

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
November 10, 2023
Anchorage, Alaska**

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:

Ralph Seekins, Chair
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair
Dale Anderson, Secretary
Scott Jepsen, Treasurer
Stephen Colligan
Seth Church
Paula Harrison
Mary K. Hughes
Dennis L. Michel
Albiona Selimi

Regents Absent:

Joey Crum

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

Others Present:

Aparna Palmer, 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
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 Chair
Ronnie Houchin, Staff Alliance Chair
Joe Pavia-Jones, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Seekins called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Seth Church, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

***2.1. Recognition of Vic Fischer (added)**

Regent Perdue provided a moment of recognition for Vic Fischer, the last surviving signer of Alaska's constitution.
(video time stamp 05:07)

3. Reports

A. Governance Reports

Joe Pavia-Jones, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair, welcomed the board and reported on the following topics: the coalition's first meeting of the academic year, its charter revisions, and plans for the spring fly-in to Juneau. (video timestamp 20:15)

Ronnie Houchin, Staff Alliance Chair, reported on the following topics: the board's upcoming decisions and priorities on the UA budget and the roadmap to Empower Alaska having an impact on UA staff and its work, noting staff is already overloaded, advocated to trust staff to know their jobs, to do their jobs, and support staff when barriers or challenges are identified, the upcoming employee experience survey, stating the results will be shared in spring 2024, the need for a specific focus on recruiting, hiring, retaining, supporting, developing and empowering staff to achieve the system and universities goals, and the alliance working with President Pitney and UA human resources to achieve such goals. (video timestamp 21:37)

Jennifer Ward, Faculty Alliance Chair, reported on the following topics: the alliance's fall retreat in Anchorage, plans for a Faculty Thought Leadership Forum in spring 2024, Artificial Intelligence and its use by students and faculty, a culture of formative assessment and accountability, and textbook affordability. (video timestamp 26:55)

B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor Parnell provided an update on the following topics: the fall semester off to an amazing start, collaboration with the Anchorage School District, athletic events, including a Seawolf basketball video, agreements with two international universities, enrollment, recruitment and marketing, being a military-friendly school, number of students living on campus, tuition, textbook affordability, an increase in students' access to financial aid, automated college applications, and Vic Fisher's inspiration to UAA. (video timestamp 39:12)

Chancellor Palmer recognized Veterans Day and provided an update on the following topics: enrollment, UAS received a U.S. Department of Education grant for Native American languages and mentioned the faculty member who contributed to the grant, the Ketchikan Campus maritime training program, the Sitka Campus aquaculture program, initiatives affecting retention and recruitment, highlighted international education week, celebrating the student exchange program and the options regarding Sitka's Outer Coast College partnership. (video timestamp 49:11)

Chancellor White noted gratitude to the veterans, thanked the board and President Pitney for their commitment, faculty for guiding students, the faculty senate and staff for all they do, students for choosing UAF, donors and businesses for their partnerships, and his staff for their efforts and provided an update on the following topics: resilience to build a strong university and university community, reducing support from state funding by diversifying revenue sources, tuition, enrollment, facilities renovations, enrollment in the online free courses offered by the edX platform, international recruiting entities and athletics. (video timestamp 1:10:05)

C. President's Report

President Pitney reflected back to three years ago and the tone of the governance and chancellors' reports, noting the difference and positivity, and provided an update on the following topics: the collective reach-out efforts by UA to different entities to strengthen alignment going forward for the state and the university, system enrollment plans, recruitment and retention, the Alaska Center for Energy and Power's sponsored event regarding power grids, her participation in the Alaska Federation of Natives conference, the hiring of an Alaska Native Success Initiative director and the Roadmap to Empower Alaska presentation. (video timestamp 1:30:55)

4. Roadmap to Empower Alaska

A. Roadmap to Empower Alaska

Board members, President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the Roadmap to Empower Alaska. (video timestamp 1:51:18)

