

**Official Minutes  
Board of Regents  
Meeting of the Full Board  
February 24, 2023  
Anchorage, Alaska**

## **1. Individuals Present**

### Regents Present:

Ralph Seekins, Chair  
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair  
Dale Anderson, Secretary  
Scott Jepsen, Treasurer  
Joey Crum  
Darroll R. Hargraves  
Paula Harrison  
Mary K. Hughes  
Dennis L. Michel  
Kali Spencer

### Regents Absent:

Bethany Marcum

Pat Pitney, Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

### Others Present:

Karen Carey, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast  
Sean Parnell, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage  
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Matthew Cooper, General Counsel  
Luke Fulp, Chief Finance Officer  
Richard Schweigert, Interim Chief Finance Officer  
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research  
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer  
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents  
Raegan Kelliher, Assistant, Board of Regents  
Jennifer Ward, Faculty Alliance Vice Chair  
Dawn Humenik, Staff Alliance Chair  
Calvin Auelow, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

## **2. Opening Items**

### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Seekins called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023.

### **B. Adoption of Agenda**

*Note for the record: Regent Crum disclosed he is the CEO of Northern Industrial Training (NIT), headquartered in Palmer and offering a wide variety of vocational training and corporate support service training courses, noting some of these could be seen as competing with certain UA programs, especially with respect to particular programs within UAA's Community and Technical College (CTC), particularly the Building Technologies Division and the Transportation & Power Division, and with UAS's incipient program to provide Commercial Drivers License Training in southeast, which NIT also does.*

*Regent Crum said he has previously attended a meeting convened by Dean Ray Weber at UAA's CTC, to which he invited several private businesses, including NIT, to provide feedback and advice on the programs he administers. Dean Weber wants to invite Regent Crum to another such meeting, probably in March or April. Regent Crum said he's likely to accept that invitation too, but since he is a regent, he thought he should make the disclosure and make sure that he wouldn't be inadvertently violating some provision of the Executive Branch Ethics Act. Regent Crum recognized that as a regent, he cannot take or withhold any official action to affect a matter in which he might have a personal or financial interest or try to*

get any employees of UA to do anything for his private benefit. Regent Crum has an interest in NIT, but participating in Dean Weber's meeting would not be trying to further that interest; Regent Crum said he would be offering advice on improving UAA's program.

Regent Crum also stated he is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Trucking Association (ATA) and works with an ATA component called Trucking University, an educational program for students of accredited universities offering scholarships for students to attend ATA's National Management Conference and Exhibition, with opportunities to attend panel discussions and industry policy committee meetings while networking with trucking executives and hiring managers. Regent Crum said he has worked with Professor Darren Prokop of UAA's College of Business and Public Policy to offer these opportunities to UAA students. Regent Crum stated he doesn't think there is a conflict of interest in continuing to do so but wanted to put the disclosure on the record.

Chair Seekins thanked Regent Crum for the disclosures and said he has consulted with General Counsel, who has confirmed that Dean Weber does indeed want to invite Regent Crum for the follow-up meeting and that he'll value Regent Crum's input as someone who is running the training programs that NIT has, and does not regard Regent Crum's advice as trying to get him to do anything other than improve UAA's programs. Chair Seekins determined that Regent Crum accepting the invitation to attend that meeting is congruent with the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Chair Seekins stated General Counsel has confirmed with Professor Prokop that he looks forward to continuing to work with Regent Crum, and while Regent Crum's seat as a director of the ATA Board gives him a personal interest in the success of ATA's programs, there are no divided loyalties in Regent Crum continuing to work with Professor Prokop or any other UAA employees to publicize the availability of these opportunities to UA students.

