't acknowledge everyone who has made an impact in those years but want to mention just a few - Board of Trustees Chairs Moe, Cowles, and Vekich; current and past presidents; amazing and passionate leaders

committed to student success; current and past cabinet - day in and day out – have traveled every step of this experience together – each hill and valley. This also includes bargaining unit leaders with whom I have had the good fortune to work; as well as over a dozen statewide leaders and countless campus leaders. Thank you for being my partners in this work together.

To LeadMN and Students United - thank you for your continued advocacy and commitment to all our students. To my System Office colleagues - thank you for the work you do to support our colleges and universities. To our 54 campuses located throughout the state – thank you for what you do for our students and the communities of Minnesota. I have enjoyed my many campus visits and travels around the state.

In closing, none of this would be possible without the support of my family – specifically my spouse Laura.

Chair Moe – for the final time...that concludes my remarks.

Chair's Report

Thank you, Chancellor, for your remarks.

Today is a bittersweet day for Minnesota State as we celebrate the conclusion of your tenure as Chancellor. Get comfortable – there are just a few words I and others want to say.

To start this afternoon, I would like to share with you that on Tuesday, June 13th, Senator Tina Smith offered the following comments into the United States Congressional Record:

Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the career of Chancellor Devinder Malhotra. Devinder is retiring this summer from his role as chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Devinder has served as chancellor or interim chancellor since 2017. During that time, the system of 26 colleges, 7 universities, and 54 campuses has advanced its strategic priorities towards building a systemwide identity and leveraging the advantages that come from its scale and scope as one of the largest higher education systems in the country.

Under his leadership, Minnesota State launched Equity 2030, a key strategic initiative that set a critical goal of eliminating educational equity gaps, including by race and ethnicity, socioeconomic background, and first-generation status at every Minnesota State college and university by the year 2030. This work is currently underway and has received broad support throughout the system, including from presidents, bargaining units, faculty, staff, and students.

Chancellor Malhotra led the system through the uncertainty of the pandemic. His commitment and dedication has helped thousands create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities, all while working to address Minnesota's workforce needs.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Devinder for years. I thank him for his service to our State. On behalf of the State of Minnesota, I wish him all the best as he enjoys all that retirement has to offer.

Chancellor—we're not done yet. We have video greetings from Washington D.C. from Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach. Video was played.

Chancellor – you came back to Minnesota State when we needed you and you have led us through six years that no one could have ever imagined that our society – let alone our system of colleges and universities – would need to respond to. For this reason, and for all the reasons Senator Smith and Congresswoman Fischbach laid forward in their remarks, the Board of Trustees is eternally grateful.

So, on behalf of the Minnesota State Board of Trustees, I would like to read the following resolution to honor Chancellor Devinder Malhotra:

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra has served as Chancellor of Minnesota State from 2017 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra previously served as provost at St. Cloud State University and interim president at Metropolitan State University; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra will retire on August 1, 2023 after forty-plus years in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra has served on the boards of the National Association of System Heads, Midwest Higher Education Consortium, and the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra has developed and strengthened relationships with state officials, legislators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra established Equity 2030, the organizing principle for our collective work – reminding us that it is not only the right thing to do but it is a moral and economic imperative for the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra has led Minnesota State with a generous heart and a strong spine; and

WHEREAS, Devinder Malhotra reminded us time and time again that we are a “resilient bunch”; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES establishes on this day, June 21, 2023, the Devinder Malhotra Equity Award. This award will honor the achievements of collaborative partnerships that promote student success and close achievement gaps. On behalf of Minnesota State, we wish Devinder Malhotra best wishes on his well-deserved retirement and all the joys and happiness in the future.

The inaugural Devinder Malhotra Equity Award will be awarded next Spring as part of the Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence. I want to thank Trustee Dawn Erlandson for bringing this suggestion forward and working with trustees and staff on this award.

The Devinder Malhotra Equity Award will encapsulate what this chancellor has promoted throughout his service: Promoting enhanced access and student success; Deepening student engagement; Expanding our workforce and talent diversity; Focusing on data-driven and evidence-based solutions; Promoting collaboration not only between our colleges and universities but with partners and stakeholders across the state.