5. UA Budget Discussion and Approval Items

A. UA Budget Discussion

Board members, President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the UA budget. (video timestamp 2:20:57)

B. Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2025

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves tuition rates for Academic Year 2025 as presented with no increases in tuition over Academic Year 2024 rates. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Seth Church.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

In academic year 2023 (AY2023), the board approved differentiated tuition for the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) lower division courses at Troth Yeddha' to consolidate the 4-year baccalaureate rate for UAF. The change also allowed for the decoupling of the community campuses and the UAF Community & Technical College (CTC) rates from the research university rates. The approved AY2024 rates continued this practice of tuition differentiation. For AY2025, no changes are proposed for any tuition rates over those from AY2024. The following tables show the approved AY2024 and proposed academic year 2025 (AY2025) tuition rates by university.

R05.10.060 Tuition Rates

Tuition rates (per credit) effective for the respective academic year, fall through summer semesters, are as follows:

UAA and UAS	AY2024		AY2025	
	Resident	Nonresident ¹	Resident	Nonresident ¹
Lower Division	\$234	\$800	\$234	\$800
Upper Division	\$282	\$848	\$282	\$848
Graduate	\$513	\$1079	\$513	\$1079

UAF	AY2024		AY2025	
	Resident	Nonresident ¹	Resident	Nonresident ¹
CTC Tuition ²	\$234	\$800	\$234	\$800
Undergraduate ³	\$289	\$855	\$289	\$855
Graduate	\$539	\$1,105	\$539	\$1,105

¹ In 2023, the Board Policy was changed to replaced the term "nonresident surcharge" with "nonresident tuition". For AY2025, the previously approved nonresident surcharge of \$566/credit has been added to each resident tuition rate to establish the nonresident tuition rate.

² Applies to CTC, Bristol Bay, Chukchi, Interior Alaska, Kuskokwim, Northwest Campuses (all offerings are 100-200 lower division).

³ The UAF lower division and upper division tuition rates have been combined into a single rate called "undergraduate". Applies to academic programs offered through Troth Yeddha' Campus to include the university system definitions "Fairbanks Campus" and "Rural College". Both include 4-year and graduate degree programs offered on the Troth Yeddha' location.

C. Approval of the FY25 Operating Budget Request

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the FY25 operating budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dennis L Michel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.01.A. – Budget Policy, states, "The budget of the university represents an annual operating plan

stated in fiscal terms. All budgetary requests shall be adopted by the board prior to submittal to the Office of the Governor or the legislature."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President of University Relations Rizk led a discussion on UA's Proposed FY25 Operating Budget. The operating budget discussion during this meeting will provide the board with the context and guiding principles for the proposed FY25 operating budget.

D. Approval of the FY25 Capital Budget Request and Future Capital Projects

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves the FY25 capital budget request in accordance with the plan as amended, which removed state funds (\$14,000,000) and moved the non-state funds (\$20,000,000) to the Proposed Receipt Authority Only category for the University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Leaders Archives. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Stephen Colligan, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

Voting in opposition: Seth Church, Paula Harrison

POLICY CITATION

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Regents' Policy 05.12.060 states: A. Annually, within the capital budget process, each university will prepare and update a long-range capital plan proposal. The university capital plan proposals will be consolidated into a systemwide long-range capital plan in accordance with procedures established by the system office chief finance officer and presented to the board for review and comments prior to board approval. Full identification of annual cost impacts shall be identified prior to a project being included in the long-range plan. B. The long-range capital plans shall be reviewed and updated annually as part of the capital and operating budget submission process."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President of University Relations Rizk led a discussion on UA's Proposed FY25 Capital Budget, Deferred Maintenance Strategy, and Future Capital Projects.

6. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action item, the committee heard an update on the modernization of the student information system and accreditation, received reports on the student success convening and enrollment, a presentation on UA's students, and held an executive session. (video timestamp 04:10:24)

B. Audit and Finance Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee heard the external auditor's annual report, received a financial update, reviewed the UA Foundation financials statements and financial highlights of the Consolidated Endowment Fund, heard the audit and compliance services status report, received a written report on the information security program, and held an executive session.

C. Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Schematic Design Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Health Sciences Renovation

PASSED

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the schematic design approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus Health Sciences Renovation as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to complete construction bid documents to bid and award a contract within the approved budget, and to proceed to completion of project construction not to exceed a total project cost of

\$2,230,000. This motion is effective November 9, 2023."

2. Committee Report

In addition to the action items, the committee received an update on the project delivery guidelines, discussed facilities maintenance and modernization and the FY25 Capital Budget and future capital projects, received written reports regarding information technology, deferred maintenance and renewal spending, deferred maintenance and renewal distribution reallocation, capital project approvals - delegation of authority, schedule of projects for potential board approval, construction in progress reports and held an executive session. *Note for the record: The Land Management FY23 Annual Report and the Land Grant Initiative Update were postponed to a special full board meeting.*

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 7.B.1., 7.C.1-3., 7.D.1-2., 7.E-G. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

B. Academic and Student Affairs - Items from November 9, 2023

1. Approval of a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business and Data Analytics at University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business and Data Analytics at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

C. Audit and Finance Committee - Items from November 9, 2023

1. Adoption of the FY23 Audited UA Financial Statements

PASSED

"The Board of Regents adopts the audited financial statements of the University of Alaska for the year ended June 30, 2023, as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

2. Adoption of the FY23 Audited Financial Statements for the Education Trust of Alaska

PASSED

"The Board of Regents adopts the audited financial statements of the Education Trust of Alaska for the year ended June 30, 2023, as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

3. Approval of Recommendation Regarding Selection of External Auditors

PASSED

"The Board of Regents selects the audit firm(s) recommended by the audit proposal evaluation committee. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

D. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Items from November 9, 2023

1. Approval to Execute and Record a Notice of Federal Interest (Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership) regarding the University of Alaska Anchorage Sally Monserud Hall

PASSED

"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 ("Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership") regarding the Sally Monserud Hall located on the University of

Alaska Anchorage Campus. The Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership is required by the Terms and Conditions of the Economic Development Administration Grant 07-79-07833 awarded to the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Health, for its Health Workforce Expansion and Diversity Project. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

2. Schematic Design Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion & Diversity Project

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the schematic design approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion & Diversity Project as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to complete construction bid documents to bid and award a construction contract not to exceed \$7,000,000 of a phased project with an estimated total project cost of \$17,250,000. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

8. Approval of the Board of Regents' 2025 Meeting Schedule

A. Approval of the Board of Regents' 2025 Meeting Schedule

Board members discussed its proposed 2025 meeting schedule.

***8.1. Approval to Change the Location of the February 2025 Board of Regents' Meeting** (added)

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves changing the location of its February 2025 meeting from Anchorage to a rural community campus location. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Dennis L Michel, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves its 2025 meeting schedule as amended. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Seth Church, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

2025	Location
February 18, 2025	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
February 20, 2025 February 21, 2025	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Rural Campus Full Board Meeting - Rural Campus
May 19, 2025	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
May 21, 2025 May 22, 2025	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Fairbanks Full Board Meeting - Fairbanks
September 2, 2025	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
September 4, 2025 September 5, 2025	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Juneau Full Board Meeting - Juneau

November 3, 2025	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
November 6, 2025	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Anchorage
November 7, 2025	Full Board Meeting - Anchorage

9. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

A. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

Interim Senior Advisor for Alaska Native Success Dahl, Executive Director for Alaska Native Education & Outreach Yatchmeneff, and Vice Chancellor for Rural, Community, and Native Education Stern presented an update on the Alaska Native Success Initiative. (video timestamp 04:32:22)

10. Approval of Naming a Facility at the University of Alaska Anchorage

A. Approval of Naming a Facility at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the naming of an LG Advanced Cold Climate Heat Pump Laboratory at the University of Alaska Anchorage and authorizes Chancellor Parnell to announce the naming at a time of his choosing. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Seth Church, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

POLICY CITATION

In accordance with Regents' Policy 05.12.090, official naming of all "significant" buildings, building subcomponents such as wings, additions, auditoriums, and libraries, streets, parks, recreational areas, plazas and similar facilities or sites will be approved by the board.

