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Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Assembly Room of McFall Center, Bowling Green Campus on February 20, 1995: C. Ellen Connally, Chair; John A. Laskey; Vice Chair; Jodi Chappell; Alvin Heard; Delbert L. Latta; G. Ray Medlin, Jr; Thomas W. Noe; Kermit Stroh. David Bryan, John C. Mahaney, Jr., and Valerie Newell were not present.

Also present were President Paul J. Olscamp; Lester E. Barber, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board; Jennifer Mathe, 1994-95 Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board; Pat Green, 1994-95 Administrative Staff Representative to the Board; Kathy Eninger, 1994-95 Classified Staff Representative to the Board; J. Christopher Dalton, Vice President for Planning and Budgeting; Philip R. Mason, Vice President for University Relations; Edward Whipple, Vice President for Student Affairs; Gaylyn J. Finn, Treasurer; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Chair Connally called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.; the Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (six Trustees).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Connally announced that in keeping with the provisions of the state's "sunshine law" and Amended Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, she proposes that members meet in an executive session for the purpose of considering a public employment matter. She requested that members meet in executive session in the Chart Room with the session expected to last approximately 10 minutes; the regular meeting to be reconvened at that time to take action if necessary and for the purposes of adjournment.

No. 44-95 Mr. Noe moved and Mr. Laskey seconded that members of the Board of Trustees meet in an executive session to consider a public employment matter.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes"-- Judge Connally, Mr. Laskey, Mr. Latta, Mr. Medlin, Mr. Noe, Mr. Stroh. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes.

The regular meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and the members moved to the Chart Room for executive session.

Chair Connally reconvened the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. and announced that members had met in executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of considering a public employment matter. No formal action was taken.
Judge Connally moved and Mr. Noe seconded that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees accept the recommendations of the Presidential Search Committee and direct the Board secretary and Mr. Ron Zera of SpencerStuart to arrange appropriate on-campus interviews for each of the following six candidates:

Betty Asher, President, University of South Dakota
David Carter, President, Eastern Connecticut State University
John Darling, Chancellor, Louisiana State University in Shreveport
Lee Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost, University of Nebraska
Sidney Ribeau, Vice President for Academic Affairs, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Sharon Wallace, Vice President for Academic Affairs, North Dakota State University

Before taking a vote on the motion, Judge Connally explained the next step in the process. With the assistance of Ron Zera, the Presidential Search Committee will move expeditiously to bring the six candidates to campus in a timely manner. It is anticipated that each person will be in Bowling Green for at least parts of two successive days. It is not possible at this time to predict a specific timetable, because the schedules of many individuals will have to be taken into consideration as plans are developed for the visits.

The Board of Trustees agreed a long time ago that these campus interviews will be conducted in the spirit of openness. Full resumes will be made available in advance, and there will be scheduled opportunities for all members of the University to observe the candidates. In addition, groups and individuals representing the various constituencies and the critical functions of the University will have opportunities to meet the candidates and engage in discussion with them. Contact opportunities will also be made available to leaders in the Bowling Green community and to the press. More details about interview scheduling, including the possibility of some television coverage, will be made available later.

Judge Connally also noted that all concerned individuals who wish to offer thoughts and opinions on the six candidates will be given an opportunity to convey their responses to the Board of Trustees. A form will be developed to assist individuals in this process. The Search Committee has been asked to continue its service by reviewing and organizing these responses for the Board's review. Additionally, Search Committee members will assist in managing the on-campus interviews.

Judge Connally thanked everyone who has had a part in bringing the University to this critical and hopeful juncture in the search for the next president of our great university.

A vote was taken, and the motion was approved with no negative votes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.