

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
State Capitol Building  
Room 414  
Pierre, South Dakota  
July 27, 2018**

The Board of Regents convened in Room 414 of the State Capitol Building and via teleconference at 9:03 a.m. on July 27, 2018.

ROLL CALL:

John Bastian – PRESENT via teleconference  
David Mickelson – ABSENT  
Jim Morgan – PRESENT via teleconference  
Pam Roberts – PRESENT via teleconference  
Randy Schaefer – PRESENT via teleconference  
Jim Thares – PRESENT via teleconference  
Joan Wink – PRESENT  
Kevin Schieffer – PRESENT

Also present during all or part of the meeting were representatives of the Board of Regents' staff, the constituent panel from the search committee process, representatives of the legislature and state government agencies, and Pierre-area residents.

Regent Schieffer called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order and declared a quorum present. He thanked everyone for attending to share in the announcement of a new executive director and CEO for the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Regent Schieffer asked that Regent Wink give a report on the actions of the Board in executive session. Regent Wink said that the Board convened and dissolved into executive session at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, and at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018, to discuss personnel matters; and it adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on July 19, 2018. While in executive session, the Board considered personnel matters and gave directions concerning these matters.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Wink, seconded by Regent Bastian, that the Board approve directions with respect to matters discussed in executive session and that it defer, until the completion of further remarks at this meeting, approval of the appointment of an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer for the South Dakota Board of Regents and adopt the report of the executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

BASTIAN – AYE

MICKELSON – ABSENT  
MORGAN – AYE  
ROBERTS – AYE  
SCHAEFER – AYE  
THARES – AYE  
WINK – AYE  
SCHIEFFER – AYE

Regent Schieffer thanked members of the constituent panel who participated in the search process, which included the following members:

Robb Winter, SDSM&T faculty  
Urla Marcus, BHSU faculty  
Dave Grettler, NSU faculty  
Teagan McNary, USD student  
Tyler Harris, NSU student  
Nick Alholinna, DSU student  
Barry Dunn, SDSU president  
José-Marie Griffiths, DSU president  
Marje Kaiser, SDSBVI and SDSD superintendent  
Venky Venkatachalam, USD administrator  
Heather Forney, SDSM&T administrator  
Dennis Hedge, SDSU administrator  
Steve Meeker, BHSU Foundation  
Rich Naser, business and industry representative  
Dan Rykhus, business and industry representative  
Janelle Toman, Board staff  
Nathan Lukkes, Board staff  
Guilherme Costa, Board staff  
Rep. Timothy Johns  
Sen. Jeff Partridge  
Sen. Brock Greenfield  
Rep. Dan Ahlers  
Liza Clark, Governor's staff representative  
Mary Stadick Smith, Department of Education  
Diana VanderWoude, Board of Technical Education

Regent Schieffer said this search process took considerable time and energy over the past several months. He said one of the great things about this selection process is that it allows the constituent panel and the Board of Regents to work together on issues of mutual concern.

He said the Board talked at length about its priorities going forward. Those include more outreach to all higher education partners in South Dakota, aggressive pursuit of system efficiencies, improving system facilities' planning, stronger outreach efforts to the governor's administration and the legislature, creating an achievable plan to improve needs-based scholarship opportunities, and progress to achieve strategic goals established by the Board.

He asked for a motion to adopt the report of the executive session.

Regent Wink said that, while in executive session, the Board reviewed applications for Executive Director.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Wink, seconded by Regent Morgan, to adopt the report of the executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE

BASTIN – AYE  
MICKELSON – ABSENT  
MORGAN – AYE  
ROBERTS – AYE  
SCHAEFER – AYE  
THARES – AYE  
WINK – AYE  
SCHIEFFER – AYE

Regent Schieffer said he was pleased to present to the Board of Regents a report from the executive director search committee and to recommend the appointment of Paul B. Beran as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Paul Beran's career in higher education includes service in five states, first as a faculty member and administrator, and for the last 17 years as a university president in Arkansas and Oklahoma public university systems. Prior to joining the University of Arkansas System in 2006, Dr. Beran was president of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, with campuses in Alva, Enid, and Woodward, Oklahoma. Before his time in Arkansas and Oklahoma, Dr. Beran served as a senior administrator at community colleges in Massachusetts and Missouri.

At the beginning of his career, he was a faculty member at the university and community college level in Texas. He is also active professionally, with current service on the Arkansas Career Education and Workforce Development Board, representing the Arkansas university presidents and chancellors, and on the state Chamber of Commerce's board of directors.

He holds a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction in higher education from Texas A&M University and has completed post-graduate work at the University of Houston. He also has a master of arts degree in English and bachelor degrees in English and political science, all from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Schieffer, seconded by Regent Wink, to appoint Paul B. Beran as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer effective September 4, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE

BASTIN – AYE

MICKELSON – ABSENT  
MORGAN – AYE  
ROBERTS – AYE  
SCHAEFER – AYE  
THARES – AYE  
WINK – AYE  
SCHIEFFER – AYE

Regent Schieffer invited Dr. Beran to make brief remarks.

Dr. Beran said he looks forward to working with the Board of Regents and its staff to achieve important goals for the state of South Dakota. He said it will be important to look for commonalities and identify strategies where we can all work together. He used a rural analogy that it amounts to creating opportunities to kick down fences and walk through gates for the betterment of all. He said that creating new pathways to degree attainment and student success will help us reach those goals. Because South Dakota is a smaller state, Dr. Beran said he thinks we can really make a difference for students and graduates.

Following Dr. Beran's remarks, Regent Schieffer invited the audience to greet Dr. Beran.

### **ADJOURN**

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Wink, seconded by Regent Morgan, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Regents at 9:30 a.m.

BASTIN – AYE  
MICKELSON – ABSENT  
MORGAN – AYE  
ROBERTS – AYE  
SCHAEFER – AYE  
THARES – AYE  
WINK – AYE  
SCHIEFFER – AYE

Motion passed.

The South Dakota Board of Regents adjourned its special business meeting on July 27, 2018 and will meet again for its annual planning session and regular session on August 7-9, 2018 in Pierre, South Dakota.

I, Paul Turman, System Vice President of Academic Affairs for the South Dakota Board of Regents, declare that the above is a true, complete and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Regents meeting held on July 27, 2018.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Turman".

Paul Turman  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
South Dakota Board of Regents