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

As outlined in the attached space memorandum, UAA is working in partnership with LG Electronics to establish a laboratory to research and develop cold-climate heat pumps. To this end, the Engineering Temporary Building (ETB1) has been selected as a facility that can, with LG's support, be renovated into a laboratory that will have state-of-the-art clean energy heating and cooling equipment (wall-mounted mini-spilt systems; heat pumps with air handling units) and a complete real-time monitoring system (in a residential setting) to facilitate the research. The residential setting was chosen because the results of the research can be directly translated into Alaskan homes. (video timestamp 04:53:36)

Chancellor Parnell and Vice Chancellor Buchholdt answered any questions about the naming.

11. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation

A. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Priscilla Schulte

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Priscilla Schulte. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Seth Church, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

WHEREAS, after 43 years of dedicated service to the University of Alaska Southeast, Dr. Priscilla M. Schulte announced plans to retire after the 2023 fall semester; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte has served as the Ketchikan Campus Director since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte took on interim leadership roles over the years, as Interim Ketchikan Campus Director in 1999-2000 and again in 2012-2013, and as Interim Provost from 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte joined the faculty of Ketchikan Community College in 1980 as Instructor of Anthropology/Sociology and was promoted to Professor of Anthropology/Sociology in 1994. She continued her teaching assignment after the transition to the University of Alaska Southeast, also serving as Assistant Director of Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte specializes in cultural anthropology, multicultural education, Alaska Native cultures, sociocultural change, and archaeology of southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Seitkwa Priscilla Schulte is an adopted member of the Tongass Brown Bear clan of the Tlingit people; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the United States Forest Service, Dr. Priscilla Schulte coordinates an annual field trip to do archaeological and ethnographic fieldwork with local Native elders, cultural teachers, and the University of Alaska Southeast students, which focuses on the survey and inventory of important cultural sites located in southern southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte produced the Alaska Public Television documentary The Bear Stands Up (1994), which featured Tlingit Elder Esther Shea of the Tongass Bear Clan, who dedicated her life to teaching the songs, language, and values of Tlingit traditional life in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte was recognized with an Emmy for her work as a content advisor for the series Physical Anthropology: The Evolving Human at the 2008 awards show in the category of Best Instructional Programming; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Priscilla Schulte is a longtime donor and supporter of the University of Alaska Southeast and contributes to the following University of Alaska Southeast accounts, general support for the Juneau Campus and the Ketchikan Campus, Southeast's Student Emergency Support, the Ketchikan Marine Transportation Program, Southeast's Alaska General Education Degree Achiever Scholarship, and Southeast's Alumni Association funds held at the University of Alaska Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Dr. Priscilla M. Schulte for her service to the University of Alaska Southeast and its students, and knows that she will be sincerely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Dr. Priscilla M. Schulte with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the November 10, 2023, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 05:07:11)

12. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

PASSED

"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board self-assessment. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 2:17 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 3:19 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board self-assessment. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the Governance Committee Chair designated and lasted 1 hour and 2 minutes.

13. Election of Board of Regents' Officers

A. Chair

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

"The Board of Regents elects Ralph Seekins as chair of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

In accordance with Board of Regents' Bylaws, at the annual meeting of the Board of Regents, the officers of the board shall be elected by a simple majority vote.

B. Vice Chair

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

"The Board of Regents elects Karen Perdue as vice chair of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

In accordance with Board of Regents' Bylaws, at the annual meeting of the Board of Regents, the officers of the board shall be elected by a simple majority vote.