**PASSED AS AMENDED** (amendment noted by \*)

**"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

### C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of November 10-11, 2022

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of November 10-11, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Dennis L Michel

### D. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of December 8, 2022

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of December 8, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: Joey Crum, Dennis L Michel

### E. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 13, 2023

**PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of January 13, 2023 as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer  
Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

### **3. Reports**

#### **A. Governance Reports**

Calvin Zuelow, Coalition of Student Leaders chair, welcomed new regents and reported on the following topics: the coalition's biweekly meetings, planning efforts for the spring Juneau fly-in event, elections completed for the student regent nomination process, food insecurity issues at the Juneau campus and the Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage meeting with the facilities planning group regarding its move of the student union area, and the possibility of adding a prayer and meditation room. (video timestamp 10:41)

Jennifer Ward, Faculty Alliance chair-elect, reported on the following topics: the 2023 faculty initiative announcement, its retreat scheduled in Juneau in March, participation in the Communication Task Force meetings to improve shared governance within UA, the alliance's evaluation of UA administration's response to its financial request and reviewed the Faculty Alliance Initiative Award applicants and the awards offered. (video timestamp 13:12)

Dawn Humenik, Staff Alliance chair, thanked UAA for hosting and providing a hybrid meeting, welcomed new regents, and reported on the following topics: the difference between staff and faculty, reductions to the number of staff, its challenges, including low morale, the value and processes provided by governance leaders, noting the need to work on meaningful relationships to reestablish governance roles and said staff want to be helpful, heard and cared for. (video timestamp 21:44)

#### **B. Chancellors' Reports**

Chancellor Parnell thanked his staff, Raegan Kelliher, Weston Eiler, and Tanya Pont, for the February 23, 2023 successful showcase event and provided an update on the following topics: team collaborations, including its work with faculty, staff, and student governance groups, stabilization of enrollment, noting growth in first-year students and K-12 dual enrollment, UAA being the state's largest workforce provider and recent community engagement opportunities. (video timestamp 30:02)

Chancellor Carey thanked the board and the president for stability and growth, indicating morale is good, and provided an update on the following topics: focused efforts on Alaska Native studies and languages, enrollment, noting summer registration is up, fall recruitment efforts, the recent scholarship luncheon honoring donors and students, the UAS chancellor search, upcoming campus events, including commencements, and said biology, mariculture, and environmental science faculty will be located in the new Auke Bay Integrated Science Building in fall of 2024. (video timestamp 43:05)

Chancellor White thanked Regents Seekins, Jepsen, and Michel for visiting the campus and provided an update on the following topics: its strategic plan, research growth, building renovations, enrollment growth, and its decrease in student debt, noting UAF's vision and the transformations taking place, this spring's 101st commencement, student demographics, and enrollment, an overview of research efforts, Nanooks athletic achievements, philanthropic support and UA Giving Day's support for the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center. (video timestamp 51:25)

#### **C. President's Report**

President Pitney thanked the chancellors for their reports, thanked Regent Spencer for her service, and Faculty Alliance Chair Karahan for his contributions, welcomed Public Affairs Director Taylor, Chief Finance Officer Fulp, and thanked Interim Chief Finance Officer Schweigert and provided an update on the following topics: the student information system modernization/cloud migration, the Alaska Senate and House Education Committee meetings, the Alaska House Finance Committee meeting, and the UAS chancellor search. (video timestamp 1:07:15)

### **4. Goals and Measures Discussion**

#### **A. Goals and Measures Discussion**

President Pitney and Vice President Layer led the discussion. (video timestamp 1:17:14)

### **5. The University of Alaska Economic Impact Report**

#### **A. The University of Alaska Economic Impact Report**

Susan Bell, McKinley Research Group senior consultant, provided a review of the report. (video timestamp 2:02:49)

## **6. Approval of Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070**

### A. Approval of Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents conditionally approves the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070 for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: Dennis L Michel

#### POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 02.01.050. Collective Bargaining Agreements provides:

"The president is authorized to represent the board in collective negotiations with certified collective bargaining units; however, no agreement resulting from such negotiations will be binding on the board or the university until approved by the board."

Regents' Policy 04.11.020.B – Exclusions and Agreements, states:

"No collective bargaining agreement shall be binding upon the Board of Regents without prior approval of the entire agreement by the Board of Regents."

#### RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

University of Alaska (UA) administration has tentatively agreed upon a successor contract with the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070 (Local 6070), subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees Local 6070 expired on June 30, 2022, which was extended by mutual agreement between UA and L6070. The extension of the CBA expires on June 30, 2023.

