

Minutes of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
August 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheryl Murer at 8:07 a.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Sharon Banks-Wilkins conducted a roll call of Trustees. Members present were Trustees Robert Boey, John Butler, Manny Sanchez, Myron Siegel, Marc Strauss, Student Trustee DuJuan Smith and Chair Murer. Not present was Trustee Barbara Giorgi Vella. Also present were Board Parliamentarian Kenneth Davidson and President John Peters. With a quorum present, the meeting proceeded.

VERIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Confirmation of Open Meetings Act public notice compliance was provided by Board Parliamentarian Ken Davidson.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Trustee Strauss made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Murer asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act: personnel matters as generally described under §2(c)(1) and (3) of the Open Meetings Act, litigation and risk management matters as generally described under §2(c)(11) and (12) of the Open Meetings Act, property matters as generally described under §2(c)(5) and (6) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey.

A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was as follows:

Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Butler	Yes
Trustee Sanchez	Yes	Trustee Siegel	Yes
Trustee Strauss	Yes	Student Trustee Smith	Yes
Chair Murer	Yes		

The roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Executive Session was unanimous.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Murer reconvened the public meeting of the Board of Trustees at approximately 9:55 a.m.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a special meeting of the Board of Trustees. Before we turn to the President's Report, I would like to make a brief statement on the record regarding pending legal action taken by ProCure against Northern Illinois University and other legal entities engaged in building and constructing the proton treatment facility for which many of you attended our momentous groundbreaking in June. This out-of-state corporation has chosen to file legal action against the NIU-led project. They are attempting to seek a second license for a proton facility six miles from the Northern Illinois Proton Treatment and Research Center. And I think the facts speak for themselves in this regard. There are only five proton treatment centers that have been in existence for the past fifty years operating in the United States. Four

are under construction, including ours. All are separated by hundreds, and sometimes thousands of miles. As you know, the operating facilities are in Florida, Texas, California, Indiana and Massachusetts. NIU is committed to bringing this treatment to the people of Illinois. As a state university, we also see the need to integrate research and development with state of the art medical treatment. We look forward to the relationship we can bring to other outstanding academic medical facilities in the state of Illinois. And we want to collaborate with the hospitals, health systems and educational institutions not only in the state of Illinois but in the greater Midwest region as well.

We have very little time this morning, but I think it was important that, again, on the record and in public, that we express our commitment to this proton facility not only for the delivery of state of the art medical treatment, but as importantly, the integration of academic learning and research and development.

Chair Murer recognized the University Advisory Committee representatives: Dr. Paul Stoddard, Dr. Ferald Bryan, Dr. Nancy Castle, Dr. Joseph Steven, Ms. Bobbie Cesarek and Mr. Jay Monteiro.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair asked Board Parliamentarian Kenneth Davidson if any members of the public had registered a written request to address the Board in accordance with state law and Board of Trustees Bylaws. Mr. Davidson noted that he had received no timely requests to address this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 60

I want to thank the Trustees, President Peters said, and I want to commend all of our staff members who have been working so hard this summer to prepare the campus for the return of our students in just a few weeks.

Agenda Item 7.a. – Public Safety Security Services

Our first item is a recommendation for an open order for security services, President Peters said. In the aftermath of February 14, we used professional security services to help patrol the residence halls and other buildings on campus. We are going to continue to do that for an indefinite period. The chosen firm, St. Moritz, is well known and the low bidder. They understand the issues, they are very good on Cleary Act reporting, and they were very responsive to our bid. And, if we have issues, because they are nationwide, they have the resources to bring in extra people on short notice.

Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Public Safety Security Services request. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.b. – Transportation Services – Fiscal Year 2009 Purchase of 13 Hybrid Sedans

Transportation Services, under the leadership of Bill Finucane, has moved our fleet to increasing the percentage of hybrids, the President said, and it is now time to acquire another 13 vehicles. We have received a very good bid. The funds for this have been accumulated over time from the fees from Transportation. And I want to commend Bill Finucane for what he has done in Transportation Services, particularly in the conservation of energy and the service they provide our departments and our students. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Transportation Services FY09 request to purchase 13 hybrid sedans. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Siegel. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10.a.(3) – Transportation Services - Fiscal Year 2008 Gasoline 10 Percent Ethanol

This is a fuel contract amendment to last year's open order, Mr. Finucane explained. The university traveled an additional 200,000 miles compared to the previous fiscal year, so we used more fuel, even with the hybrids. This represents an approximate five percent adjustment in the contract for FY08. President Peters requested Board approval of this contract amendment. Chair Murer asked for a motion to approve the Transportation Services 10 Percent Ethanol Gasoline contract amendment for FY08. Trustee Sanchez so moved, seconded by Trustee Siegel. The motion was approved.

Again, Chair Murer said, we thank you very much for your efforts. This is a monumental issue for us. When you did all of this fine work, I am sure you did not realize what the tremendous repercussions were going to be, and they are more than any of us could have ever imagined.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, on the main campus in DeKalb.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no Other Matters, Vice Chair Murer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Banks-Wilkins
Recording Secretary