



Press Release

Utah College of Applied Technology

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November 25, 2009

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UCAT Board seeks public comment for presidential appointment

Board to meet on Monday, November 30 at 9:30 a.m. at Ft. Douglas

The Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) Board of Trustees has invited the public to submit comments for its consideration of two finalists for UCAT president. Individuals who emailed comments prior to Monday at noon are encouraged to resubmit them, as a disruption in email service may have prevented them from being received.

In a press release on Friday, UCAT board chair Tom Bingham indicated that “members of the public may comment or provide input on the finalists to the board by emailing them to trustees@ucat.edu by Friday, November 27, 3:00 p.m.” While comments are still encouraged by the deadline for timely consideration, any others received by Sunday at midnight will be forwarded to the board during its meeting on Monday.

“We value the public’s interest in the board’s selection of a UCAT president,” said Bingham. “We’ve received quite a few comments so far providing a broad range of input, and are hopeful that those who may have sent messages over the weekend will resubmit them.”

As announced on Friday, the UCAT board will be meeting Monday at 9:30 a.m. to revisit its appointment of the UCAT president. Two finalists, Michael J. Bouwhuis and Robert O. Brems, have been announced and will be considered in the meeting. [See November 20 press release below for reference.]

An updated agenda is attached.

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UPDATED AGENDA FOLLOWS...

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 30, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.

Fort Douglas Officers Club
110 South Fort Douglas Boulevard (Bldg 649)
Salt Lake City, UT 84113-5036

(Driving directions: <http://www.universityguesthouse.com/Officers-Club>)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Chair Tom Bingham
2. Approval of Agenda – Chair Bingham
3. Oath of Office for New Trustees – Chair Bingham:
Stanley B. Parrish, SLCC School of Applied Technology
James V. Olsen, Governor’s business/industry employer appointee
William A. Sederburg, Commissioner of Higher Education
Spencer P. Eccles, Governor’s Office of Economic Development
4. (Action Item) Withdrawal of 15 October 2009 Board action to appoint Robert O. Brems as UCAT President
5. Executive (closed) session for discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals (as provided in UCA 52-4-205(1)(a). Finalists for UCAT President may be interviewed by the Board.
6. (Action Item) Appointment of UCAT President
7. Adjourn

Public Notice of Electronic Meeting Access (UCA 52-4-207(3)): This meeting will be provided with electronic meeting access via conference/speaker telephone, for a limited number of board members only on an as-needed basis, by prior arrangement with the board secretary. The Fort Douglas Officers Club shall be the anchor location for public attendance.

ADA Notice: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify ADA Coordinator, at Utah College of Applied Technology, 550 East 300 South, Kaysville, UT 84037-2699, or at 801-593-2060, at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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Tom Bingham, Chair of the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) Board of Trustees, has called a special meeting to revisit the board's appointment of the UCAT president.

Chair Bingham provided the following statement today:

"Following a review of the agenda, minutes and recordings of the October 15, 2009 meeting of the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, we have been advised by our legal counsel that the proceedings were in substantial compliance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (Utah Code 52-4) with the exception of some technical omissions. While the Board did not knowingly or intentionally violate any part of the code in these omissions, Board leadership has determined to schedule a special meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of revisiting the process of presidential appointment and to correct the technical omissions."

In the special meeting, the board intends to interview the two finalists for UCAT president in closed session. Final selection and appointment of the president will be considered in open session immediately following. The finalists, Michael J. Bouwhuis and Robert O. Brems, were announced in the October 15 board meeting after a report of the board's presidential selection committee considered four applicants within UCAT.

Michael J. Bouwhuis is the campus president and chief executive officer of the Davis Applied Technology College, one of UCAT's eight regional campuses, with headquarters in Kaysville, having served as such since 1994. He was previously associate superintendent for the Ogden/Weber Applied Technology Center. He has also served as a member of the Kaysville City Council. Bouwhuis earned a bachelor's degree from Weber State University and a master's degree in education from Brigham Young University.

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Robert O. Brems currently serves as a program director for UCAT's Dixie Applied Technology College in St. George. He has also worked recently as a private consultant implementing manufacturing training and education programs in southern Utah. He has more than 30 years experience as an administrator and instructor in career and technical education. Brems earned bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial education from Utah State University.

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The four most recently appointed board members will also be sworn in at the meeting.

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