

UVU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 25, 2024

12:00pm Lakemount Manor at Utah Valley University

Board of Trustee Members Present

Rick Nielsen, Chair
Scott Smith, First Vice Chair
Jeanette Bennett, Second Vice Chair
Paul Thompson
Noel Vallejo
Kara North
Jeremy Hafen
Blake Modersitzki
Andrea Clarke
Mimi Barney

Others Present

Nathan Savage, Foundation Chair
Geoff Landward, Commissioner
Amanda Covington, UBHE Chair
Neil Abercrombie, Senior Advisor to
Governor Cox
Timothy Knowles, President, Carnegie
Foundation for the Advancement of
Teaching

UVU Attendees

Astrid S. Tuminez, President
Wayne Vaught, Provost & Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Kyle Reyes, Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Christina Baum, Vice President, Digital Transformation
Jim Mortensen, Vice President, Finance
Marilyn Meyer, Vice President, People & Culture
Michelle Kearns Vice President, Student Affairs
Kara Schneck, Chief of Staff
Clark Collings, General Counsel
Rasha Qudisat, Chief Engagement & Effectiveness Officer
Steve Anderson, Associate Vice President, University Relations
Daniel Delgadillo, PACE President
Wioleta Fedeczko, Faculty Senate President
Nikki Scott, PACE President-Elect
Jenny Christensen, Legal Secretary

I. Welcome

Chair Rick Nielsen welcomed those in attendance at the April 25, 2024, Board of Trustees strategic retreat.

II. Conversation with Commissioner Landward & Chair Covington of the Utah Board of Higher Education

Commissioner Landward and Chair Covington discussed the Board's FY25 priorities and goals, how trustees can more effectively collaborate with the Board, the latest on USHE Speech Resolution, an HB261 update, their perspectives on SB192 funding, the role of presidents, and budgeting and facilities. Questions were asked and discussed.

III. Conversation with Neil Abercrombie, Senior Advisor for Legislative Affairs and Policy to Governor Cox

Senior Advisor Niel Abercrombie discussed the Governor's perspective on higher education, the future funding of higher education, the vision of seamless education, and service fellowships. Questions were asked and discussed.

IV. Debrief

The debrief discussion focused on leadership priorities, emphasizing the need for effective engagement with leaders, data-driven insights, and proactive collaboration with the legislature and the Utah Board of Higher Education (UBHE). Key points included enhancing partnerships with other universities, maintaining low educational costs, and regularly reviewing programs to align with high-demand job opportunities. President highlighted the dual mission of the university and the importance of a cohesive

strategy to support both community college and bachelor's degree pathways. There was consensus on the necessity of improving graduation rates and providing robust academic resources to support student success. The conversation also addressed the evolving educational landscape and the importance of adapting to demographic changes while ensuring quality and accessibility for all students.

V. Dinner Conversation with Timothy Knowles, President, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

President Timothy Knowles talked about economic mobility and the history of higher education.

Chair Rick Nielsen adjourned the meeting.