

Minutes of the
**NIU Board of Trustees
Special Meeting of the
Executive Committee**
August 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The NIU Board of Trustees Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Marc Strauss at 12 noon in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Kathleen Carey conducted a roll call of Trustees. Members present were Secretary Robert Marshall, Vice Chair John Butler; Chair Marc Strauss, President Doug Baker, Ex Officio. Not present was Trustee Cherilyn Murer. Others Present: Deputy General Counsel Greg Brady, Board Liaison Mike Mann, Lisa Freeman, Greg Long

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Deputy General Counsel Greg Brady 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 Strauss noted there will not be a closed session as indicated on the agenda and called for a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion? Trustee Butler so moved and Trustee Marshall seconded. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 28, 2015

Chair Strauss called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Butler so moved and Trustee Marshall seconded. The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no comments or announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy General Counsel Brady reported that no timely requests to address the board had been received.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was canceled.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Agenda Item 7.a. – Presidential Legal Services

Chair Strauss presented the first item on the agenda. In accordance with Article 9 of the Board of Trustee Bylaws, the president previously requested approval from the Executive Committee for indemnification against reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the provision of separate legal services by the firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, PC for presidential activities. Any approval of the indemnification is subject to the scope of coverage the Executive Committee is authorized to determine under the provisions of Article 9 of the board bylaws. On May 28, 2015 the Executive

Committee of the board approved expenditure for this purpose at a level not to exceed \$50,000.00 and a request is now being made to increase the amount of that approved expenditure. The requested action is that the Executive Committee 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. Executive Committee's approval of such shall be limited to a total expenditure of \$100,000.00 (that's instead of the \$50,000.00 prior limit). If there is a need to extend the approval in the future, this will come back to the Executive Committee for further review and consideration.

Trustee Butler moved to approve the requested action and Trustee Marshall seconded. There was no opposition and the motion was approved.

OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Butler made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Marshall seconded. The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Carey
Recording Secretary

In compliance with Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq, a verbatim record of all Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees meetings is maintained by the Board Recording Secretary and is available for review upon request. The minutes contained herein represent a true and accurate summary of the Board proceedings.