

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

MINUTES

February 20, 2020
Johnson City, Tennessee

The Board of Trustees Executive Committee held a special called meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 4 p.m. in the President's Conference Room on the second floor of Burgin Dossett Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Niswonger called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Adam Green, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, confirmed that the Executive Members were present. In attendance were Chairman Niswonger, Trustee David Golden and Trustee Linda Latimer. Joe Smith from the Office of University Relations took minutes.

III. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Noland discussed how the board meeting the following day will be an opportunity to discuss the future of ETSU as he plans to provide a summary of the work that was done through the Committee for 125 which began in 2012. Many recent initiatives at ETSU trace back to the recommendations of that committee. Dr. Noland indicated that he intends to present to the Trustees the possibility of launching a second chapter of the Committee for 125 as a new strategic visioning process for the university.

President Noland also noted that the Feb. 21 board meeting will also include a presentation during lunch on the ETSU Bridge Program and that students will be present to talk about how the program has impacted them. The Feb. 21 meeting will likely be the last meeting held in the Millennium Center as the D.P. Culp Student Center is about to open. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for March 6, and staff will begin moving back into the center in the upcoming days.

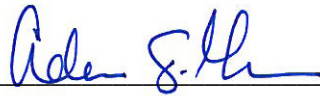
President Noland discussed the role of the executive committee which sometimes is called to meet for emergent circumstances. The purpose of today's meeting is to consider a letter that has been submitted to the board regarding an appeal.

In concluding his report, Dr. Noland provided an update on several legislative issues and feels overall that the current session is going well. He and his staff are tracking several bills very closely, and the budget appears to be solid at this time.

IV. REVIEW TERMINATION APPEAL FROM FORMER FACULTY MEMBER

Following Dr. Noland's report, the executive committee moved into executive session to discuss the remaining agenda item with the Board's external legal counsel, Ms. Melanie Murry from the University of Memphis.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Green", is written over a horizontal line.

Adam Green
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its April 24, 2020 meeting.