



**Executive Meeting
August 21, 2019
Derryberry Hall, Room 210**

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM I—CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Executive Committee met on August 21, 2019, in Derryberry Hall, Room 210. Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

Chair Harper asked Kae Carpenter, Secretary, to call the roll. The following Executive Committee member was physically present:

- Tom Jones

Executive Committee members Chair Harper and Theresa Vanhooser participated by phone. A quorum was not physically present at the meeting.

Other Board members physically present were Sally Pardue and Johnny Stites. Other Board members participating by phone were Rhedona Rose, Teresa Vanhooser, and Barry Wilmore.

Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, and members of the public were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM II—DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY

Ms. Carpenter stated that a quorum of members was available, but a quorum was not physically present. She stated that in order to proceed with the action item, the Executive Committee must make a determination of necessity to proceed without a quorum being physically present.

Chair Harper stated that the meeting was a necessity because the terms of all committee members and chairs of committees expired on June 30, 2019. The Board was unable to nominate and approve the Vice Chair and Executive Committee member at its June meeting because three members' terms were set to expire on June 30, 2019, and one position was vacant; it was unclear who would be appointed to fill those

positions. She stated that the Governor re-appointed the three incumbent Board members in July. She stated that the Board appointed a Vice Chair and Executive Committee member at a special meeting immediately prior to this Executive Committee meeting. She also stated the appointment of an interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development, which had to be approved by the Executive Committee, could not wait until a date when a quorum could be physically present because the position would be vacant on August 31.

Mr. Jones moved that the Executive Committee find that a necessity existed to hold the meeting without a quorum physically present. Ms. Vanhooser seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes as written. Chair Harper seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, the motion carried unanimously with Ms. Vanhooser abstaining from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM IV—APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

President Oldham stated that Dr. Harvill Eaton, who served as Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development, would be leaving at the end of August. The President requested to appoint Dr. Francis Otuonye to serve as Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the President's request to appoint Dr. Otuonye as the Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Ms. Vanhooser seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM V—OTHER BUSINESS

President Oldham stated that Provost Bruce was chairing the search for the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. He stated the committee was formed last spring and had met several times. He stated that the search would continue through the fall semester and he hoped there would be a permanent replacement by January 1, 2020.

AGENDA ITEM VI—ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Approved,



Kae Carpenter, Secretary