

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority Board of Directors
Telephonic Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 9, 2015
Lead, South Dakota

The Board of Directors of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority convened at 9:00 AM Mountain Time (MT) on Friday, October 9 via teleconference. Listening posts for the public were established at the office of the SDSTA at 630 E. Summit Street, Lead, South Dakota, and at the conference room of the South Dakota Department of Tourism and State Development, 711 East Wells Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE BY TELEPHONE

Dr. Ani Aprahamian
Mr. Paul Christen (*joined during Executive Session*)
Mr. Dana Dykhouse, Vice-Chairperson
Ms. Patricia Lebrun, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Casey Peterson, Chairperson
Mr. Ron Wheeler, Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Robert Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Heather Wilson

SDSTA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Nancy Geary, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Mike Headley, Executive Director
Ms. Mandy Knight, Administrative Services Manager
Ms. Leatta Mathis, Contract Specialist
Mr. Tim Engel, Legal Counsel (*by telephone*)
Mr. Walter Weinig, Laboratory Director
Ms. Constance Walter, Communications Director (*by telephone*)

ALSO PRESENT DURING ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Sanford Underground Research Facility Deputy Head of Operations/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Dr. Murdock Gilchriese joined by telephone. No media representatives were present.

ITEM 1. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Casey Peterson called the meeting to order. All members, except Mr. Paul Christen and Dr. Heather Wilson, were present by roll call.

Chairperson Peterson asked participants to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2. – APPROVE AGENDA

Chairman Peterson requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Dr. Wilson and second by Mr. Wheeler to accept the agenda as presented. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Lebrun and second by Dr. Aprahamian to enter into executive session to discuss contractual matters. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The board recessed at 9:05 AM for Executive Session and reconvened at 9:26 AM.

Mr. Paul Christen joined the meeting by telephone during Executive Session.

ITEM 4. – REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Peterson reported the board had discussed contractual matters and no action was taken.

Motion by Mr. Wheeler and second by Ms. Lebrun to approve the executive session report. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. – DISCUSS XENON PURCHASE

Vice Chairperson Ron Wheeler noted the lower prices make this an excellent time to lock in purchase of the first 500,000 liters of xenon, with deliveries through 2016. It was also noted that the loan agreement between the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) and the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) has been approved and will be executed today.

Motion by Mr. Wheeler and second by Mr. Christen to approve the purchase of xenon as presented. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Peterson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Headley and Mr. Engel for their diligence in moving things forward this week to achieve this purchase.

ITEM 4. – BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Aprahamian said she believes this purchase was a good move for everyone involved.

Vice Chairperson Dykhouse proclaimed his excitement about the partnership achieved with the SDCF.

Ms. Lebrun stated it is wonderful how South Dakotans work together to achieve things that are so important for all.

Mr. Christen reiterated his thanks to Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Engel for their efforts in what has been a very unique transaction, and expressed his excitement that there is a document to share with other foundations.

Dr. Wilson relayed this action and the commitment of the board and State of South Dakota continue to build confidence in the international neutrino physics community.

Chairperson Peterson thanked Dr. Gilchriese for participating in the call and for his efforts on behalf of the Sanford Lab.

Chairperson Peterson reminded members the next board meeting will be held Thursday, December 10 at 9:00 AM (MT). He also asked members to contact Administrative Services Manager Ms. Mandy Knight or himself should they have concerns with the 2016 Board meeting schedule, to include the September 22 and/or December 15, 2016 meetings.

ITEM 5. – ADJOURN

Chairperson Peterson asked if anyone had any other questions or comments, then called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Dykhouse and second by Dr. Wilson to adjourn. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM (MT) on October 9, 2015.