The university and Local 6070 reached a tentative agreement on February 2, 2023. The tentative agreement has been submitted to the Department of Administration (DOA) for approval as required by AS 23.40.212(b). Additionally, the Local 6070 union will present the tentative agreement to their bargaining union members for ratification. Subject to ratification by the bargaining unit members, and approval by the DOA and the Board of Regents, the successor CBA will be effective for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Pursuant to AS 23.40.215, the monetary terms of this collective bargaining agreement are subject to annual appropriation by the Alaska Legislature.

Chief Human Resources Officer Dahl answered questions regarding the terms of the tentative agreement. (video timestamp 2:29:43)

## **7. Approval of Regents' Policy 01.01.050. - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement**

### A. Approval of Regents' Policy 01.01.050. - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves Regents' Policy 01.01.050. - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Joey Crum, second by Kali Spencer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

President Pitney reviewed the policy, which included the suggested edits made by members of the board during its November 10-11, 2022 meeting. (video timestamp 2:36:22)

### **P01.01.050 - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement**

Through its support of the Board of Regents, the three universities with distinct missions, and their community campuses, the University of Alaska System Office advances higher education and honors the Indigenous and diverse peoples of Alaska. The University of Alaska System Office manages corporate responsibilities, strategically stewards shared resources, and works with the universities to implement Regents' policies and directions to align with current and future needs of the state.

## **8. Committee Reports and New Business**

### **A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

In addition to the action items, the committee heard an enrollment report and received updates on the modernization of the student information system, goals and measures, and academic program teach-outs. (video timestamp 2:41:02)

### **B. Audit and Finance Committee**

In addition to the action items, the committee heard the external auditor's report, a financial report, and the audit status report, received updates on the Education Trust of Alaska performance and enterprise risk management, and held an executive session. (video timestamp 2:44:24)

### **C. Facilities and Land Management Committee**

#### **1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Nenana Airport Hangar for the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration**

##### **PASSED**

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Nenana Airport Hangar for the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan as amended in this request and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design not to exceed a total project cost of \$3,300,000. Further, the Facilities and Land Management Committee hereby delegates authority of the schematic design approval request, upon submission by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, to the committee chair. This motion is effective February 23, 2023."

#### **2. Committee Report**

In addition to the action items, the committee reviewed Regents' Policies 05.07.010., 05.11., and 05.12., received the land management status report, reviewed deferred maintenance and renewal and replacement information, heard an update on the Lake Otis and Providence Drive property, the Matanuska Experiment Farm & Extension Center conservation easement, and the Alaska Leaders Archives and Consortium Library renovation, and held an executive session. Written reports included an IT update, capital project approvals – delegation of authority report, and the construction in progress reports. (video timestamp 2:45:24)

## **9. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

##### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 9.B.1-5., 9.C.1-3, and 9.D.1-4 as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

### **B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Items from February 23, 2023**

1. Approval of a Revision to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination

**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves the revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 - Academic Unit establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination to restructure the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center as a standalone unit and remove it from under the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences and add the Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station. The motion is effective February 24, 2023."

**CURRENT LANGUAGE WITH TRACK CHANGES FOR PROPOSED REVISION**

P10.02.040. Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

College of Business and Security Management College of Engineering and Mines

Mineral Industry Research Laboratory (AS 14.40.115)

College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

~~Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center (AS 16.52.010-070)~~

Institute of Marine Science (AS 14.40.080)

Seward Marine Center College of Liberal Arts

College of Natural Science and Mathematics

College of Rural and Community Development

Alaska Native Language Center (AS 14.40.117)

Bristol Bay Campus, Dillingham

Chukchi Campus, Kotzebue

Interior Alaska Campus, Fairbanks

Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel

Northwest Campus, Nome

Community and Technical College

Geophysical Institute

Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration – Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (ACUASI-RDT & E)

Alaska Earthquake Center (AS 14.40.075)

