# Lincoln University Board of Trustees SPECIAL MEETING

July 10, 2020

## **MINUTES**

The Lincoln University Board of Trustees ("Board") met via videoconference for a Special Meeting held Friday, July 10, 2020. Chairlady Theresa R. Braswell called the meeting to order at 5:23 PM, EST.

<u>Trustees Present</u>: Theresa R. Braswell, Chairlady; Robert A. Allen; Robert L. Archie, Esq.; Elisabeth Bellevue; Gerald Bruce; Mack Cauthen; Honorable Andrew E. Dinniman; William Dunbar; Judith L. Fitzgerald; Dimitrius M. Hutcherson; James W. Jordan; Henry Lancaster, II; Kimberly A. Lloyd; Felicia A. McDade; Noe Ortega; Frances E. Paul; Kenneth A. Poole; Sandra F. Simmons; Deborah C. Thomas; Kevin E. Vaughan; Joseph V. Williams, Jr.; and Gregory S. Works. Faculty Representative: Emmanuel Babatunde. *A quorum was satisfied*.

### **Public Comment:**

The following persons addressed the Board during Public Comment. Each expressed support of the renewal of Dr. Allen's employment contract with the University:

Mr. Keith Garner; Mr. Steven Board, Ms. Alisa K. Davis; Mr. Ray Jeter; Senator Vincent Hughes; Ms. Elizabeth Hooks; Ms. Angela T. Burke; Mr. Jamal Clark. Note: Ms. Adrienne Carter was scheduled but was unable to be heard.

Following Public Comment, the Chair indicated that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss "University Leadership – Next Steps."

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:43 PM at which time the Chair informed attendees that the Board did straw poll in Executive Session, as advised by legal counsel, on whether to negotiate a new employment contract with Dr. Brenda Allen. She reported from report provided that the result was 52% No, and 48% Yes.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**:

Trustee Hutcherson made a motion that the Board move forward to select and identify and interim president. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted by Trustee Frances Paul, Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The motion passed:

In favor: 14 Opposed: 7

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairlady Braswell adjourned the meeting at 10:02 PM.