

Minutes of the
NIU Board of Trustees
Of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
May 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The NIU board of Trustees special meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chair John Butler in the Board of Trustees room in 315 Altgeld Hall. Mike Mann conducted a roll call of Trustees. Present: Trustees Robert Boey, Robert Marshall, Marc Strauss, Paul Julion, and Board Chair John Butler. Absent: Trustees Wheeler Coleman, Anthony Iosco, and Cherilyn Murer.

Others Present: Mike Mann (MM), Jerry Blakemore (JBI), Al Phillips (AP)

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Jerry Blakemore indicated that appropriate notification of the meeting had been provided pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. With a quorum present, the meeting proceeded.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA

Marc Strauss made the motion to approve the agenda and Paul Julion seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Blakemore noted that no timely requests had been made.

CLOSED SESSION

John Butler indicated in the event that the board wishes to discuss any of the personnel matters related to the resignation of the Women's basketball coach, the Board will need to go into closed session now and will reconvene to take action on the search firm matter after the discussion. John asked if there was a desire to discuss any of the personnel related matters. This can be in the form of a motion, or silence. There was none so moved to the university recommendations.

UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 8. (a.) - AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM FOR THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH POSITION

John Butler announced President Baker could not be there so Alan Phillips will be presenting the university recommendation.

Alan Phillips continued, Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 97814, Northern Illinois University policy of the use of external search firms, approved by the board, it is recommended that the board authorize the president to retain such executive search firms to assist in the search for a women's basketball coach. It is further recommended that the president periodically report back to the board regarding selection

and status of such searches. Due to the critical role and functions, there is justifiable need to use a search firm for such a position per paragraph two of the universities policy. Robert Boey made a motion. Marc Strauss seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

OTHER MATTERS

John Butler asked if there were any other matters to come before this board. There were none. The next meeting date of this board is a special meeting on May 13, 2015 at 10:00a.m. at the Naperville campus.

ADJOURNMENT

John Butler asked for a motion to close the meeting. Marc Strauss made a motion and Paul Julion seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved. John thanked everyone for being there. Meeting adjourned at: 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Odom
Recording Secretary

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