Alaska Volcano Observatory (AS 14.40.075)

Poker Flat Research Range

Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension

Cooperative Extension Service (federal mandate)

~~Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station (federal mandate) (AFES)~~

Institute of Arctic Biology International Arctic Research Center

~~Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center (AS 16.52.010-070)~~

Rasmuson Library

School of Education

University of Alaska Museum of the North

2. Approval of the Discontinuation of a Bachelor of Sports and Recreation Business at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of a Bachelor of Sports and Recreation at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

3. Approval of the Discontinuation of a Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology at the University of Alaska Southeast

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of a Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology at the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

4. Approval of the Discontinuation of a Master in Education in Science Education K-8 at the University of Alaska SoutheastPASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the discontinuation of a Master of Education in Science Education K-8 at the University of Alaska Southeast. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

5. Approval of an Undergraduate Certificate in Licensed Practical Nurse Program at the University of Alaska FairbanksPASSED

"The Board of Regents approves an Undergraduate Certificate in Licensed Practical Nurse Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

## C. Audit and Finance Committee - Items from February 23, 2023

1. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.03. - Audit and Consulting ServicesPASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 05.03. Audit and Consulting Services as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

2. Approval of Revisions to Board of Regents' Bylaws BL07.F Audit and Finance Committee and BL07.G Audit and Finance CommitteePASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to BL07.F Audit and Finance Committee and BL07.G Audit and Finance Committee Charter as presented. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

3. Ratification to Approve the Extension of the External Auditor ContractPASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the one-year extension for the external auditors to perform the FY23 audits: financial audit, federal single audit, and the Foundation audit. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

## D. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Items from February 23, 2023

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum Planetarium AdditionPASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum Planetarium Addition as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan as amended in this request, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design not to exceed a total project cost of \$7,294,957. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

2. Approval of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Yukon Flats Rural Education Center SalePASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the sale of the Yukon Flats Rural Education Center as presented and the Board of Regents authorizes the university administration to proceed with the sale. The net proceeds shall be deposited with UAF. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."

3. Approval of Notice of Federal Interest in the Yup'ik Language Center Building Located on the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim CampusPASSED

"The Board of Regents hereby resolves that Michelle Rizk, Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer of the University of Alaska, is delegated authority to execute and cause to be recorded in official land records a Notice of Federal Interest in the Yup'ik Language Center Building located on the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus. The Notice of Federal Interest is required by the Terms and Conditions of the Health Resources and Services Administration Grant 1 CE1HS46625-

01-00 awarded to the University of Alaska. This motion is effective February 24, 2023.”

#### 4. Approval of the 1901 Bragaw Commercial Office Space Leasing Disposal Plan

##### PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the disposal plan for the potential commercial office space leasing of 1901 Bragaw. In the event of a lease, the Board of Regents authorizes the chief strategy, planning and budget officer or the chief finance officer to lease any and all space at 1901 Bragaw at, or above fair market value. The proceeds from the leases are to be used for UAA to address building system renewal, campus space improvements, and strategic initiatives/investments. This authority is in effect until revoked by the board. This motion is effective February 24, 2023.”

## **10. Corporate Resolutions**

### A. Approval of Revisions to the Corporate Authority Resolution

##### PASSED

**“The Board of Regents approves the Corporate Authority Resolution as revised, to reflect the personnel change in the chief financial officer position, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 24, 2023.”**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

##### RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Regents regularly passes a resolution specifying certain university officers as being authorized to execute investment and banking transactions for the University of Alaska. Because of the personnel change to the chief financial officer position a current resolution is necessary in order to execute timely investment and banking transactions.

### B. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

##### PASSED

**“The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised, to reflect the changes to members of the Board of Regents and the personnel change in the chief financial officer position, and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective February 24, 2023.”**

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

##### RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

The president and selected members of the university administration are routinely designated by the Board of Regents to handle any duties and responsibilities relating to classified information in connection with contracts with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. These individuals are given an extensive security screening and are the only members of the university administration to have access to classified information.