C. Secretary

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

"The Board of Regents elects Dale Anderson as secretary of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

In accordance with Board of Regents' Bylaws, at the annual meeting of the Board of Regents, the officers of the board shall be elected by a simple majority vote.

D. Treasurer

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION

"The Board of Regents elects Scott Jepsen as treasurer of the Board of Regents. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

In accordance with Board of Regents' Bylaws, at the annual meeting of the Board of Regents, the officers of the board shall be elected by a simple majority vote.

14. Approval of Corporate Resolutions

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

Note for the record: There were no changes to the board officers; therefore, a revised Corporate Authority Resolution was unnecessary.

B. Approval of Revisions to the Industrial Security Resolution

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves the Industrial Security Resolution as revised to reflect changes in board membership and authorizes the chair and secretary of the board to sign the resolution. This motion is effective November 10, 2023."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Albiona Selimi

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 in board membership (appointment of Regent Colligan).

15. Regents' Closing Comments

A. Regents' Closing Comments

Chancellor White thanked Chancellor Parnell for hosting the meeting and for the great work on clearing the snow on campus.

Chancellor Palmer thanked Chancellor Parnell for hosting the meeting and thanked the board for its service.

Chancellor Parnell said he was happy to host the meeting and thanked the board and his fellow chancellors.

Joe Pavia-Jones thanked the board for having him and is excited to learn more.

Jennifer Ward stated the faculty appreciates the board's attention to the students who come to the university.

Ronnie Houchin thanked the board for its attention to staff and staffing levels and appreciated its comments about acknowledging staffing levels going forward.

Chair Seekins thanked the governance leaders for being at the meeting and for their participation.

Vice President Layer thanked the board for the dinner invitation, stated his appreciation for working with the board, and thanked Chancellor Parnell for hosting the meeting.

Vice President Rizk thanked the board for supporting the FY25 budget and the deferred maintenance strategy and thanked the universities for their work on the budget materials.

President Pitney said during the operating budget presentation a particular area of the budget was not highlighted; NCAA athletics, noting a piece of legislation to leverage the success of the athletic programs that have a matching opportunity for private fundraising will be shared in early February; introduced interim Vice Chancellor Lasinski from the University of Alaska Southeast and shared the passing of former Regent Timothy Brady.

Regent Colligan stated excitement to participate in the board's work, appreciation for the engaging discussions, and confidence in the single-mission message the board is sending.

Regent Selimi said it was a great day, and she is learning a lot from fellow board members.

Regent Jepsen said it was a good meeting, and the discussions were really good.

Regent Church has fond respect for the staff and faculty, noting all are working as one team, and it is great to see that work.

Regent Michel thanked President Pitney and her staff for their great work and recognized the faculty and staff for their boots-on-the-ground efforts.

Regent Anderson thanked Chancellor Parnell and his staff for hosting the meeting; said this group of regents is the finest board he's worked with in the last 12 years, has a sincere desire to do what is best for the students, and appreciates Chair Seekins's leadership.

Regent Harrison stated thanks for a great meeting and appreciation for the board working well together.

Regent Hughes thanked Chair Seekins for a great meeting; is delighted that the contingent of regents is full; she will continue to work with the new board members in her last term and is happy that UA makes education available to more Alaskans and develops programs that Alaskans need.

Regent Perdue thanked Executive Officer Berg for pivoting the November 9, 2023 committee meetings to online, saying it felt seamless, though she knew it wasn't; thanked Chancellor Parnell for the University of Alaska Anchorage swag and Regent Hughes for her long-standing attention to board governance; said Regent Jepsen is doing an excellent job as chair of Facilities and Land Management Committee; is gratified to see the new regents are engaged

and stated the board is working well together, which is a testament to the leadership of the Chair Seekins and President Pitney.

