

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
Board of Trustees Meeting

hosted by the University of Maine  
May 21-22, 2023

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Present:** **Trustees:** Trish Riley, Chair; Lisa Eames, Vice Chair; Roger Katz, Barbara Alexander, Patrick Flood (by technology), Donna Loring, Beth Dobson, Emily Cain, David MacMahon, Kelly Martin, Valerie Landry, Owen McCarthy and Michael Michaud. **Chancellor:** Dannel Malloy. **University Presidents:** Leigh Saufley, Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Ray Rice, Joe Szakas, Joe McDonnell, Deborah Hedeem and Jacqueline Edmondson. **Faculty Representatives:** Kennedy Rubert-Nason, Dmitry Bam, Matthew Bampton, Patrick Cheek, Clyde Mitchell, William Otto, and Michael Scott. **Student Representatives:** Katie Ashley, Tony Lewis, Aidan Mulrooney, Lisa Prosienski, and Tristin Friend standing in for Ben Doherty. **System Staff:** Ellen Doughty, Ryan Low, Jeff St. John, Rosa Redonnett, Tracy Elliott, Paul Chan, Tory Ryden, Carolyn Dorsey, Samantha Warren, Gretchen Catlin and Kayla Flewelling.

**Absent:** Pender Makin and Dhivya Singaram

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Trustee Riley, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the Executive Session to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Dobson, and approved by all Trustees present, the Board of Trustees meeting went into Executive Session under the following provisions:

- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-A to discuss the evaluation of personnel and the consideration and discussion of appointments, evaluations, employment and duties.
- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-C to discuss the condition, acquisition or disposition of real property or economic development if premature disclosure of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the UMS.
- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-D to discuss planning for negotiations and communications with AFUM, UMPA, ACSUM, Police, PATFA, and Service and Maintenance Units.
- 1 MRSA Section 405 6-E to consult with its attorney concerning legal rights and duties of the university.

On a motion by Trustee Eames, which was seconded by Trustee Michaud, and approved by all Trustees present, the Board of Trustees concluded the Executive Session.

Trustee Riley, Chair, called the public meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chair Riley stated that Trustee Flood was participating in the meeting by technology. The Clerk performed a roll call of the members of the Board of Trustees participating by technology.

**UMFK Campus Presentation**

President Deborah Hedeem welcomed everyone to a campus presentation for the University of Maine at Fort Kent. President Hedeem was joined by the UMFK Board of Visitors Chair Justin Dubois and several students in providing an interactive campus presentation to the Board of Trustees. This presentation asked that Board members form teams of two and were given an image from the UMFK campus to review and provide descriptive words they felt depicted the image they were given. Presenters then went to each team

and discussed what the picture represented on campus and to the UMFK community and then discussed what word associations were made by the Board teams.

### **Monday, May 22, 2023**

Trustee Riley, Chair, reconvened the public meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chair Riley stated that Trustee Flood was participating in the meeting by technology. The Clerk performed a roll call of the members of the Board of Trustees participating by technology.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Citizen Comment is a time regularly set aside for comments from the public. The following individuals spoke during the Citizen Comment period:

Dr. Tora Johnson – Professor from University of Maine at Machias

Jim McClymer – Graduate Workers Union

Dr. Jamie Morerra – Professor from University of Maine at Machias

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Riley thanked President Hedeem for the UMFK campus presentation the day prior, and President Ferrini-Mundy for allowing the Board meeting to be used on the University of Maine campus. Chair Riley continued by thanking all of the Presidents for including Trustees in each of their commencement ceremonies and remarked that it is a highlight for Trustees as it allows them to celebrate the progress and hard work put forward by all parties involved throughout the year. Chair Riley also took a moment to mark the culmination of work across the Board, campus Presidents, Chancellor Malloy and System Staff on two distinct projects: 1) the balanced budget and 2) the Strategic Plan.

