

Minutes of the  
**NIU Board of Trustees**  
**Of Northern Illinois University**  
**Special Meeting**  
May 13, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The NIU board of Trustees special meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair John Butler at the Naperville Campus. Linda Odom conducted a roll call of Trustees. Present: Trustees Robert Boey, Anthony Iosco, Robert Marshall, Cherilyn Murer, Marc Strauss, Paul Julion, and Board Chair John Butler. Absent: Trustee Wheeler Coleman.

Others Present: Doug Baker, Jerry Blakemore, Mike Mann, Al Phillips, Greg Brady, Jim Guarliardo.

**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.

John Butler wanted to draw to the trustee's attention the notice for this meeting included some revised language with respect to the policy for public comment. John told them if they had not looked at it yet they might want to do so. It is up to the individual chairs of the committees to adopt that language as well, but it's responsive to the concerns that were expressed at the last meeting in March about our open meetings policy and our speaker's policy. John took some measures to clarify how he would treat those issues and requests which will temporarily fill in until the Board has a chance to review its policy.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA**

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

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Butler thanked everyone for coming and appreciates all the work that went into putting this meeting on and everybody who is involved in doing so.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Blakemore noted that no timely requests had been made.

**CLOSED SESSION**

John Butler indicated the Board will be going into closed session now and will reconvene in approximately three hours. We do not plan to take up any business after the closed session. We will be having a working lunch. May I have a motion to close the public meeting to conduct a closed session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act; personnel matters as generally described under sections 2C1, 2, 3 and 21 of the Open Meetings Act; litigation and risk management matters as generally described under sections 2C 11 and 12 of the Open Meetings Act; Audit matters as described in number 29 of the exemptions under the Open Meetings Act.

Robert Boey made a motion and Cherilyn Murer seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

John Butler asked for a roll call vote.  
Linda Odom performed the roll call vote.  
Trustee Robert Boey: Yes  
Trustee Wheeler Coleman: Absent  
Trustee Anthony Iosco: Yes  
Trustee Robert Marshall: Yes  
Trustee Cherilyn Murer: Yes  
Trustee Marc Strauss: Yes  
Trustee Paul Julion: Yes  
Board Chair John Butler: Yes

## **RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

The public meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University was reconvened at 3:56 p.m. at the Naperville campus.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

John Butler announced there will be a Special Meeting following the Committee meetings on May 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:30-3:00. Marc Strauss said there is suppose to be a President's hall lunch that day, that's why the FFO would not start until later than usual. John Butler said he would check on it. Anthony Iosco asked what time the first meeting would start. John Butler said 9:00. Anthony Iosco asked if there was a chance the meetings could either be in Naperville or Hoffman. John Butler responded that the meetings have already been scheduled and posted. The date and location was announced at the beginning of year. John Butler responded that we can look into it and asked Mike Mann to see what it would take to change the location. Anthony Iosco asked if we could look into it. Mike Mann said absolutely. John Butler said there is a ten day notice requirement to change that meeting location. Anthony Iosco responded, so we're good to go then for the ten days. John Butler said the other problem is we've got some committee reports and people coming to the meeting who may not be able to get to Hoffman Estates. Anthony Iosco said, Well let me put it this way, if the meeting is important enough for them to come to, they can come to Hoffman or Naperville respectfully. It's just how I feel about it and I want that on record because I'm going to rearrange my whole day, but I would like to know if we could do it in Naperville or Hoffman. John Butler said we would look into it. The next regular board meeting is June 18, 2015 and there is a tentative scheduled meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Enrollment for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.  
Meeting adjourned at: 3:59pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Odom  
Recording Secretary

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