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## Fitchburg State University

# Minutes

## Board of Trustees Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 8:30 AM

### Location

Presidents' Hall, Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, MA 01420

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Notice of a Meeting of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Presidents' Hall, Mazzaferro Center, 291 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, MA 01420

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### Trustees Present

A. Turner, C. Stimpson (remote), D. Phillips, D. Tiernan (remote), E. Gregoire, J. Flanagan (remote), K. Spinelli, L. Barrieau, M. Fiorentino, Jr., S. King-Goodwin (remote)

### Trustees Absent

*None*

### Guests Present

A. Marini, G. Doiron, J. Murdoch, K. Lundgren, M. Bruun, S. Dodd

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Phillips called a meeting of the board of trustees of Fitchburg State University to order on Tuesday Apr 23, 2024 at 8:35 AM.

## **II. Interview with Presidential Candidate**

### **A. Board Discussion with Dr. Donna Souder Hodge**

Chair Phillips welcomed Dr. Donna Hodge to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hodge gave a brief overview of her background and explained why she is interested in the presidency at Fitchburg State.

Board members then engaged in a wide-ranging discussion with Dr. Hodge, covering such topics as student success (academics and co-curricular), diversity and inclusion, academic innovation/planning and faculty engagement, financial management, strategic enrollment, community relations/advancement, and trustee relations.

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Phillips