#### **Presentation of Retirement for Clerk Ellen N. Doughty**

Chair Riley thanked Ellen Doughty and her family for the tireless years of dedicated service to the Board of Trustees. Ellen has worked with over 70 Trustees throughout her 21 years in the Board Office. Ellen thanked the Board of Trustees, past and present, and System Staff throughout the years for all their collaboration and support.

#### **President's Round Table**

Chair Riley asked the Presidents to provide a brief – 2 minute – update on what's new and exciting on their campuses. UM/UMM President Joan Ferrini-Mundy, UMPI President Ray Rice, UMA President Joseph Szakas, UMFK President Deborah Hedeem, USM President Jacqueline Edmondson, UMF President Joseph McDonnell and Maine School of Law President/Dean Leigh Saufley each provided a brief update on current initiatives for their universities.

#### **Bylaws Working Group Update**

Chair of the Trustee Bylaws Working Group, Trustee Alexander provided a brief update on the review of the Trustee Bylaws. The Bylaws Working Group consists of Trustee Alexander, Trustee Flood, Trustee Eames, Clerk of the Board Ellen Doughty, and General Counsel Paul Chan. The group brought forward a 'red-lined' changes to the Bylaws that streamlined substantive language that was deemed most applicable to Trustees work. The group expects to have the bylaw updates ready for review as an action item at the July 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. The review of Board Policies will continue in the coming group meetings.

Recognition of outgoing Student Representative

Chair Riley acknowledged and recognized outgoing University of Southern Maine Student Representative Sophia Paddon for her service to the Board.

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor Malloy provided an update on the following items:

University of Maine at Augusta Presidential Search Update

Chancellor Malloy announced that Dr. Jenifer Cushman would begin as President for the University of Maine at Augusta on July 1, 2023. Her selection was announced on the UMA Campus in an open forum that involved the UMA community.

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Chancellor Malloy noted the search for VCASA has been completed with Interim Vice Chancellor Jeffrey St. John being selected from a nationwide search to continue as the permanent Vice Chancellor.

Strategic Plan Update

Chancellor Malloy remarked that for the first time in 19 years the System would be presenting the finalized draft of the framework of the University of Maine System Strategic Plan and thanked the Strategic Plan Writing Team for their work that has brought forth the upcoming presentation.

**ACTION ITEM**

**Approval of the UMS Strategic Plan**

Chancellor Malloy introduced Trustee Emily Cain, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, President Raymond Rice, UM Associate Provost/Dean Hannah Carter and USM Professor Dr. John Muthyala presented the final structure of the Strategic Plan and provided their respective perspectives to help answer any questions from the Board. Trustee Cain reiterated that this Strategic Plan would take full advantage of Unified Accreditation to achieve the UMS tripartite mission of teaching, research, and public services for the benefit of all UMS students and the State of Maine, with national and global impact as well.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Michaud, and approved by all Trustees present, the Board of Trustees approved this final structure and version of the Strategic Plan and approved the printing and digital production of the plan for publication. The Board will also be approving the continued work on the Strategic Plan as it moves forward to the goal setting and implementation phase with collaboration from all campus leadership, faculty, and staff.

**VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Jeffrey St. John provided updates on the following UMS academic and student initiatives:

Direct Admissions Initiative

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Jeffrey St. John provided an update on the UMS Direct Admission initiative which is a new and growing nationwide enrollment strategy where universities reach out to qualifying high school students who have not applied and directly admit them. This initiative was introduced by Chancellor Malloy in which he asked this work to begin within 100 days, to which system wide enrollment managers and campus admission staff have worked together with the System Academic Affairs office to roll out the initial phase of a three-phase project on time. This first phase encompassed contacting high school students currently enrolled in Early College to directly admit

them, ultimately resulting in students enrolling at all System campuses who would otherwise have not applied. This initiative will continue to phase two, which will expand into outreach targeting graduating high school seniors who are not enrolled in Early College. The third phase will target all public and private high schools across the state of Maine.

