



Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 22, 2021

Trustees Attending: Monica Alexander
Karen Fraser
Fred Goldberg
Irene Gonzales
David Nicandri
Miguel Pérez-Gibson
Ed Zuckerman

Absent: Melinda Bratsch-Horsager

Staff Present: George Bridges, President
Susan Harris, Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Amanda Walker, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of The Evergreen State College Foundation

Others Present: Dennis Karras, Search Consultant Karras Consulting
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General

In accordance with Governor Inslee’s Proclamation 20-28, and to curtail the spread of COVID-19 this meeting took place via Zoom. All participated remotely.

Chair Karen Fraser called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and Secretary Miguel Pérez-Gibson confirmed a quorum.

Chair’s opening remarks

Chair Karen Fraser reported that the search committee was charged with recommending 3-5 candidates to the Board and they have successfully done so. She thanked all those who have been involved in the process thus far.

Public comment

Chair Karen Fraser called for public comment. Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Susan Harris announced that no one signed up or submitted written public comment for this meeting.

Open Public Meetings Act executive session

Chair Karen Fraser announced the Board will go into executive session, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become a party. She stated that they will return to open session at 1:45 p.m. unless notified that she has extended the time. No final action will be taken in executive session. Open session resumed at 3:15 p.m. after five extensions.

Action items

Chair Karen Fraser thanked the search committee members for their work. In particular, she thanked them for their robust and heartfelt conversations, review of strengths and weaknesses, and recommendation provided to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Ed Zuckerman noted that with seven candidates moving forward, the search may take longer than previously anticipated.

Motion Trustee Ed Zuckerman made a motion to move forward with interviews for seven
2021-9 presidential candidates; including the five candidates that were recommended by the search committee, in addition to two other candidates. The motion was seconded by Trustee Irene Gonzales and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.



Karen Fraser, Chair



Miguel Pérez-Gibson, Secretary