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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 4, 2023

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on October 4, 2023.

Committee members present: Roger Moe, Chair; George Soule, Vice Chair; Jay Cowles, Treasurer; Dawn Erlandson, April Nishimura, Kathy Sheran, Cheryl Tefer

Committee members absent: None

Other board members present: Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, Christopher Richter

Staff present: Scott Olson, Chancellor; Kari Campbell, Executive Director

The meeting materials are available here.

Chair Moe called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of June 7, 2023

Chair Moe asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Vice Chair Soule made the motion and Trustee Erlandson provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chancellor's Updates

Chair Moe, Vice Chair Soule, trustees-

I visited all the bonding sites, which helps me be an advocate for them when the time comes. We heard support from every legislator we met on the go around for the local projects, which hopefully adds up to enough support to get a bonding bill through.

I have been going around the System Office meeting with each division and have met almost all the system employees at this point except for one division, which I will meet with next week. I also wanted to give a pitch for the October 16th event at Hennepin Technical College. I hope everybody can come to that. It is really going to focus on the workforce matching dollars that we got from the legislature. I think the Presidents are really excited about it. I will be talking about workforce> It will culminate in an opportunity for those that are there to essentially sign on to a pledge that they are going to match dollar for dollar what the legislature has invested in us to ensure that Minnesota has the folks it needs to be prosperous. Therefore, it would be great if you could all be there: October 16th, 4pm at Hennepin Technical College in the Carpentry Lab. The space itself will tell the story-I hear they are going to be building tiny houses in there, while we are there, so if I am boring, there is something else to do!

Actually, I really don't even need to speak, but if you haven't seen the Almanac clip that aired Friday evening, that segment with DeeDee Peaslee could tell the story that I will speak about on the 16th, which is how colleges are addressing shortages in the trades.

I look forward to the October Board meeting and the conversation about what we learned at the retreat and how we can use that to make meetings more effective.

Chair's Update

Thank you, Chancellor. I really don't have any updates, expect that I will ask Kari to discuss the retreat findings.

Agenda Item 5: Board Retreat follow-up and next steps

Chair Moe invited Executive Director Campbell to provide an overview of the Board Retreat findings and next steps.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Agenda Item 6: System Office space planning update

Chair Moe invited Vice Chancellor Maki and Associate Vice Chancelor Yolitz to give an update on system office space planning.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

Chair Moe adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.