

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023****4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

PRESENT: Steve Fastook, Chair; Linda Lewis, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; John Kean Jr., Bertha Little-Mathews, A. Todd Mayo, Matthew McDermott, Ed Oatman, David Rodriguez Spevack, Barbara Sobel, Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Ada Morell

OTHERS PRESENT: Itunu Balogun, Dr. David Birdsell, Andrew Brannen, Matt Caruso, Michelle Freestone, Kate Gallagher, Kristin Ganley, Dr. Sancha Gray, Marsha McCarthy, Dr. Michael Salvatore, Kelly Williams, Felice Vazquez

The meeting began at @ 4 p.m.

1. **INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEE DAVID RODRIGUEZ SPEVACK**

Chair Fastook administered the oath of office to new trustee David Rodriguez Spevack, and the Board welcomed him.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **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.

4. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Fastook thanked former Trustee Richard Trabert for more than 11 years of service on the Board and noted his leadership in the Student and University Affairs Committee among many other initiatives.

Chair Fastook also requested a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Professor Emeriti Carl Burger. Burger was a prolific artist and a generous donor to the University. His commitment to students and scholarship were unprecedented, he said.

5. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Repollet also thanked Trustee Trabert for his service, noting they joined the Board together in 2011 and he enjoyed working with him through the years.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to

new Trustee Spevack, noting that it is wonderful welcome new talent and interests to Kean and to the Board.

The President noted the success of Kean's recent mid-year convocation, which focused on the important themes of data infusion and cross-unit collaboration. This gathering provided an opportunity to share ideas on how to better integrate data-driven decision-making into work, he said.

The President noted it was Spring Break, and shared news about TraveLearn, the university's experiential learning program. Right now, students and faculty are traveling to France, Spain, Ireland, Costa Rica, and the US-Mexico border to research hot topics and historic moments in those respective regions. He said these programs offer an incredible opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of global issues, and to engage in meaningful research that will have a real-world impact.

The President commended the great programming that took place for Black History Month, and noted the celebration of Women's History Month is now underway. He reminded the Board and the public of his commitment to equity, and noted this month Kean will be hosting a range of panels, distinguished lectures, and events on campus that celebrate the achievements of women and explore ways to advance gender equity.

The President then lauded a new gallery show created by artist Sayaka Ganz, who repurposes discarded plastics and materials to create beautiful artwork. Her show, *Reclaimed Creations*, is a perfect example of her commitment to using her art to make a positive impact on the world, he said, and he encouraged everyone to visit the LHAC Gallery to view it.

The President then shared some exciting news about Kean University's athletic programs. Kean women's swimming team performed exceptionally well this winter season, bringing home a conference championship and, for the first time ever, and posting the University's first NCAA qualifier on the team.

He then introduced two presentations with the Board and the public. The first presenter was Lynette Zimmerman, executive director of the Kean Galleries program, LHAC and the university's archives, who announced the University's new Artist in Residence, Ricardo Roag—a Kean graduate. A copy of her presentation will be kept with the minutes. The second presentation was introduced by Athletic Director Kelly Williams and covered both the academic and competitive successes of the various athletics programs. A copy of this presentation will be kept with the minutes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments offered at the meeting.

7. **ITEMS OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Lewis, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss a number of items now on the Board’s agenda and to receive updates on various student affairs, athletics and enrollment matters. Trustee Lewis moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

7.1 Resolution Confirming the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY23

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| <u>Advertising, Entertainment, et al.</u> | <u>Not to Exceed</u> |
| Outfront Media | \$580,000 (<i>amends fy23</i>) |
| MB Productions | \$118,000 |
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| <u>Consulting, Info Technology</u> | <u>Not to Exceed</u> |
| EAB | \$570,000 (<i>amends FY23</i>) |

The Chair opened the floor for questions on the resolution. The resolution was moved and seconded, and approved by the full Board.

8. **ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Oatman, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss several items, including the resolutions on the full Board agenda. He then moved the following resolutions:

- 8.1 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract with ABM for Housekeeping and Grounds Maintenance Services: Bid No. K22-4-6-2
- 8.2 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to DI Group Architecture for Kean University Master Plan Preparation Services

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on each resolution. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

9. **ITEM OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kean noted the committee met to review various items including the personnel actions now before the board for consideration. He then moved the following item:

- 9.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative Report

Chair Fastook asked for questions on the personnel actions. The item was seconded and approved by the Board.

10. **ITEMS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

Trustee Matthew McDermott reported the committees met to discuss various items related to university finances. He moved each of the following items to the full Board for consideration:

- 10.1 Resolution Providing Conditional Approval of the FY22 Annual Audit and Authorizing Submission to the State of New Jersey
- 10.2 Resolutions Authorizing the Waivers of Public Advertising and Bidding for FY23

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| <u>Professional Services</u> | <u>Not to Exceed</u> |
| Vista Convention Services | \$150,000 |
| <u>Specialized Equipment</u> | <u>Not to Exceed</u> |
| Productions Unlimited, Inc. | \$120,000 |

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on any of the resolutions or bid waivers recommended by the joint Finance and Audit Committees. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Trustee Bistocchi, Committee Chair, noted the committee met and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration. He moved each of the following:

- 11.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report
- 11.2 First Year Faculty Reappointments
- 11.3 Faculty Promotions
- 11.4 Resolution Acknowledging Updates to New Jersey Law Regarding edTPA Fees and Rescinding Resolution 18-09-10-2291 in Response
- 11.5 Resolution Honoring Dr. Juneau Gary and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emerita
- 11.6 Resolution Amending a Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY23

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| <u>Student Contracts, DECA, Inc.</u> | <u>Not to Exceed</u> |
| Caesars Entertainment Properties | \$1,150,000 |

- 11.7 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Information Technology in FY24-FY26

Info Technology

EXXAT LLC

Not to Exceed

\$290,000* (Total 3-years, FY24-26)

- 11.8 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant from the state DEP for a Recycling Enhancement Initiative

The Chair asked if there were questions on each item. The items were seconded and approved by the Board.

12. 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.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 5:00 p.m.

14. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 6:20 p.m.

15. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MARCH 6, 2023

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2023 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.