

Minutes of a  
Special Meeting of the  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
August 29, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Butler at 1:30 p.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, Wheeler Coleman, Anthony Iosco, Robert Marshall, Cheryl Murer, Marc Strauss, Student Trustee Elliot Echols and Chair Butler. Also present were Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore and President Doug Baker. 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 General Counsel Jerry Blakemore.

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Vice Chair Boey asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Strauss made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Chair asked Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore 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. Blakemore stated that no requests had been received.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Butler asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct a closed session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as amended: personnel matters as generally described under §2(c)(1), (2), (3) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act; and litigation and risk management matters as generally described under §2(c)(11) and (12) 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 Iosco	Yes
Trustee Coleman	Yes	Trustee Marshall	Yes
Trustee Murer	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Student Trustee Echols	Yes	Chair Butler	Yes

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED**

Chair Butler reconvened the public meeting of the Board of Trustees at approximately 4:29 p.m. Before I turn the floor over to President Baker, the Chair said, I would like to introduce the newest member of the NIU community, Tom Phillips, who was recently named NIU's Police Chief. Tom is currently the deputy chief at the University of Chicago. A nationwide police chief search began in early June under the leadership of our Board Liaison and Vice President for Public Safety and Community Relations Bill Nicklas. Tom was one of four finalists who went through a full day of interviews in open forums with stakeholder groups, including students, our diversity centers, local law enforcement, faculty

representatives, operating and professional staff representatives, and the President's Cabinet. Tom's post will begin effective September 16, 2013. He brings 25 years of police experience to the campus. That career includes serving in the Military Police Corps stateside and overseas between 1987 and 1995 before moving to Chicago where he briefly served as a special investigator for the City of Chicago's Office of the Inspector General, and joined the University of Illinois at Chicago Police Department in 1996 and remained there until 2012, when he went to the University of Chicago. We are very fortunate to have Tom join our team here at Northern.

President Baker, esteemed Board members, thank you, Mr. Phillips began. Thank you for this opportunity to be part of this community. I can give you the commitment that I will give 100 percent of all of my experience from my career to ensure a safe and secure campus, and to actively engage the students, the staff and the faculty.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 85**

### **UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARDED BY THE BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### **Agenda Item 6.a.(1) – Honorary Doctorate Recommendation**

President Baker presented the recommendation received from the Honorary Degree Committee to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. John Sall. He was nominated by Virginia Wilcox-Gok, Professor and Chair of the Department of Economics, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Chris McCord supports the committee's recommendation. Chair Butler asked for a motion to approve the award of an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. John Sall. The motion was so moved by Trustee Strauss and seconded by Trustee Iosco. The motion was approved.

#### **Agenda Item 6.a.(2) – Concealed Carry – University Policy**

The next item is the Concealed Carry Policy discussed in the Compliance, Audit, Risk Management and Legal Affairs Committee this morning, President Baker said. With the new law, we need some overarching policy so that people on campus and those coming to visit know what the rules are, and this is a good start. Trustee Strauss moved to approve the Concealed Carry-University Policy, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

### **ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### **Agenda Item 6.b.(1) – Collective Bargaining Agreement**

President Baker presented the collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the university and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local #364 contract, representing nine employees in the Physical Plant, beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. Chair Butler asked for a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local #364. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

#### **Agenda Item 6.b.(2) – Office of General Counsel – Open Order for Legal Services for State and Federal Investigations**

We need to increase the cap for spending to cover outside legal services dealing with federal and state investigations that were announced on March 6, the President said. We would like to increase that to a \$500,000 cap so that we can meet our requirements in a timely way. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Office of General Counsel Open Order for Legal Services for State and Federal Investigations. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Boey. The motion was approved.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Butler reminded the Trustees of the Gilbert Hall tour immediately following the meeting and entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Strauss so moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Banks-Wilkins  
Recording Secretary

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