

Lincoln University Board of Curators

January 17, 2024

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order:

The Lincoln University Board of Curators Open Session was officially called to order by Board President Victor B. Pasley at 3:02 p.m., on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the Board Room, 201 Young Hall, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

1. A. Roll Call: Curators present were: Vernon V. Bracy, Stacia Bradley Brown, Everidge Cade, Richard G. Callahan, Victor B. Pasley, Richard R. Popp, Terry Rackers, and Tina Shannon. Nia C. Walker, Student Representative to the Board of Curators, was also present. Rose Ann Ortmeyer recorded the minutes.


2. Motion for Closed Session:

Curator President Pasley asked that the Board be given the authority to commence a closed meeting, possible closed vote, and possible closed record as follows: (12) "Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected;" (13) "Individually identifiable personnel records..." and (14) "Records which are protected from disclosure by law;" and other matters for which a closed meeting is authorized pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo.

Curator Callahan so moved. Curator Rackers seconded the motion. Motion carried as follows:

Curator Bracy	Yes	Curator Bradley Brown	Yes
Curator Cade	Yes	Curator Callahan	Yes
Curator Pasley	Yes	Curator Popp	Yes
Curator Rackers	Yes	Curator Shannon	Yes

The Open Session of the Lincoln University Board of Curators adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



Victor B. Pasley, President



Everidge Cade, Secretary



Statement from the Lincoln University Board of Curators

Lincoln University's Board of Curators has engaged a team of attorneys led by Ronald Norwood and Jerina Phillips in the Higher Education Practice Group of Lewis Rice to conduct an independent review of recent issues raised regarding compliance with the University's established policies and procedures. The Board of Curators selected Lewis Rice after reviewing proposals from a number of qualified firms. Lewis Rice's Higher Education Practice Group has extensive experience in representing and advising colleges and universities. The review will examine Lincoln University's management of personnel issues and address any relevant concerns associated with the allegations of Dr. Antoinette "Bonnie" Candia-Bailey. The firm's comprehensive review will begin this week and should be completed within the coming weeks – allowing time for a full investigation.

"As a Board, we are focused on having an independent expert promptly examine all of the facts so that we can take appropriate steps," said Board of Curators President Victor Pasley. "As a University community, we want to prioritize the mental health of everyone here and make sure each employee and student is treated with dignity and respect."

Confidentiality constraints prevent the Board and University leaders from commenting on specific personnel information, but, regular updates on the progress of the review will be provided to ensure transparency and accountability throughout the process.