

Minutes of the  
**NIU Board of Trustees**  
**Special Meeting**  
November 12, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Strauss in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Kathleen Carey conducted a roll call. Members present were Trustees Robert Boey, Wheeler Coleman, Robert Marshall, Tim Struthers, and Raquel Chavez. Members absent Trustees John Butler and Cherilyn Murer. Also present: President Doug Baker, Board Liaison Mike Mann, General Counsel Jerry Blakemore, and Vice President Alan Phillips.

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

General Counsel Blakemore indicated the appropriate notification of the meeting has been provided pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Mr. Blakemore also advised that a quorum was present.

**SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEE TIMOTHY A. STRUTHERS**

The meeting began with the official swearing in of the newest member of the Board of Trustees, Timothy A. Struthers. Chair Strauss asked Mr. Struthers to join him at the podium for the reading and signing of the official oath. Chair Strauss continued, participation to date has been fully legal. I want everyone to understand that clearly. Nevertheless, we're going to go through the formality now. The oath of office was repeated as follows.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**TRUSTEE OATH OF OFFICE**

I, TIMOTHY A. STRUTHERS, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY SERVE, SUPPORT, PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND: THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE LAWS THEREOF; THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THE LAWS THEREOF; AND THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND POLICIES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. FINALLY, I ACKNOWLEDGE THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS AND FURTHER SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL DISCHARGE FAITHFULLY MY DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

Timothy A. Struthers  
Trustee

November 12, 2015  
Date

Oath of Office administered by:

Marc J. Strauss  
Board Chair, Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees

November 12, 2015  
Date

Trustee Struthers continued, thank you Chairman Strauss. I have a few comments. Our university has a great history with many proud accomplishments. The impact and direction of NIU has a major impact on our local and regional environments. Today, we face many headwinds. Some of those are internal, some of those are external. My objective is to advance our institution. Some measures of advancement include, improved employee morale, engagement in a positive culture at NIU; raises for employees, mostly in the lower and middle level pay grades; increase enrollment or qualified students; enhanced environment of vibrancy and safety; advance the prominence of our best colleges and grow those in emerging areas;

operate in a fiscally sustainable way for decades to come. This is a difficult assignment as everyone in this room knows, but it's a worthy cause that I can get behind and hope that I can make a positive difference and influence in NIU and the greater community. Thank you very much.

#### **MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Marshall so moved and Trustee Boey seconded. The motion was approved.

#### **CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were not additional comments or announcements.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Counsel Blakemore indicated that there were no request for public comment.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 100**

##### **Agenda Item 7.a.1. Intercollegiate Athletics – IHSA State Football Championship Ticket Agreement**

President Baker began with the recommendation for the full board to approve two action items from today's FFO committee meeting. The first is the Intercollegiate Athletics IHSA Football Championship Ticket Agreement. This would approve the transfer of ticket revenues to the IHSA just as we did two years ago as part of a multi-year contract. President Baker asked for official approval of the transfer.

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Boey so moved and Trustee Marshall seconded. The motion carried.

##### **Agenda Item 7.a.2. Stevens Building Winterization**

President Baker continued, the second item is the Stevens Building winterization project and, as Trustee Coleman noted, there's a timeframe here where we need to get that work done before the snow flies and the pipes freeze. President Baker asked for approval of expenditure authority for the project not to exceed \$300,000.

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Coleman so moved and Trustee Boey seconded. The motion carried.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters were discussed (or insert other matters).

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the full Board of Trustees will be Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 9 a.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Coleman so moved and Trustee Boey seconded. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Carey  
Recording Secretary

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