The university has received similar security clearances since the mid-1950s. Execution of the resolution means that regents and other members of the administration will not have access to the classified information and are not in a position to affect the handling of classified information, thus do not need to be processed through security clearance procedures. The resolution is identical to resolutions previously passed except for changes to members of the Board of Regents and the personnel change in the chief financial officer position.

## **11. Government Relations Report**

### A. Government Relations Report

State Relations Director Hutchison and Federal Relations Director Latini provided an update on government relations issues affecting the University of Alaska. (video timestamp 2:51:57)

#### **\*11.1. Approval of a Resolution to Support the Willow Project (added)**



**PASSED**

**“The Board of Regents approves a resolution to support the Willow Project, authorizes Chair Seekins to sign the resolution, and gives university administration permission to distribute the resolution to the Congressional Delegation. This motion is effective February 24, 2023.”**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dennis L Michel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

WHEREAS Congress passed, and the President of the United States signed into law, the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, which authorized oil and gas leasing, exploration and operations in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A).

WHEREAS the Willow Master Development Plan Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) indicates the project could result in the production of 180,000 barrels of oil per day and up to 629 million barrels of oil over the life of the project.

WHEREAS the Willow Project would ultimately increase employment opportunities and generate government revenues that support important public services including higher education in the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS the Willow Project could create thousands of jobs during construction and hundreds of long-term drilling and operations jobs over the life of the project. In addition, current estimates suggest that the Willow Project could generate between \$8.7 billion to \$17.1 billion in revenues with Alaska receiving between \$4.8 billion and \$10 billion. The new jobs and revenue could result in positive economic impact for the state, local and regional economies in Alaska.

WHEREAS the Final SEIS does not identify significant environmental issues with the Project beyond what is already happening on a global scale, particularly as it relates to climate change.

WHEREAS the Willow Project has received support from a wide variety of stakeholders such as the cities of Utqiagvik, Wainwright, Atkasuk, the Alaska Federation of Natives, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Kuukpik Village Corporation, North Slope Borough, Alaska Native Village Corporation Association, and the ANCSA Regional Association and will result in billions of dollars in revenue to the communities of the North Slope.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska supports the Willow Project and urges the U.S. Department of the Interior to approve the BLM’s preferred alternative (Alternative E). (video timestamp 3:13:40)

### **\*11.2. Senator Murkowski Addressed the Board** (added)

Senator Murkowski spoke about the Fiscal Foundation Act regarding the UA Land Grant efforts. (video timestamp 3:17:20)

## **12. UA Foundation Report**

### **A. UA Foundation Report**

UA Foundation President Burnett provided an update on university system's development efforts and University of Alaska Foundation's activities. (video timestamp 3:30:20)

UA Circle of Giving: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPEQhspq5qc>

## **13. Did You Know Presentation**

### **A. Did You Know Presentation**

In this segment of Did You Know, the video featured the University of Alaska's (UA) role in preparing graduates for careers in the construction industry. Across the UA system there are over 40 programs directly linked to the construction industry from carpentry to surveying, heavy-duty equipment to welding, and civil engineering to project and construction management. These programs range from short-term certificates to four-year degrees and beyond and are designed with industry input to provide the skills needed for employment or career advancement.

The video, and accompanying workforce report, highlighted programs at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of

Alaska Fairbanks, and the University of Alaska Southeast relevant to the state's construction industry and to closely-related industries such as transportation, mining, and oil and gas. (video timestamp 3:47:25)

<https://youtu.be/9ncVSE7Cqbs>

All "Did You Know" success stories can be found at <https://www.alaska.edu/news/did-you-know/>

## **14. Land Grant Initiative Update**

### A. Land Grant Initiative Update

UA Land Management Director Stolpe provided an update on the Land Grant Initiative. (video timestamp 4:26:30)

## **15. Title IX Update and Review of Title IX Compliance Brief and Metrics**

### A. Title IX Update and Review of Title IX Compliance Brief and Metrics

Chief Audit Executive Pittman provided a Title IX update. (video timestamp 4:42:30)

Chancellors Carey, Parnell, and White reviewed the Title IX compliance brief and metrics.

