



Governance Committee Meeting

CCSNH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting of November 12, 2021

Attending: Trustee Hollie Noveletsky (videoconference), Trustee Kathy Shields, NHTI President Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki, Shannon Reid (CCSNH, videoconference), Tim Allison (CCSNH, videoconference), CCSNH Chancellor Mark Rubinstein, Colleen Allen (ACCT, videoconference)

Chair Noveletsky called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm in 217 Grappone Hall, NHTI, Concord, NH.

Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2021

VOTE: The Committee, on motion of President Mullin-Sawicki and seconded by Ms. Shields, voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2021 meetings as written.

Board Self-Assessment Survey

Ms. Colleen Allen from ACCT provided an overview of the ACCT self-assessment service. ACCT managed the last board self-assessment in 2018. The committee discussed including questions related to the pandemic, social unrest, equity, and engaging trustees who were appointed to the board during the pandemic and have not met other board members in person.

Ms. Shields and Ms. Noveletsky will work together to finalize self-assessment questions, with the goal of creating a foundational assessment tool that will be administered in late winter/ early spring. Ms. Allen will develop a first draft of the assessment as a next step.

Ms. Allen left the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Board Diversity

The committee discussed the racial diversity of the state compared to the CCSNH student population, which is more diverse than the state of NH, and discussion followed regarding whether the goal should be for the diversity of the board to reflect the diversity of the student body or of the state. NECHE does not have a specific requirement about diversity, but President Mullin-Sawicki suggested board membership reflect the state's diversity.

Discussion followed regarding the best approach for incorporating diversity into the work of the committee and the board and the tools needed to capture data on diversity of the system that will be useful for measuring progress in this area and identifying gaps in service.

Updates on Board Membership

There are currently four vacancies on the board—one technology seat, one healthcare seat, and two public seats. Donnalee Lozeau and Richard Ackerman have been nominated by the Governor to fill the public and technology seats respectively. Chair Shields and Chancellor Rubinstein continue to identify prospects for the healthcare, alum, and vacant public seat. Trustee Rothenberg will retire from his CTE position next



spring and will not be eligible to continue on the board as the CTE representative, although he would be interested in continuing on the board as a public member.

Chancellor Rubinstein left the meeting at 2:24 pm.

Other Business

No further business was brought forward. The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Eckner
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