The Board has charged staff to draft the award parameters and to report back to the board in the Fall on the next steps. We look forward to honoring our colleges’ and universities’ work as they strive to meet our Equity 2030 goal. At this time I would like to call on trustees for their remarks.

Consent Agenda

Chair Moe asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Cirillo made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Trustee Cowles 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	Absent
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Absent
Trustee Oballa	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes

Trustee Soule Yes
Trustee Tefer Yes

The board voted to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1. Minutes of May 9, 2023 Special Meeting**
- 2. Minutes of May 17, 2023**
- 3. Minutes of May 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- 4. Revised FY2024 board meeting calendar (Second Reading)**
- 5. Mission Statement Change: Rochester Community and Technical College**
- 6. Review and Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Internal Auditing Plan**
- 7. Contracts Requiring Board Approval**
 - a. USDA-NIFA NextGen Grant Award with Leech Lake Tribal College, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
 - b. Lease Extension, ETC Building, Energy Park, Metropolitan State University
 - c. Custodial Services Contract, Metropolitan State University
 - d. Custodial Services Contract, Minneapolis Community and Technical College
 - e. Student Housing Software Systemwide Contract, System Office
- 8. FY2024 Capital Program Recommendations (Second Reading)**

Board Standing Committee Reports

Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committee, George Soule, Chair

Committee Chair Soule reported that the committee approved recommendations for two (2) appointments.

Appointment of President for Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

The Workforce Organizational Effectiveness Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Anita Hanson as President of Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, with the anticipated effective date of July 1, 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	Absent
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the recommended motion. Anita Hanson was introduced to make remarks.

Appointment of Interim President for Winona State University

The Workforce Organizational Effectiveness Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Chancellor Malhotra, appoints Kenneth Janz as Interim President for Winona State University, with the anticipated effective date of August 1, 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	Absent
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the recommended motion. Kenneth Janz was introduced to make remarks.

Finance and Facilities Committee, Jay Cowles, Chair

Committee Chair Cowles reported that the committee approved recommendation for one item.

FY2024 Annual Operating Budget (Second Reading)

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

- *Adopt the annual total all funds operating budget for fiscal year 2024 as shown in Table 5.*
- *Approve the proposed tuition structure recommendations and differential tuition rationale for fiscal year 2024 as detailed in Attachments 1A through 1H.*
- *Establish that fiscal year 2024 tuition rates are effective summer term or fall term 2023 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 2025 tuition recommendations are presented to the Board of Trustees.*
- *Continue the policy of market-driven tuition for closed enrollment courses, customized training, non-credit instruction, continuing education, fully online undergraduate programs, graduate programs, and contract postsecondary enrollment option programs.*
- *Approve the Revenue Fund and related fiscal year 2024 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 2023, Chapter 41, Article 1, Section 3, Subdivision 4, in the amount of \$4,115,000.*

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	Absent
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the recommended motion.

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

- Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Cheryl Tefer, Chair
- Audit Committee, Alex Cirillo, Chair
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, George Soule, Chair
- Joint Meeting of Audit and Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committees, Alex Cirillo and George Soule, Co-Chairs
- Joint Meeting of Academic and Student Affairs and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees, Cheryl Tefer and George Soule, Co-Chairs
- Joint Meeting of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Workforce and Organizational Effectiveness Committees, George Soule, Chair

Other Business

Chair Moe then called on Chair Cowles to present the Nominating Committee's Recommendations for Vice Chair. The nominating committee sent its recommendation of George Soule as vice chair to the Board of Trustees on May 18, 2023. The board recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees approves the reappointment of Vice Chair George Soule for a one (1)-year term in FY2024.

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	Absent
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Absent
Trustee Nishimura	Yes
Trustee Oballa	Absent
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted to approve the motion.

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 MSUAAF.

In person remarks were provided by:

- Students United: Axel Kylander, Incoming State Chair; Marweh Asif, Incoming State Vice Chair
- Inter Faculty Organization (IFO): Jenna Chernega, President
- Minnesota State College Faculty (MSCF): Kevin Lindstrom, President
- Minnesota State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty (MSUAAF): Mandy Weister, State Treasurer

Trustee Reports

No trustee reports were heard.

Adjournment

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.