

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
April 8, 2022

The April 8, 2022, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Cheryl Harrison-Lee at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Linda & Lee Scott Performance Hall in the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts on the Pittsburg State University campus (1711 S Homer St, Pittsburg, KS 66762). Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Chair  
Jon Rolph, Vice Chair  
Mark Hutton  
Carl Ice  
Shelly Kiblinger  
Cynthia Lane  
Allen Schmidt  
Wint Winter

MEMBER ABSENT: Bill Feuerborn

**NAMING THE PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY 10<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT**

Chair Harrison-Lee welcomed everyone to the Pittsburg State University campus and stated that the Board is delighted to be on campus to appoint the 10<sup>th</sup> president of Pittsburg State University. Chair Harrison-Lee thanked President Scott for his service and noted during his 13 years as President, he has proven himself to be an innovative and transformative leader. He is a tireless and passionate advocate for students, faculty, and staff. She noted the University and state are better because of President Scott's leadership and service.

Chair Harrison-Lee stated that naming a university CEO is one of the most important responsibilities the Board undertakes. The selection of a new president is also an important moment for the University and the community it serves. She stated as the Board thought about what it wanted to see in the next President of Pittsburg State, the Regents were guided by the principles in the Board's strategic plan, *Building a Future*. The plan focuses on the system's efforts to serve Kansas families, help Kansas businesses, and advance economic prosperity for all Kansans. The Board sought a president who would share that focus, while navigating higher education's changing landscape. A president who would appreciate Pittsburg State's unique strengths and leverage them to help move the institution and the state into the future. To help with the search process the Board created the Presidential Search Committee, and Chair Harrison-Lee thanked and recognized Rick Webb, the Chair of that Committee. She also thanked and recognized the Search Committee members for their dedication and commitment to Pittsburg State University.

Regent Kiblinger then moved to appoint Dr. Daniel Shipp as the 10<sup>th</sup> President of Pittsburg State University. Dr. Shipp is the Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Associate to the Chancellor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Nebraska System. Dr. Shipp brings a blend of educational and administrative experience with a history of leading transformational change. He has worked on

initiatives to grow enrollment and drive student success for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. He has led numerous initiatives to remove access barriers for underserved students and introduce new services to help students succeed personally, academically, and professionally. Dr. Shipp also possesses extensive experience building partnerships to benefit students and drive economic growth. In addition, he has led many successful capital improvement projects throughout his career. Dr. Shipp earned his bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska Lincoln, his master's from University of Nebraska Omaha and his doctorate from University of the Pacific. Regent Kiblinger also moved that the Board direct the Chair and the Board President and CEO to negotiate the compensation package and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of appointment. Regent Lane seconded, and the motion carried.

Chair Harrison-Lee introduced Dr. Daniel Shipp. Dr. Shipp thanked the Board and the members of the Search Committee. He stated that it is the privilege of a lifetime to have the opportunity to serve the University, the City of Pittsburg, and surrounding communities. He then introduced his three sons Sam, Finnegan, and Oliver and his wife Vanessa. He noted that they are looking forward to meeting the campus community and building strong partnerships with the community, regional and state leaders.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Harrison-Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

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Blake Flanders, President and CEO

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Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Chair