### Multi-University Academic Programs

Vice Chancellor Jeffrey St. John reported that this initiative has 50 programs across the System that are active on two or more campuses that span professions and student interests' groups that exemplify the benefits of unified accreditation. This comes from the revenue sharing agreement signed in November of 2022 in which all campuses have developed a process to assess all programs and identified areas that programs and resources that could be shared across campuses resulting in the development of opportunities for faculty as well as students to be supported across the system. Vice Chancellor St. John also mentioned the VCASA website would be updated to provide additional information to the public in regard to the multi-university academic programs and unified accreditation.

### VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION REPORT

Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation (VCRI) and UM President Joan Ferrini-Mundy provided an update on system wide research matters with a presentation initially focused on legislative earmark updates for FY2024. The presentation then evolved into an overview of the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program. Themes for the FY2024 earmark requests included marine economy and ecosystem research, funding for nursing teaching and health sciences, sustainability, and environmental research, sustainable housing and packaging, and technology updates to include the Maine Enterprise Campus and Corridor and cybersecurity, and finally, funding for student health and well-being research and initiatives. Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy also reviewed the FY2024 Programmatic Increase Requests for research and development (R&D) funding which ranges from \$1 Million to \$25 Million, which include all campuses in the system.

The EPSCoR program enhances research competitiveness of targeted jurisdictions by strengthening STEM capacity and capability. The vision of EPSCoR is to recognize jurisdictions as contributors to the national and global STEM research enterprise across the United States and partners in establishing competitive research for federal funding from states that typically do not have the capacity to fund themselves. There are 27 states identified as EPSCoR states in the US of which Maine is one. There are several EPSCoR Federal Programs in which states seek research funding: 1) National Science Foundation (NSF) has several different tracks that provide federal funding of different levels which span different term structures that encourages consortia among jurisdictions, 2) NASA EPSCoR provides seed funding to develop academic research towards long-term, self-sustaining, and nationally competitive capabilities in aerospace related research. Both programs seek to help states build the capacity and infrastructure to train and develop professional pathways and workforces that are both sustainable and produce stable economic development. Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy provided a brief update on the EPSCoR funding for the state of Maine beginning in 1980 that spanned different programs and historical research interests as well as the process different entities undertake to have a research project selected for EPSCoR funding.

Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy wrapped up her presentation with a brief overview of the Maine Innovation Economy Action Plan that has been created from the Maine Innovation and Economy Advisory Board (MIEAB) whose vision is to create a resilient, innovation-driven economy that creates opportunities for all Maine people.

## **VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES' REPORT**

Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives Carolyn Dorsey provided updates on the following UMS strategic initiatives:

### **UMS Strategic Initiatives Update**

Vice Chancellor Carolyn Dorsey provided an update on the progress of discussions with UMS and other university leadership regarding the establishment of system-wide marketing and communications structure. This has come to fruition through the hiring of Tory Ryden as the Strategic Advisor and Director of External Relations who has traveled to all campuses in the System meet with campus leadership and staff to analyze the current structure for system wide marketing and communication standards to improve outreach and communication. Another strategic hire was introduced: Jen O'Leary the Director of Strategic Initiatives will be focusing on the implementation process of the Strategic Plan with a dual reporting structure shared with the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs. Both positions are working cohesively on tackling initiatives across the System to support campuses and system-wide elements of each individual area of stakeholder interest.

### **UMS Early College Update**

Vice Chancellor Dorsey introduced the UMS Executive Director of Early College, Amy Hubbard, who offered a year-in-review presentation of Early College programming and discussed the next steps regarding the introduction of new program initiatives, which includes collaborating with the Maine Community College System on program development and creating college pathways for students who enroll in Early College.

## **VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration (VCFA) & Treasurer Ryan Low provided the following update:

### **Investment Results**

Vice Chancellor Low noted that the managed investment pool saw a gain of 2%, which will lead to an annual gain of 6.9%. The pension fund saw a gain of 2.5% with an annual gain of 4.9%. The operating fund saw a gain of .9% with an annual gain of 3%. The budget stabilization fund is up and has seen growth over the last few months.

