PRESENT: Ada Morell, Board Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Eugene Enlow, Dave Gibbons, David Halpern, Douglas Keller, Linda Lewis, Dr. Lamont Repollet, Richard Trabert; Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Holly Bakke, Robert Cockren, John Kean, Jr., Barbara Sobel

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Connelly, Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Dr. Kristie Reilly, Ms. Janice Murray-Laury, Phyllis Duke, Michael Tripodi, Felice Vazquez, Michelle Freestone

1. ROLL CALL
Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum was present.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
Ms. Kelly read the statement of compliance and reported the meeting had been properly advertised and was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT
Chair Morell welcomed everyone to the public meeting. The Chair noted that she had taken the initiative over the summer months to improve communication between the Board and the campus community by scheduling and having board members participate in discussion with various campus constituencies including faculty, students and labor leaders. She noted the meetings were conducted in a spirit of collegiality and transparency, and were a good step forward toward improving the campus climate. She thanked all who have participated to date.

The Chair reported that the Board has been giving a calendar of meetings for the new academic year that includes the Faculty Senate, the Leadership Forum, the University Planning Council and Student Leadership. She made a commitment to have at least one board member attend each of these meetings throughout the year.

Chair Morell thanked all members of the Kean community who participated in the work that supported the development of the monitoring report for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. She said she was encouraged to see so many different members of the community working toward the same goal and noted: “Today and in days to come, our actions will predict our future. We must keep in mind first and foremost Kean University and our students.”
The Chair publicly welcomed Dr. Thomas Bistocchi to the Kean Board of Trustees, noting he had been sworn in but was unable to attend this special session. She said Dr. Bistocchi would be participating in all board activities going forward.

4. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Farahi congratulated the campus community, and the Office of Accreditation and Assessment staff in particular, for their hard work and commitment in closing the loop on the University’s annual assessment initiatives and preparing a comprehensive report on these and other activities for Middle States. He introduced Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jeffrey Toney for a brief summary of the efforts to date.

Dr. Toney reported that the monitoring report before the Board of Trustees for consideration reflected the “University’s voice as a community.” He said the report is the result of broad participation by students, faculty, the University Planning Council, the Faculty Senate, administrators and the Board of Trustees. The report contains rich evidence that the University is responding to Middle States’ recommendations, he noted.

Dr. Farahi then introduced Dr. Sue Bousquet, chair of the University Planning Council. Dr. Bousquet provided the Board with an update on specific efforts of the UPC to close the loop related to its expanded role in making supplemental resource allocation recommendations to the President. She thanked the Board for supporting the UPC’s role in ranking these supplemental resource requests. She noted the UPC received from each divisional vice president summary reports and funding requests based on assessment data. The UPC reviewed these reports, synthesized these reports, determined their alignment with the University’s strategic plan, and ultimately prioritized these requests for the President’s consideration. Approximately $2 million in supplemental resources was approved by the Board to support these requests, she noted. Dr. Bousquet also reported on the development of the new University Strategic Plan, a process she described as “spectacular.” She said efforts are ongoing, many are coming to a conclusion, and that she anticipated presenting the proposed Strategic Plan to the Board of Trustees for approval at the December board meeting.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments from the following people: Dr. Patrick Ippolito, Dr. Charles Kelly, Dr. Jon Erickson, William Sullivan, Dr. James Castiglione and Dr. Kathleen Henderson. A copy of each speaker’s remarks, where provided, will be filed with these minutes.

6. **RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising the public of a closed session of the Kean University Board of Trustees on Thursday, August 30, 2012. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved by the board.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board entered executive session at approximately 4:40 p.m.
The Board* returned from executive session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

*(Trustees Bakke, Cockren and Sobel did not return to open session and did not cast a vote on the resolution).

8. **RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE KEAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 MONITORING REPORT TO THE MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**
Dr. Lamont Repollet noted the report had been shared with the entire University community and all constituents were provided an opportunity for input and suggestions. He moved the resolution for consideration by the full board.

The motion was made, seconded and the resolution was approved unanimously by the Board.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to conduct, Chair Morell adjourned the public meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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