## **16. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update**

### A. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

Chief Human Resource Officer and Interim Senior Advisor for Alaska Native Success Dahl presented an update on the Alaska Native Success Initiative. (video timestamp 4:44:30)

## **17. Executive Session**

### A. Executive Session

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters required by law to be confidential related to personnel and labor issues, matters that could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to honorary degrees, and to receive legal advice. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Kali Spencer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Karen Perdue

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 2:11 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 3:00 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters required by law to be confidential related to personnel and labor issues, matters that could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to honorary degrees, and to receive legal advice. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 49 minutes.

## **18. Approval of an Honorary Degree for Spring 2023**

### A. Approval of an Honorary Degree for Spring 2023

#### **PASSED**

**"The Board of Regents approves a nominee for an honorary doctoral degree as proposed for commencement exercises in spring of 2023, and authorizes Chancellor Carey to invite the approved nominee and announce the acceptance. This motion is effective February 24, 2023."**

Motion by Joey Crum, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer  
Not Present at Vote: Karen Perdue

#### POLICY CITATION

##### **Regents' Policy 10.03.020.A.**

Honorary degrees may be conferred upon approval of the Board of Regents.

#### A. Criteria

The criterion for individuals to receive an honorary degree from the University of Alaska is evidence of a significant and lasting contribution to the university, to the State of Alaska, or to the individual's discipline or profession.

#### RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

A recommendation submitted by the University of Alaska Southeast for a recipient of an honorary degree was sent under separate cover for Board of Regents' review prior to the February 24, 2023 board meeting.

## **19. Regents' Closing Comments**

### **A. Regents' Closing Comments**

Regent Harrison stated it was a great two days; she is happy to have the opportunity to serve the university and looks forward to working with the board and the administration.

Regent Hargraves welcomed the new board members and thanked them for their service.

Regent Hughes welcomed the new board members and looks forward to seeing new members in May.

Regent Michel said it is his first board meeting; he is impressed with the board members, the staff, and the organization behind the UA System, and he feels fortunate to be a regent.

Regent Crum stated he is a lot of work and apologized upfront; thanked the other board members and the chancellors and stated he is looking forward to visiting the campuses.

Regent Jepsen said the experimental meeting schedule went well; appreciated spending fewer days in meetings; stated the conversations were great, and noted appreciation for the method of operations.

Regent Spencer stated this was her last meeting; extended her thanks to everyone who helped her along the way, noting she was welcomed with open arms; mentioned it is a steep learning curve to become a regent and said she learned a lot of institutional knowledge.

Regent Anderson thanked UAA for hosting the board; said the hospitality, the food, and the showcase were all outstanding; is excited about the goals and measures; and thanked President Pitney for the stability and her enthusiasm.

Chancellor Parnell said he was happy to host the board meeting, invited board members to visit UAA, and thanked the board for its service.

Chancellor Carey thanked President Pitney for everything and Regent Spencer for her service.

Chancellor White said he is available any time for a phone call and would be happy to engage in a dialogue with board members.

Interim Chief Finance Officer Schweigert thanked the board for having him.

Vice President Rizk welcomed the new board members.

Vice President Layer would appreciate the board's feedback on the goals and measures and workforce development and welcomed the board members.

Chief Finance Officer Fulp thanked the board for having him, stated appreciation to President Pitney for the career opportunity, and said his entire career has been in public education and is a pinnacle being at UA.

President Pitney said the move to the new meeting model provided value, time for discussion, significant interaction, and a sense of what is important to new board members, and she looks forward to the May meeting.

Chair Seekins thanked Executive Officer Berg and General Counsel Cooper for keeping the meeting on track and video conferencing specialists Scott Fronzuto and Nick Harrison for their technical expertise; welcomed the new board members; said he will miss Regent Spencer and appreciated how everyone worked together during the meeting. (video timestamp 5:00:10)

## **20. Adjourn**

### **A. Adjourn**

Chair Seekins adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023.

