

Board of Trustees

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING: Monday, January 7 and Thursday, January 10, 2019, 8:00 pm, Eastern Time

MEMBERS PRESENT:

January 7 - Tim Atkins, Greg Boyd, Kathy Burek, Susan Frederick-Gray (President), Mr. Barb Greve (Co-Moderator), Sarah Dan Jones, Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Denise Rimes, Lucia Santini Field (Financial Advisor), Latifa Woodhouse

January 10 - Tim Atkins, Greg Boyd, Kathy Burek, Susan Frederick-Gray (President), Mr. Barb Greve (Co-Moderator), Denise Rimes, Lucia Santini-Field (Financial Advisor), Latifa Woodhouse

PARTICIPANTS: Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary)

Meeting Minutes

Background

In January 2018 the Board declined to make a nomination for the next Moderator, whose election for a full six year term had been scheduled for General Assembly 2019, because the Moderator Nominating Committee did not recommend a candidate. Instead, the Board proposed shifting the election to 2020 to give time to change the job description of Moderator and make it a more accurate, attractive and viable position for potential candidates. Under the UUA bylaws, the election would shift if no one ran by petition, causing the Moderator position to become vacant at the start of its scheduled six-year term. This would allow the Board to make a temporary appointment until a special election could be held the following year for the remaining five years of the Moderator term. Following this plan, the Board declared its intent to appoint Mr. Barb Greve and Elandria Williams after General Assembly 2019 to continue in their current roles as Co-Moderators for one additional year, until the special election for Moderator would be held at General Assembly 2020. In December 2018, the Board issued a statement discouraging anyone from running by petition in 2019 to allow enough time to complete the change of the Moderator role.

Executive Session Report

The Board met in two executive sessions to consider whether it was prudent to plan for a response if someone decided to run by petition for the June 2019 scheduled Moderator election (against the Board's recommendation). Specifically, the Board asked whether it should gather petition signatures to nominate Co-Moderators Greve and Williams for the full six-year term. Under this scenario, the Co-Moderators would have only submitted these petitions by the February 1 deadline if other candidates had submitted petitions, and they also would have publicly declared their intent to resign if elected in order to trigger the intended special election in 2020. The Board could not reach consensus on whether they



should adopt this plan, and took no additional action beyond affirming their original recommendation that candidates wait to run by petition until 2020 to allow the process for reshaping the Moderator position to be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary

