

**KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES****MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023****4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Steve Fastook, Chair; Linda Lewis, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Bertha Little-Mathews, A. Todd Mayo, Matthew McDermott, Ada Morell, Ed Oatman, Christopher Sclafani, Student Trustee, Jeremiah Monteiro, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Barbara Sobel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Itunu Balogun, Dr. David Birdsell, Andrew Brannen, Michelle Freestone, Kristin Ganley, Dr. Sancha Gray, Dr. Michael Salvatore, Felice Vazquez, Dr. Joe Youngblood

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 AY2024**

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 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Chair Fastook noted the announcement provided the proposed schedule of Board of Trustees public meetings in the upcoming academic year including September 18, 2023, December 2, 2023, March 4, 2024, May 6, 2024 and June 24, 2024. The meeting schedule was approved unanimously by the Board.

5. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Fastook thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He noted the University just celebrated the first Kean Gala in four years, and thanked everyone for their contributions and their support for the Foundation and its scholarship programs. The Finance Committee met earlier today to review the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, he said, and the priorities laid out in the proposed budget are worthy of the Board's support.

6. **PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

The President welcomed everyone to the public meeting. He noted this meeting marks the end of a fantastic academic year and that the Board and campus community should celebrate all that was accomplished.

He noted the Board’s special budget meeting and that Kean is fiscally sound and poised for growth. The University invested wisely in recent years, in programs and services that not only attract new students and new faculty to Kean, but also support the students and the employees who are here already. University debt has been reduced by nearly \$90 million in recent years, and a culture of support and inclusion is present on campus. Two of the nation’s largest credit rating agencies—both S&P and Moody’s—recently completed their review of Kean and found us to be stable, he said.

He thanked everyone who participated in the May commencement ceremonies, as well as everyone who supported the Kean Foundation at last week’s Kean Gala. He noted the proposed budget for FY24 balances efficiency and cost-effectiveness with Kean’s commitment to grow, to reach R2, and to give students and employees the best experience possible in higher education.

The President then introduced Senior Vice President Felice Vazquez, who shared a presentation on programs and new initiatives at Wenzhou-Kean University. The presentation detailed President Repollet’s first visit to the campus in his role as University President after the country (and the campus) re-opened to world in March 2023. Additionally, it covered the tremendous progress both in academic work and investments in student affairs that have taken place at the Wenzhou campus. President Repollet noted many more people will be participating in this landmark initiative as we move forward.

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 FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

Trustee Matthew McDermott reported the committee met earlier in the day to review various items. 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 2024

8.2 Resolution Authorizing a Change in the University Tuition and Fees for Certain Graduate and Doctoral Programs for Fiscal Year 2024

- 8.3 Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of Certain Cohort Tuition Rates of the “Kean Educational Affiliation Network (KEAN)” for FY2024
- 8.4 Resolution Authorizing the Cohort Tuition Rate for Certain High School Partnerships for Fiscal Year 2024
- 8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Cohort Tuition Rates in FY24 for Participants in the Kean Scholars Academy (KSA)
- 8.6 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Services in FY24

**Advertising, Recruit, Tech**

**Not to Exceed**

Intersection Media	\$640,000
KLR Agency	\$496,000
New City Media Inc.	\$200,000
Intersect by Powerschool	\$130,000
Encoura, Inc.	\$110,000
College Board	\$110,000
SH Design Corp	\$105,000

**Educational Supplies**

**Not to Exceed**

Barnes and Noble	\$200,000
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**Information Technology**

**Not to Exceed**

Ellucian	\$7,000,000 (5 years)
Mainstay	\$340,000 (2 years)
Ferrelli Information Group	\$500,000
NJEDGE	\$350,000
CBORD Group	\$165,000
Bloomberg	\$160,000
Apogee Telecom	\$150,000
Coastal Networking LLC	\$145,000

**Insurance Services**

**Not to Exceed**

The College of New Jersey	\$850,000
CBIZ Borden Perlman	\$170,000

**Legal Services**

**Not to Exceed**

Saiber LLC	\$500,000
NJ Division of Law	\$400,000

**Printing**

**Not to Exceed**

Royal Printing	\$350,000
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**Professional Consulting**

**Not to Exceed**

Ernst & Young LLP	\$1,000,000
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Chair Fastook asked if the Board members had any questions on the recommendations from the Finance Committee. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

9. **RESOLUTION THANKING STUDENT TRUSTEE CHRIS SCLAFANI FOR HIS SERVICE**

Chair Fastook noted that Mr. Sclafani did a wonderful job as the student trustee and was extremely engaged and a thoughtful leader. Trustee Lewis also thanked him and commended his participation with the Student and University Affairs Committee. Chair Fastook moved the resolution, and it was seconded and approved by the full Board.

Mr. Sclafani shared with the Board and the public his closing thoughts on the opportunities the Student Trustee position provided him, noting it changed the trajectory of his life. A copy of his comments will be kept with these minutes.

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 4:45 p.m.

12. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

13. **FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JUNE 26, 2023**

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2023 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.