**STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE NEXT AGENCY DIRECTOR**

**FEBRUARY 22-23, 2024**

**DRAFT MINUTES – February 22, 2024**

Mr. Ampy called the virtual meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Council members attending virtually:

Ken Ampy, Walter Curt, John Broderick, Jason El Koubi, Victoria Harker, William Harvey, Thad Holloman, Delceno Miles, Cheryl Oldham and Doug Straley.

Staff members present: Laura Osberger

Others present: Aimee Guidera; Katharine Webb; Deborah Love (Office of the Attorney General); and representatives from the search firm, Isaacson, Miller: Karen Avery and Melissa DePretto Behan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ampy called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. He confirmed that a quorum of Council members (nine) were present virtually.

Ms. Webb stated that 10 candidates submitted applications, of which seven were decided by the search committee to bring forth for virtual interviews. One of those candidates withdrew their application before the interview process, leaving the candidate pool at six candidates. Ms. Harker thanked Secretary Guidera for her participation. Mr. El Koubi asked for the order of candidate interviews. Ms. Webb stated that candidate names could only be discussed in closed session. Karen Avery of the search firm reminded everyone to turn on their cameras during the interviews.

**Public comment**

Mr. Ampy asked whether requests for public comment had been received. Staff indicated that no such requests had been submitted. Three members of the public were present virtually.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Ampy, seconded by Ms. Miles, the Council moved that the Search for the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711.A.1 for the purpose of the discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; and pursuant to §2.2-3711.A.8 for consultation with legal counsel regarding the same.

**Upon a roll-call vote, the motion was approved unanimously (9-0).**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 4:06 p.m., Mr. Ampy advised that *FOIA* requires Council members to affirmatively certify individually that, during the closed meeting, to the best of each’s knowledge: (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under *§ 2.2-3711 A.6*., and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered. **Upon a roll-call vote, Council members certified unanimously (9-0) that all relevant closed-meeting requirements had been followed and satisfied.**

Mr. Ampy stated that the Council meeting was in recess until 8:45 a.m. on Friday, February 23.

**DRAFT MINUTES – February 23, 2024**

Mr. Ampy called the virtual meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Council members attending virtually:

Ken Ampy, Walter Curt, John Broderick, Jason El Koubi, Victoria Harker, William Harvey, Thad Holloman, John Jumper, Delceno Miles, Jennie O’Holleran (joined after vote), Cheryl Oldham and Doug Straley.

Staff members present: Laura Osberger

Others present: Aimee Guidera; Katharine Webb; Deborah Love (Office of the Attorney General); and representatives from the search firm, Isaacson, Miller: Karen Avery and Melissa DePretto Behan.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Ampy called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. He confirmed that a quorum of Council members (11) were present virtually.

Mr. Ampy discussed the order of the questions Council members will ask candidates.

**Public comment**

Mr. Ampy asked whether requests for public comment had been received. Staff indicated that no such requests had been submitted. No members of the public were present virtually.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Ampy, seconded by Mr. El Koubi, the Council moved that the Search for the Director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia convene in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711.A.1 for the purpose of the discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; and pursuant to §2.2-3711.A.8 for consultation with legal counsel regarding the same.

**Upon a roll-call vote, the motion was approved unanimously (12-0).**

Upon resumption of the open meeting at 10:47 a.m., Mr. Ampy advised that *FOIA* requires Council members to affirmatively certify individually that, during the closed meeting, to the best of each’s knowledge: (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under *§ 2.2-3711 A.6*., and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered. **Upon a roll-call vote, Council members certified unanimously (12-0) that all relevant closed-meeting requirements had been followed and satisfied.**

**NEXT STEPS**

Committee members briefly discussed plans for the next round of in-person interviews. It was determined that meeting dates and arrangements would be made by Ms. Osberger and communicated to members.

Mr. Ampy adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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Ken Ampy

Council Chair

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Laura Osberger

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