Chair Seekins said there are always two sides to each story and is encouraged that the board can speak its peace, have spirited conversations, and express different opinions; is honored to be chair and thanked Executive Officer Berg and President Pitney for keeping him on the straight and narrow. (video timestamp 5:12:11)

***15.1. An Update on the R1 status at the University of Alaska Fairbanks** (added)

Chancellor White provided an update on the R1 status at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. (video timestamp 5:19:37)

***15.2. An Update on the Empower Alaska Campaign** (added)

Public Affairs Director Taylor provided an update on the Empower Alaska Campaign. (video timestamp 5:22:01)

16. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Seekins adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023.

17. Public Testimony, From November 7, 2023

Tukaan Dan, Sitka, Outer Coast College student, shared his experience at the college and his involvement in the summer program.

Rachel Heartman, Wasilla, stated support for the Outer Coast College collaboration with the University of Alaska of Southeast (UAS), her experience with the college, and its cultural experience.

Abigail Watts, Juneau, stated support for research on Juneau's Suicide Basin and shared her experience with research at UAS and the drone mapping done in the suicide basin's active glacial lake and flood area.

Soren Thompson, Juneau, stated support for Suicide Basin research funding and shared his experience with glacier research.

Marcela Bonifasi, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) gymnastic team member, invited the board to the November 18, 2023, Green and Gold event, said the team's opening season begins on January 19, 2024, shared the volunteer work of the team and stated support for athletics in the university's budget request.

Dr. Maggie Spivey-Faulkner, Edmonton Alberta, Canada, is moving to Sitka to teach at the Outer Coast College and stated the importance of the college's land, culture, and community offerings.

Dr. Alice Taff, Juneau, stated support for the Outer Coast College partnership with UAS, reviewed academic programs offered, including land and marine ecology, and recognized students' potential available at the college.

Dr. Heidi Pearson, UAS marine biology professor, shared her experience with the faculty, students, and programs offered at UAS.

Eran Hood, Juneau, spoke in support of the \$150,000 allocation to the Suicide Basin glacier research.

Tom Brice, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Alumni Association president, shared the association's recent events and details from the meeting with the Alaska Congressional Delegation members, including advocating for Troth Yedha' and support of R1 status at UAF.

Jackie Cason, UAA professor, stated the university's reputation and retention rates are important and said UAA faculty are serving nationally and globally to bring those experiences to the classroom.

Jill Dumesnil, UAS professor of mathematics, shared her opinions regarding academic freedom and free speech and noted the importance of faculty having freedom in the classroom.

Marie-Sophie Boggasch, UAA gymnastic head coach and a former UAA student-athlete, stated support for athletics in

the university's budget request, shared the team's volunteer events, GPA, and its successes, and asked the board to prioritize athletics the budget request.

Thomas Packer, Anchorage, stated support for UAA basketball, noting the athletic programs bring UAA and the community together.

Dr. Cary Keller, Fairbanks, stated support for hockey and having ice rink complexes at UAA and UAF and shared his experience with UAF hockey program.

Nicholai Joekay, Bethel and alumni of the Kuskokwim Campus (KuC), said the dorms are closed due to low enrollment, stated his support for KuC, noting it is the only rural campus with a dormitory, and reviewed the degrees offered at the campus.

Will Taff, Anchorage, stated support for the bachelor of business administration in analytics at UAA and his experience with UAA.

Judy Ramos, Juneau, stated support for an increase to indigenous faculty at UAS, and said the indigenous programs are an essential feature, including the indigenous food program, as are the carving and basketry classes.

Kathie Bethard, Anchorage, stated support for Division 1 hockey, respectfully requested support of athletics in the university's budget request, and stated the athletic teams are ambassadors to UAA.

Ben Roth, Fairbanks, stated support for an ice arena at UAF and supporting athletics in the university's budget request.

Tiffany Hall, Recover Alaska executive director, stated opposition to the partnership between UAF and Latitude 65 regarding its Nanook Golden Ale, noting she has provided her concerns to Chancellor White and said UAF had violated the campus alcohol policy.