

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

July 16, 2025

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

***denotes voting Trustee**

TRUSTEES PRESENT

*Jonah Bokaer

*Jerri Irby

*Peter Juran

*Trey Mazza

*John McConnell

*Ches McDowell

*David Neill

*Nia Patterson

*Graydon Pleasants

*John Michael Schert

*John Wigodsky

TRUSTEES ABSENT

*Eric Flow

*Kyle Petty

Pam Cashwell

Sandi Macdonald

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF PRESENT

Brian Cole, Chancellor

David Harrison, VC for Institutional Integrity and General Counsel

Jim DeCristo, VC for Economic Development and Chief of Staff

Karen Beres, Vice Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs

Wendy Emerson, VC for Finance and Administration

Amanda Balwah, AVC for Institutional Integrity and Secretary of the University

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Peter Juran, Board Chair, convened open session of the July 16, 2025 meeting of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Board of Trustees at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was confirmed.

Chair Juran reminded all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts as required by this act.

He also welcomed David Harrison to his final meeting of the Board of Trustees before his retirement at the end of the month.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW TRUSTEES

Amanda Balwah, Notary Public, swore in the newest members of the Board of Trustees:

- John McConnell (appointed by the UNC Board of Governors)
- John Michael Schert (appointed by the UNC Board of Governors)
- Trey Mazza (Ex. Officio, Student Body President)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jerri Irby, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following Slate of Officers for consideration for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Chair: Graydon Pleasants

Vice Chair: John Wigodsky

Secretary: Nia Patterson

Assistant Secretary: Amanda Balwah

All officers will serve a one-year term.

MOTION: The Nominating Committee moved to approve the Slate of Officers for the 2025-2026 academic year as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Following the election of officers, Peter Juran handing the meeting over to Graydon Pleasants.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

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MOTION: Peter Juran moved that the board go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 01, Chapter 30, Subchapter D, commissioning agent, to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary

degree, scholarship, prize or similar award, and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. John Wigodskey seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chair Pleasants reported that the board went into closed session to consider a commissioning agent for the Stevens Center Phase 2, appointment to endowed professorships, and a search waiver. He also reported that Board of Governors' Chair Wendy Murphy, and Governor Alex Mitchell, who is Chair of the BOG Governance Committee, issued a memo requesting that each Board of Trustees establish a subcommittee to provide oversight of compliance with Section 300.8.5 of the UNC Policy Manual, *Equality Within the University of North Carolina*.

More information about this subcommittee will be sent in the next week or two. This subcommittee will meet during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings.

With no further business to discuss, the Board of Trustees adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Balwah
AVC for Institutional Integrity and Secretary of the University