## **21. Public Testimony, From February 21, 2023**

Rachel Decious, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) gymnastic team member, stated the gymnastics team supports UA's strategic initiatives and thanked President Pitney and Chancellor Parnell for their support of the team.

Pat Druckenmiller, UA Museum of the North director, shared the 2022 visitor's attendance numbers, noting 80,000 compared to 90,000 pre-pandemic, reviewed projects and activities taking place at the museum and stated the first open house since the pandemic is on March 25, 2023.

Montana Fairbairn, UAA gymnastic team member, shared the team's academic goals and student successes, noting nine athletes had 4.0 GPAs during the fall semester and reviewed the team's victories and high scores.

Emily Walker, UAA gymnastics team member, encouraged the board to participate in UA Giving Day beginning February 21, 2023.

Hannah Mevencamp, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) student, shared her experience with the UAF earth science group, noting her student research efforts and her work to solve the complex issues of the future.

Katie Lester, UAA student studying social work, shared her concerns regarding accessibility and inclusion challenges at UAA, noting the designation of restrooms in some buildings.

Shelley Ebenal, Foundation Health Partners CEO, stated support for the UAF LPN program and noted the importance the program would provide for her organization.

Monique Musick, System Office Public Affairs Communications & Marketing manager, welcomed the new board member and shared information regarding UA communications from the Public Affairs Office, e.g., UA Daily News, UA Capitol Report, and the Did You Know weekly publication.

Andrew Roe, UAF alumni and owner of Latitude 65 Brewing Company, said \$1 from each Nanook Golden Ale purchase goes to the Nanook scholarship program, noting to date, in a five-month time frame, the partnership has provided \$8000, and stated criticism should not be about the alcohol or the partnership, instead, it should be about the tragic abuse of alcohol in Alaska.

Jill Dumesnil, University of Southeast (UAS) Juneau math professor, stated she is a United Academics faculty member, spoke in support of small programs, noting smaller programs are necessary and provide unique educational experiences, and said support needs to continue for all small programs.

Mary Beth Loewen, UAF Alumni Association president, shared recent alumni activities within and outside of Fairbanks; mentioned UA Giving Day; reviewed the association's giving history and said the elections for new alumni directors is upcoming.

Karen Lapp, Fairbanks resident, stated support for the UAF LPN program and noted the importance of building educational partnerships.

Michael Ciri, Juneau resident, welcomed the new board members; shared his passion for the GED Achiever Scholarship he and his wife established at the UA Foundation; encouraged participation in UA Giving Day and stated he and his wife would match, up to \$10K, all funds donated to the scholarship during giving day.

Sarah Martin, Fairbanks resident, stated support for the UAF LPN program.

Elizabeth Ripley, MatSu Health Foundation president and CEO, shared the foundation's support for the conservation easement surrounding the MatSu Farm area; encouraged the board to keep the easement, is thankful for UAF's engagement in the

community easement meetings and looks forward to the continued partnership.

Heather Swanson, Anchorage resident and UA Accessibility Work Group member, welcomed the new board members; is thankful for captioning provided during the Board of Regents' meetings; stated disability is a critical issue to support; mentioned the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights Voluntary Resolution of Agreement regarding accessibility and said the work group is working with President Pitney and the chancellors to make accessibility training mandatory for all UA staff.

Nicole Welch, Foundation Health Partners chief human resources officer, stated support for the UAF LPN program.

Connor Swanson, UAA and UAS student, stated he is hard of hearing and is thankful for the captions during the Board of Regents' meetings; requested the board take a proactive approach to accessibility, noting the lack of accessibility is disheartening and reminded the board accessibility is mandated by the federal government.

Karen Jensen; UAF librarian, said in her 25 years at UAF, she has witnessed the personal growth of students; stated there is a deeper and broader mission for the university than workforce development; said attending a university is the time for students to explore ideas, themselves, critical thinking, new views, other ethnicities and to appreciate the complexity of things and encouraged the board to remember intangibles like these when considering budgets.

Nate Kile, Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired program director, stated the greatest barrier is accessibility and said rather than just providing accommodations, it is important to meet the proper accessibility standards and abide by the standards.