### **FY2023 E&G/Auxiliary April Forecast**

Vice Chancellor Low provided an overview of the budget for new Trustees that shows progress across the campuses. Vice Chancellor Low also compared the progress and recession different campuses have made that track to the previously forecasted projections made in February regarding overall budget stabilization and use of reserve funds.

### **FY2024 Budget**

Vice Chancellor Low began his presentation of the FY2024 budget by thanking all campus and system leadership for their work towards making the FY2024 budget whole, and recognized the work of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee and Trustee Roger Katz who is Chair of that committee for the hours that have been dedicated voluntarily to this, and Vice Chancellor Low noted that the system budget has seen a modest expense growth of about 3%; the addition of many new initiatives and programs providing additional opportunity to exercise the analysis of cost savings and reduction to balance System-wide growth and development. Vice Chancellor Low stated this is the first budget in over 10 years that is not using reserve dollars to balance it.

Vice Chancellor Low discussed pressures on the FY2024 budget: enrollment projections continue to decline and will impact both tuition revenue and auxiliary revenues, particularly at the smaller campuses, campus needs and market investment losses depleting the Budget Stabilization Fund, data that continues to show declines in campus Net Asset Value (NAV) and increases in renovation age across UMS facilities, and the labor shortages and financial pressures to attract and retain employees. Vice Chancellor Low reviewed both System-wide and campus specific assumptions within the FY2024 budget. For FY2024, the enrollment budgets process has focused on returning students and realistic trends in a post-COVID 19 environment, with credit hours for FY2024 falling 7.4% below FY2023 and 3.1% below FY2023 actuals. The underutilization of on-campus housing across the system continues to be an issue, particularly at smaller campuses. Vice Chancellor Low discussed the budget provided by Governor Mills including a \$9.5 million (4.5%) increase plus the continuance of the \$7.9 million included in the FY2023 Supplemental Budget given in lieu of an in-state tuition increase. Unrestricted investments are increasing by \$1.0 million or 3.3% over the FY2023 budget. To balance the budget, campus reserves have been utilized, with UM using \$7.4 million and UMFK using \$957,000. System Strategic Reserves have also been used for Early College and research support across the System to total \$408,000. The Law school utilized \$1.3 million in System funding that was previously committed to the 300 Fore Street renovation. Budget Stabilization utilized \$760,000 of FY2023 approved funding that carried over to FY2024.

Vice Chancellor Low gave a brief overview of the Budget Stabilization funds for the months of April and May, and then provided another brief, historical overview of the E&G State Appropriation funding from FY2011 to FY2024. Vice Chancellor Low discussed the allocations, by campus, of the Maine Economic Improvement Funds that were increased by Governor Mills this past and upcoming fiscal year. The next item reviewed was a summary of savings and efficiency initiatives across the system, which included financial and management cost reduction, space utilization and reduction, instructional and academic efficiencies, organizational and restructuring and staffing savings, energy and sustainability savings and revenue generation and external funding.

Vice Chancellor Low discussed the FY2024 recommended tuition rates and the 3% in state tuition increase that is being introduced. Out of state tuition increases will remain with each campus to determine. This included an overview of special/differential tuition rates by campus to compare the different costs of living, tuition and fees across the system, and was followed by the FY2024 recommended room and board rates by campus. Vice Chancellor Low ended his presentation by detailing the capital investments and funding depreciations and budgeted funding across E&G and Auxiliary that makes up the FY2024 budget.

Vice Chancellor Low introduced Nate Harris who briefed the Board on Operating Funds and how they relate to the Capital Plan, which detailed planned spending in various categories across each campus and how funding has been allocated to cover not only the next couple of months and the upcoming FY2024 budget, but future projections up to the FY2028 budget.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **FY2024 Updated Proposed University and System Office Operating Budget and Student Charges, UMS**

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Katz, and approved by all Trustees present except by Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, and approved the FY2024 Updated Proposed University of Maine System Operating & Capital Budget, Recommended Student Charges, and proposed transfers from Institutional Reserves including the carryforward of approved but unexpended Budget Stabilization Funds from FY2023 to FY2024.

