

Minutes of the  
**NIU Board of Trustees**  
**Of Northern Illinois University**  
**Executive Committee**  
May 28, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The NIU Board of Trustees Executive Committee was called to order by Chair John Butler at 7:23 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Campus. Linda Odom conducted a roll call of Trustees. Members present were Vice Chair Marc Strauss, Secretary Wheeler Coleman, Chair John Butler, President Doug Baker, Ex Officio. Not present was Trustee Cheryl Murer. Others Present: General Counsel Jerry Blakemore, Board Liaison Mike Mann, Danielle Schultz.

**VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

General Counsel Jerry Blakemore indicated that appropriate notification of this meeting has been provided pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. With a quorum present the meeting preceded.

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Butler asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Strauss so moved and Trustee Coleman seconded. The motion was approved.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No comments or announcements were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Counsel Blakemore reported that no requests from those present at the Hoffman Estates campus or those assembled at the DeKalb campus were received. The meeting immediately moved to the Executive Committee Report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Agenda Item 6.a. – Presidential Legal Services**

Chair Butler reported the matter is titled Presidential Legal Services. In accordance with Article IX of the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the President is requesting approval from the Executive Committee for indemnification against reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the provision of separate legal services by the firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glousky and Popeo, PC for the President. Any approval of such indemnification will be subject to the scope of coverage that the Executive Committee is authorized to determine under the provisions of Article IX of the bylaws. The motion is to approve the expenditure of funds for the indemnification of separate legal services to the President. The request relates to matters associated with presidential duties and responsibilities. The Executive Committee's approval of such shall be limited to a total expenditure of \$50,000. If there is a need to extend this approval in the future, the Executive Committee requests that the President bring the matter back to the Executive Committee for review and consideration.

Trustee Strauss moved to approve the motion but clarified for the recorded minutes that there's been one modification made from the pre-printed material that were provided and, that is to indicate that the \$50,000 is a cumulative number, not in addition to any amount previously approved. Chair Butler

confirmed the clarification and asked for a second to the motion? Trustee Coleman seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion and the motion was approved.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Chair Butler asked if there were other matters to come before this committee. No other matters were discussed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Strauss moved to adjourn and Trustee Coleman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Odom  
Recording Secretary

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