



Board of Trustees Meeting

April 13, 2021

Meeting via electronic means and streamed live via link found on this web page:

<https://www.tntech.edu/board/meetings/2021-04-13-special-board-meeting.php>

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees met on April 13, 2021, via electronic means. Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chair Harper indicated the meeting was being streamed live on the internet and the public was given notice.

Chair Harper asked Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present:

- Trudy Harper
- Daniel Hines
- Tom Jones
- Fred Lowery
- Thomas Lynn
- Sally Pardue
- Johnny Stites

A quorum was present at the meeting.

All trustees verified they could simultaneously hear and speak to the Board members, that they received the Board materials in advance of the meeting, and they were the only persons present in the location from which they were calling.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY

Chair Harper stated that pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §8-44-108(b)(3), if a physical quorum is not present at the location of the meeting of the governing body, the governing body

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must make a determination that a necessity exists. Chair Harper summarized the facts and circumstances that necessitated the meeting without a quorum physically present. The facts and circumstances included that the Board was required to consider the important and time-sensitive matter of awarding honorary degrees, and the Board was meeting via electronic means in recognition of the need to act on this important matter.

Tom Jones moved that a determination of necessity existed to allow Board members to participate by electronic means. Mr. Lowery seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Chair Harper shared that approval was requested for awarding two honorary degrees as prescribed by Tennessee Tech Policy 268: Honorary Degrees. Two candidates for honorary degrees were submitted to the Board for approval by a specially appointed committee comprised of Provost Lori Bruce, Dr. Kevin Braswell, Dean Joseph Slater, Dean Darron Smith, Dr. Bedelia Russell, Dr. Holly Stretz, and Ms. Karen Lykins. Chair Harper read Tennessee Tech Policy 268, Sections 3.A and 3.B., and asked President Oldham to present the nominations for the candidates.

President Oldham shared about the distinguished career, leadership, and philanthropic support of Mr. Harry Stonecipher and presented a nomination for Mr. Stonecipher to be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Engineering.

Johnny Stites moved that Tennessee Tech University award Harry Stonecipher the degree of Honorary Doctor of Engineering. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

President Oldham shared about the distinguished career, leadership, and philanthropic support of Mr. Millard Oakley and presented a nomination for Mr. Oakley to be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Agriculture.

Thomas Lynn moved that Tennessee Tech University award Millard Oakley the degree of Honorary Doctor of Agriculture. Mr. Stites seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wray reminded the Board of the Educational Session on Academic Affairs and Institutional Research scheduled on May 3, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved,


Lee Wray, Board Secretary