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**KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024**

**4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Steve Fastook, Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; John Kean, Jr., Alan Markman, A. Todd Mayo, Matthew McDermott, Ada Morell; Danielle Brathwaite, Student Trustee; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly; Associate Director Michelle Freestone

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Ed Oatman, Barbara Sobel, David Spevack, Richard Torres and Alternate Student Trustee Cylia Blackmon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cary Anderson, Itunu Balogun, Dr. David Birdsell, Kristin Ganley, Dr. Sancha Gray, Bill Miller, Dr. Michael Salvatore, Felice Vazquez

The meeting began at @ 4 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum present.

**2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Ms. Kelly read the statement of compliance and reported the meeting was properly advertised and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWS SOURCES FOR AY2025**

Chair Fastook moved the resolution establishing the official news sources for public advertising for the next academic year. The resolution was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Chair Fastook noted the announcement provided the proposed schedule of Board of Trustees public meetings in the upcoming academic year including September 16, 2024, December 7, 2024, March 3, 2025, May 5, 2025 and June 23, 2025. The meeting schedule was approved unanimously by the Board.

**5. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Fastook thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He commended the University for May Commencement ceremonies, noting they were both professional and joyous. He commended the President for preparing a transparent and comprehensive budget for the new fiscal year. He wished everyone a restful and fun summer.

6. **PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

The President welcomed everyone to the public meeting. He noted the University’s finances are strong and the budget plan for FY25 will continue to make strategic investments in the areas that benefit the institution, its students, its faculty and employees, as well as the communities we serve. He also noted that Kean celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Employee Appreciation Day last week and thanked Jennifer Peters, Associate Vice President for Human Resources, and her team for leading a fabulous and fun event.

He thanked SVP Felice Vazquez and Cary Anderson, executive vice chancellor of WKU, and their teams for their hard work on pulling together an incredible delegation visit to WKU for their Commencement Ceremonies in June. He noted that during the visit, China President Xi Jinping released a letter to President Repollet commending the joint initiative in Wenzhou and encouraging other universities around the world to consider doing the same.

The President wished everyone a fantastic and restful summer.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Kelly noted there are no public comments.

8. **ITEMS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

Trustee Matthew McDermott reported the committee met earlier in the day to review various items. He noted the decision regarding tuition and fees increases was well reviewed, including a public hearing. He moved each of the following items to the full Board for consideration:

- 8.1 Resolution Approving a Change in University Tuition and Fees for Fiscal Year 2025
- 8.2 Resolution Authorizing a Change in the University Tuition and Fees for Certain Graduate and Doctoral Programs for Fiscal Year 2025
- 8.3 Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of Certain Cohort Tuition Rates of the “Kean Educational Affiliation Network (KEAN)” for FY2025
- 8.4 Resolution Authorizing the Cohort Tuition Rate for Certain High School Partnerships for Fiscal Year 2025
- 8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Cohort Tuition Rates in FY25 for Participants in the Kean Scholars Academy (KSA)
- 8.6 Resolution Authorizing a Change in Student Teaching/Clinical Placement Place Fees Effective Fiscal Year 2025

8.7 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Services

<b><u>Information Technology</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Workday	\$2,250,000 (fy25-29, 5-yr total)
EAB	\$650,000
Lumenor LLC	\$650,000 (fy25-27, 3-yr total)
Core BTS	\$550,000
Ferrelli Information Group	\$410,000
NJEDGE	\$150,000
CBORD Group	\$165,000
Bloomberg	\$160,000
Coastal Networking LLC	\$145,000
<b><u>Information Technology</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Daktronics	\$180,000 (amends fy24)
<b><u>Advertising, Recruit, Tech</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Intersection Media	\$640,000
Powerschool	\$375,000 (fy25-fy27, 3-yr total)
KLR Agency	\$189,000
Encoura, Inc.	\$110,000
<b><u>Insurance Services</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
The College of New Jersey	\$952,000
Acrisure	\$218,000
CBIZ Borden Perlman	\$202,000
<b><u>Legal Services</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Clery Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC	\$250,000
Saiber LLC	\$250,000
NJ Division of Law	\$250,000

<b><u>Printing</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Royal Printing	\$350,000
<b><u>Professional Consulting</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Ernst & Young LLP	\$360,000
<b><u>Professional Services/Sole Source</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
NJ Reentry Corporation	\$500,000
Vista Convention Services	\$190,000
<b><u>Student Orgs (DECA/FBLA/HOSA)</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Caesars Resort dba Harrah's AC	\$1,750,000
FBLA, Inc.	\$225,000
DECA Inc.	\$220,000
HOSA-Future Health Pros.	\$150,000
M&M Productions USA	\$140,000
<b><u>Equipment Repair</u></b>	<b><u>Not to Exceed</u></b>
Johnston Controls	\$600,000* (amends fy24)
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Chair Fastook asked if the Board members had any questions on the recommendations from the Finance and Audit Committees. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

**9. ITEM OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**9.1** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Kean University's Representatives to the Wenzhou-Kean University Board of Directors

Chair Fastook asked if the Board members had any questions on the recommendations from the Governance Committee. Trustee John Kean abstained from voting for the resolution as he is one of the nominees to the WKU . The resolution was seconded and approved by the Board.

**10. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising of a closed session. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 4:35 p.m.

**12. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 6:10 p.m.

13. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN KEAN UNIVERSITY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION**

Chair Fastook asked if the Board members had any questions on the recommendation. The resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

14. **FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JUNE 24, 2024**

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2024 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.