

**Minutes of a Special Called Meeting  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents**

**July 21, 2022**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Partially Via Video Teleconference**

**Powell 219**

**Eastern Kentucky University**

**I. Call to Order**

A special called meeting of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents convened on July 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Powell Building, Room 219, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky.

**Present**

Mr. Mike Eaves  
Mr. Jeremiah Duerson  
Mr. Alan Long  
Dr. Jason Marion  
Ms. Paige Murphy  
Mr. Edwin Orange  
Mr. Ashley Ward

**Via Video Teleconference**

Mr. Juan Castro  
Ms. Kristie Whitlatch

**Absent**

Ms. Laura Babbage  
Ms. Lynn Taylor Tye

**II. Swearing In**

- A.** Regent Edwin Orange was formally administered the oath of office by University Counsel, Dana Fohl
  
- B.** Regent Kristie Whitlatch was formally administered the oath of office by University Counsel, Dana Fohl

### **III. Information Items**

#### **A. Dr. David T. McFaddin, President**

President David McFaddin delivered the following report:

I want to once again welcome Regent Orange and Regent Whitlatch to the EKU family. We are excited to have you here and appreciate your willingness to serve our institution. Later today, Regent Orange and I will be touring the Campus Beautiful and look forward to having Regent Whitlatch here to do the same. In addition, Regent Murphy, we are pleased to have you here. You have certainly hit the ground running as SGA President and I am excited to work together.

I want to share with the board good news regarding numbers for the 2022-2023 school year. As of today, our enrollment is looking strong with another large increase in our freshman class. In addition, our housing occupancy is at a recent record high with nearly 100% occupancy.

As Regent Orange will see on his tour, we are working hard on facility improvement including a redesign of the Powell Plaza/Carloftis Veteran Memorial, a new roof on the Powell Student Center, extensive infrastructure improvements, and numerous road paving projects.

As we prepare for exciting events like Employee Appreciation Day, Day of Service, Move in Week, Big E Welcome, and the Waka Flocka Flame Concert in the Ravine, I encourage you to join us whenever it works for your schedule.

At the conclusion of the President's report, Regent Castro inquired about the rising numbers of COVID cases in Fayette and Jefferson counties and asked the President if there were any plans in place to safeguard the campus community entering into the fall semester.

President McFaddin indicated that the university's administration is keeping in constant contact through our experts on campus with its hospital partners, and the Kentucky Department of Public Health. He restated that vaccinations, good decisions, and the Colonels Care Initiative are at the bedrock of how the university has combated the virus up to this point. He also indicated that the university would go through an educational campaign to reorient faculty, staff, and students as we accept that COVID is a part of everyone's lives now, and we will continue to learn how to manage it in effective ways, as in the past.

### **IV. Action Items**

#### **A. Election of Vice Chair and Secretary**

Chair Eaves entertained a motion for the election of a Vice Chair and Secretary. A motion was made by Regent Ward to nominate Regent Alan Long as Vice Chair, and Regent Jeremiah Duerson as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Eaves adjourned the meeting at 1:09 pm.



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Jeremiah Duerson, Board Secretary



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