



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
Conference Call Meeting
December 22, 2011
10:00 AM

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents Present: Todd Buchanan, Vice Chair, Steve Barrett, Angela McLean, Major Robinson, Paul Tuss, and Joe Thiel, all by phone. *Ex officio* members Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns, Governor Brian Schweitzer, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau were excused.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE). Betty Asher of Greenwood-Asher joined the call by telephone.

Regent Buchanan chaired the meeting. He called for public comment on matters not on the agenda. There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.

Regent Buchanan introduced the agenda item, which was for consideration of a candidate for the position of commissioner of higher education, as recommended by the search committee. Regent Buchanan stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the board to consider the candidate's capabilities, qualifications, strengths and weaknesses and performance potential. He stated that the candidate had an expectation of privacy at this point in the process and that, as presiding officer, he had determined that the demands of individual privacy in this matter clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure. Before closing the meeting, Regent Buchanan called for public comment on the agenda item.

The Board went into executive session.

Executive Session

- Consideration of Search Committee Recommendation

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

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Sheila M. Stearns
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents.

Todd Buchanan
Vice Chair, Board of Regents