

Minutes of the
NIU Board of Trustees
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 28, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Butler in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Cheryl Ross conducted a roll call of Trustees. Members present were Robert Boey, Robert Marshall, Cherilyn Murer, John Butler, Marc Strauss, Anthony Iosco, Paul Julion. Also present were President Douglas Baker, Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore and Board Liaison Bill Nicklas.

VERIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Confirmation of Open Meetings Act notification compliance was given by Board General Counsel Jerry Blakemore.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Butler welcomed the members of the University Advisory Council who are present at the meeting: William Pitney, Deborah Haliczzer, Jay Montero, Greg Waas, Dan Gebo, and Rebecca Shortridge. Bill Pitney commented that he appreciated President Baker's thanks and praise to the faculty and staff for their role in welcoming students back to campus. He also noted his interest in the earlier presentations from Dr. Alden and Dr. Rigg whereby the productivity of our faculty and staff was clearly evident. I think you'll share what we likely already know and this and that is that our faculty and staff work very hard and I was grateful for seeing that today. So thank you very much.

Chair Butler formally welcomed Trustee Paul Julion to his first official meeting of the board. He also thanked Cheryl Ross who is serving today as the recording secretary. Cheryl is retiring after 34 years of service; and Cheryl completed her undergraduate degree at NIU while an employee during that time. For about seven years Cheryl worked on the Finance and Facilities and Operations Committee agenda book. It was primarily her responsibility and so we've seen her work and have worked with her for years. Overall, Cheryl spent 20 years in the Department of Psychology, 6 years in Academic Affairs, and 8 years in Finance and Facilities. She has been very important recently for us as a board helping us through a transition period. Good luck and we wish you the very best on behalf of the board.

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 the Board of Trustees Bylaws. Mr. Blakemore noted that no timely requests had been made to address this Special Board Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 93

Agenda Item 7.a. (1) – Open Order for Litigation Services Investigations and Litigation

President Baker presented the action item finalizing an open order for fiscal year 2014 to cover the costs of work being done on the federal investigations that have been underway and to conclude the billing. He requested Board approval of \$215,000 to cover the legal costs associated with that work. A motion to approve the item was made by Robert Boey and seconded by Paul Julion. The motion passed with no opposition, thus concluding the President's Report.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Butler thanked the many people who made these meetings possible; Ms. Ross, the board staff liaison Mr. Nicklas and others on his team who assist in the logistics of this meeting including the committee liaisons and the hardworking staff of media services. He also thanked the University Advisory Committee for their service, as well as the staff who are responsible for the food and refreshments. Chair Butler 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 section 2(c)(1), (2), (3) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Litigation and Risk Management matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the Open meetings act. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Chair Butler	Yes	Trustee Marshall	Yes
Trustee Boey	Yes	Trustee Strauss	Yes
Trustee Murer	Yes	Trustee Iosco	Yes
Student Trustee Julion	Yes		

MEETING RECONVENED AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Butler reconvened the open session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees and called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ross
Recording Secretary

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