**Chancellor Malloy's Contract**

Chair Riley offered very brief remarks around the Chancellor's review to include accomplishments he has made, his commitment to infrastructure and deferred maintenance, balancing the budget and starting initiatives such as the Strategic Plan.

On a motion by Trustee Alexander, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair and Vice Chair the ability to finalize an employment contract with the Chancellor no later than June 15, 2023.

**Election of Board Officials**

Chair Riley turned to Trustee MacMahon, who thanked the Board Officials nominating committee (Trustee Patrick Flood and Trustee Kelly Martin) and briefly reviewed their meeting and nominations process.

On a motion by Trustee MacMahon, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees slate of officers for 2023-2024, as presented.

**Approval of the Board Meeting Calendar**

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees meeting calendar for FY2024 and FY2025, as presented.

**Tenure at time of hire, Professor in the School of Nursing**

President and Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy offered remarks regarding Dr. Colleen Marzilli recommending her to the rank of Professor in the School of Nursing within the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture at the University of Maine, effective August 1, 2023.

On a motion by Trustee Cain which was seconded by Trustee Eames, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approved tenure at time of hire, Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Maine, with tenure to be effective August 1, 2023.

**Tenure at time of hire, Professor in the Department of English**

President and Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy offered brief remarks regarding the request to award Dr. Megan Walsh, who is currently the Head of Campus at the University of Maine at Machias, tenure for the rank of Professor in the Department of English within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine, effective December 19, 2022.

On a motion by Trustee Alexander, which was seconded by Trustee Martin, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and approved tenure at time of hire, Professor in the Department of English at the University of Maine with tenure to be effective December 19, 2022.

**Appointment of Interim Clerk of the Board of Trustees**

On a motion by Trustee Martin, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees appointed and directed that Kayla Flewelling be sworn in as Clerk of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees effective June 2, 2023, and to serve at the pleasure of the Trustees.

**Lease Authorization Request, UMA, The Marketplace, Augusta, Maine**

President Joseph Szakas noted that this resolution would be an opportunity that would allow the University of Maine at Augusta space to address workforce needs, expanding nursing programming and provide a space for further cybersecurity training.

On a motion by Trustee Katz, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, The Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee and authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Augusta to enter into a lease agreement for 20,130 square feet and adjacent parking space at “The Marketplace” in Augusta, for twenty (20) years at a total estimated cost of \$8,500,625 plus expenses; to be funded from increased tuition revenue, training revenue, gifts and E&G funds (first year only); with all final terms and conditions subject to review and approval of the University of Maine System Treasurer and General Counsel.

**Old Town Mill Lease Renewal Authorization Request, UM**

President and Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy read a brief overview of a lease continuation of a space that is used by the forest bioproducts research institute, has previously received renovations from university funding and is the home to continuing grant research opportunities.

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Eames, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, and authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine (UM) to negotiate and enter into leases with ND Paper, Inc. at the Old Town Mill on Route 2, Old Town, Penobscot County, Maine with all final terms and conditions subject to review and approval by the University of Maine System Treasurer and General Counsel.

**Lease Authorization Request, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, UM**

President and Vice Chancellor Ferrini-Mundy noted that this lease will be in partnership with the Gulf of Maine Research Institute that will allow the University of Maine to maintain two faculty members on site with use to onsite labs, facilities, and marinas.

On a motion by Trustee Martin, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee, and authorizes The University of Maine System, acting through the University of Maine to negotiate and enter a lease with GMRI for office and laboratory space totaling 2,940 square feet. All final terms and conditions of the lease are to be approved by University of Maine System Treasurer and General Counsel.



