MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
AD HOC PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

April 29, 2022

In Open Session

Members of the Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee of the University of Louisville Board of Trustees met in the President’s Conference Room, Grawemeyer Hall, Belknap Campus, on April 29, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., with members present and absent as follows:

Present:  Dr. Raymond Burse, Chair
          Mr. Jerry Abramson
          Mr. Scott Brinkman
          Ms. Riece Hamilton
          Ms. Alice Houston
          Dr. Christopher Jones
          Ms. Diane Medley
          Ms. Ugonna Okorie
          Ms. Diane Porter
          Mr. Jim Rogers
          Dr. Aaron Rollins
          Dr. David Schultz
          Mr. John Smith

Other Trustees
Present:  Ms. Mary Nixon

From the University:  Ms. Angela Curry, General Counsel and Vice President for Legal Affairs
                     Mr. Jake Beamer, Dir. of Governance & Strategic Initiatives & Asst. Secretary

From WittKiefer Consulting: Mr. John Thornburgh
                           Ms. Sandra Chu
                           Mr. Ryan Crawford

I. Call to Order

Chair Burse called the roll and having determined a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

He welcomed the attendees and asked each member to introduce themselves.
II. Committee Charge

Following introductions, Board of Trustees Chair Mary Nixon provided the committee their charge to find the next president of the university.

III. Confidentiality Statements

General Counsel Curry stressed the importance of complete confidentiality during the search process and distributed confidentiality statements to committee members. She instructed them to review, sign, date, and return the statements to Assistant Secretary Beamer.

IV. Search Process Overview

Mr. Thornburgh, Ms. Chu, and Mr. Crawford from WittKieffer discussed with committee members the search process overview including: understanding and defining the position of president at UofL; board of trustees, leadership team, and constituent input; the leadership profile/position description and its purpose, contents, review, and approval; advertising; recruiting strategies and outreach; the nominating process; evaluating candidates and due diligence; and the final report and board selection of the next president.

Messrs. Thornburgh and Crawford and Ms. Chur then fielded questions from the committee.

V. Proposed Timeline

Mr. Thornburgh reviewed a proposed timeline for the search, as attached, reminding committee members that dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

VI. Structure of Listening Tour Sessions

Chair Burse explained the structure of the Presidential Search Committee Listening Tour which gives all UofL constituencies an opportunity to ask questions and share with the committee what they want to see in the next university president.

Dates and schedules for the hybrid in-person/virtual tour, attached, were confirmed for May 10 and May 11, 2022, and will be held on both the Belknap and HSC Campuses.

The chair requested committee members attend as many of the open forums as possible and provided a set of questions, attached, that the committee will ask the constituents attending the tour.

He then fielded questions from the committee.

VII. Discussion of Desired Attributes for the President

The committee discussed desired attributes for the position of president at the University of Louisville. Each member brought unique perspectives and diverse viewpoints on what characteristic the university needs.
VIII. Questions, Comments, Concerns

There were no additional remarks.

IX. Summary and Closing Comments

Chair Burse reiterated the importance of the committee’s charge to find the next university president. He noted that the broadly representative committee will be thorough and deliberate as it works through the search process and will keep the University and Louisville communities well-informed of its efforts.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business to come before the committee, Mr. Abramson made a motion, which Mr. Rogers seconded, to adjourn.

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Approved by:

Signature on file
Assistant Secretary