



**Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2024**

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 11, 2024.

Trustees present: George Soule, Chair; Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair; Alex Cirillo, Micah Coatie, Jay Cowles, Jim Grabowska, Tim Huebsch, Roger Moe, Javier Morillo, Chris Richter, Kathy Sheran, Cheryl Tefer

Trustees absent: Idman Ibrahim, Jerry Janezich, April Nishimura

Staff present: Scott Olson, Chancellor

The meeting materials and audio recording of the meeting are available [here](#).

Chair Soule called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**Approval of Lawsuit Settlement: Minnesota State College Student Association Inc. d/b/a LeadMN v. Cowles, et al., D. Minn. Case No. 22-CV-771 (JWB/ECW)**

Chair Soule welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of this special meeting was to approve Lawsuit Settlement: Minnesota State College Student Association Inc. d/b/a LeadMN v. Cowles, et al., D. Minn. Case No. 22-CV-771. Chair Soule invited Scott Goings, General Counsel, to provide a summary of the settlement.

Chair Soule asked trustees to consider the following motion:

*The Board of Trustees approves the material settlement terms resolving the lawsuit captioned Minnesota State College Student Association, Inc. d/b/a LeadMN v. Jay Cowles, et al., United States District Court, District of Minnesota, Minn. Case No. 22-CV-771 (JWB/ECW), which terms will be incorporated into a full settlement agreement and release with standard terms. The Board of Trustees directs the chancellor or his designee to execute all necessary documents.*

Trustee Moe made the motion to approve and Trustee Grabowska seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Cirillo	Yes
Trustee Coatie	Yes

Trustee Cowles	Yes
Trustee Erlandson	Yes
Trustee Grabowska	Yes
Trustee Huebsch	Yes
Trustee Ibrahim	Absent
Trustee Janezich	Absent
Trustee Moe	Yes
Trustee Morillo	Yes
Trustee Nishimura	Absent
Trustee Richter	Yes
Trustee Sheran	Yes
Trustee Soule	Yes
Trustee Tefer	Yes

The board voted unanimously to approve the recommended motion.

**Adjournment**

Chair Soule adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.