**UMS Custom House Lease**

Chancellor Malloy noted this project has been discussed for over the past 18 months. The System began discussions with the previous owner during the construction of the Law School at 300 Fore Street. Chancellor Malloy briefly outlined the cost savings this would provide to the System versus building a new space. Chancellor Malloy introduced Vice Chancellor Ryan Low who detailed costs associated with this resolution and how they related to the budget and deferred maintenance bond.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Katz, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Technology Committee and authorizes the University of Maine System to enter into a lease agreement with a purchase option for the property located at 7 Custom House Street, Portland, Maine, with all final terms subject to review and approval of the University of Maine System Treasurer and General Counsel.

**Financing, Project & Reimbursement Resolution, USM Center for the Arts**

Tracy Elliott was introduced to discuss the prior Board approval in March for the construction for the USM Center for the Arts with funding from philanthropic means, selling of USM real estate and revenue bond funding.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Katz, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, & Technology Committee and approves the Financing and Project Authorization resolution related to the issuance of indebtedness not to exceed \$32 million for the purpose of financing the University of Southern Maine Center for the Arts project on the Portland campus, including design and construction of an approximate 40,000 square foot facility including an anticipated 200-seat performance hall and fine arts gallery space. Further, that the Board of Trustees approves the Reimbursement of Project Expenditures. Finally, that the Board of Trustees approves issuance of a University of Maine System internal loan to the University of Southern Maine, as determined by the Treasurer, for the purpose of funding project costs that will be reimbursed with debt issuance proceeds.

**Confirmation of Student Representative to the Board of Trustees**

On behalf of President Edmondson, President Szakas presented a short biography of the new Student Representative to the Board, Ava Ellis.

On a motion by Trustee Martin, which was seconded by Trustee Alexander, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board approved the appointment of the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees as presented.

**Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement, ACSUM**

Vice Chancellor Carolyn Dorsey noted that the purpose of this resolution would allow bargaining to be staggered as they have previously simultaneously with other bargaining units.

On a motion by Trustee Cain, which was seconded by Trustee Michaud, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the Associated C.O.L.T. Staff of the Universities of Maine (MEA/NEA) (ACSUM) upon notice that the agreement has been ratified.

**Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement, UMPSA**

On a motion by Trustee Michaud, which was seconded by Trustee Martin, and approved by all Trustees present except for Trustee Landry who abstained, the Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to execute the collective bargaining agreement with the Universities of Maine Professional Staff Association (MEA/NEA) (UMPSA) upon notice that the agreement has been ratified.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Trustee Eames, which was seconded by Trustee Cain, and approved by all Trustees present, the items on the Consent Agenda were approved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

**Acceptance of Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were approved as presented:

February 27, 2023 – Academic & Student Affairs Committee Meeting

February 27, 2023 – Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee Meeting

March 1, 2023 – Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

March 9, 2023 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

March 22, 2023 – Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

March 26-27, 2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting

April 6, 2023 – Executive Committee Meeting

April 12, 2023 – Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

April 20, 2023 – Executive Committee Meeting

April 24, 2023 – Human Resources and Labor Relations Committee Meeting

April 26, 2023 – Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting

May 11, 2023 – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

May 16, 2023 – Executive Committee Meeting

**Lease Authorization Request, UMA, Cleveland Hall 9 Coos Lane, Hallowell, Maine**

The Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities & Technology Committee and authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Maine at Augusta to enter into a lease agreement for 6600 square feet of student residential space in Cleveland Hall, with Mastway Development LLC (also known as SC-One LLC) or its successor organization for ten (10) years and a cost up to \$1,711,200; with all final terms and conditions subject to review and approval of the University of Maine System Treasurer and General Counsel.

**Naming of the New Center for the Arts, USM/Portland Campus**

The Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Technology Committee, and authorizes the University of Maine System acting through the University of Southern Maine to name the future Center for the Arts, with the naming details to be announced publicly at a later date.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held virtually on July 10, 2023.

Additional information about the meeting can be found on the Board of Trustees website:

<https://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/meeting-agendas-materials/board-of-trustees/>

Adjournment

Kayla Flewelling, Interim Clerk