

Minutes of the
NIU Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
February 7, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 p.m. by Board Chair Dennis Barsema in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. Recording Secretary Chelsea Duis conducted a roll call. Members present were John Butler, Nathan Hays, Veronica Herrero, Bob Pritchard, Tim Struthers, and Board Chair Dennis Barsema. Members absent were Eric Wasowicz.

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Acting General Counsel Greg Brady; Board Liaison Matt Streb; Acting Executive Vice President and Provost Chris McCord; Vice President for Administration and Finance Sarah McGill; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Jerry Blazey; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representatives Therese Arado, Cathy Doederlein; and Holly Nicholson.

2. VERIFICATION OF QUORUM AND APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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

3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Bob Pritchard so moved and Trustee Nathan Hays seconded. The motion was approved.

The motion was approved.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2018, AND JANUARY 10, 2019

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2018. Trustee John Butler so moved and Trustee Tim Struthers seconded. The motion was approved.

The motion was approved.

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019. Trustee John Butler so moved and Trustee Bob Pritchard seconded. The motion was approved.

The motion was approved.

5. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dennis Barsema had no comments, and no comments were given by University Advisory Council Representatives.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no timely requests for public comment.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 131

Items Directly from the President

Agenda Item 7.a. Stevenson Complex – Franchise Agreement Approval

President Lisa Freeman presented agenda item 7.a. This item will allow an agreement with a national branded food franchise for a location in the Stevenson residential complex. The location will be operated under the franchiser standards with royalty payments of 5% of all sales to the franchiser and 95% of sales retained by NIU.

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to approve this agenda item. Trustee Bob Pritchard so moved and Trustee Tim Struthers seconded.

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.b. Stevenson Complex – Renovate Dining Area Capital Project

President Lisa Freeman presented agenda item 7.b. This item allow conversion of the existing dining area of the Stevenson residential complex into a grill station, a pizza station, a franchise nationally branded sandwich shop, and a convenience store with a cost not to exceed \$450,000.

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to approve this agenda item. Trustee Bob Pritchard so moved and Trustee Veronica Herrero seconded.

The motion was approved.

Chair Dennis Barsema later asked for clarification on the timeline for this project. Vice President Sarah McGill clarified that construction will take place over summer, but alternate arrangements have been made for the summer camps that usually utilize Stevenson for meals.

Agenda Item 7.c. Holmes Student Center – Phase I Redevelopment Capital Project Amendment

President Lisa Freeman presented agenda item 7.c. This item is a project amendment of \$900,000 with \$450,000 requested for a reinstated food venue build-out and \$450,000 requested for an increased project construction contingency.

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to approve this agenda item. Trustee Tim Struthers so moved and Trustee Bob Prichard seconded.

The motion was approved.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT NO. 89

Agenda Item 8.a. Election of Board Officer Positions

Chair Dennis Barsema presented agenda item 8.a. A special election was called to elect a trustee to complete the Fiscal Year 2019 term for the position of Vice Chair. Acting General Counsel Greg Brady noted the chair can recognize any board member who would like to express interest in the position before the election takes place. Chair Dennis Barsema offered this opportunity and no trustees spoke.

Ballots were distributed to the trustees in attendance and collected for tallying the result.

While ballots were being tallied, Trustee Bob Pritchard commended Reggie Bustinza, Executive Director of the Northern Illinois University Alumni Association, and his staff on the newest issue of Northern Now, an issue that focuses on international efforts by NIU alumni.

Acting General Counsel Greg Brady announced Trustee Eric Wasowicz received enough aye votes to be appointed Vice Chair. Chair Dennis Barsema noted he will inform him of the appointment.

9. OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were discussed.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held March 7 at 9:00 a.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct a closed session to discuss the following subjects authorized by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as amended: Personnel Matters as described under Sections 2(c)(1)(2)(3) and (21); Collective Bargaining Matters as described under Section 2(c)(2); Litigation and Risk Management Matters as described under Sections 2(c)(11) and (12); and Closed Session Minutes Matters as generally described under Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee John Butler so moved and Trustee Bob Pritchard seconded. A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Closed Session was as follows:

Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Nathan Hays: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes	Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes
Trustee Tim Struthers: Yes	Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Absent
Board Chair Dennis Barsema: Yes	

The meeting closed and will re-open at the conclusion of the closed session. The Board adjourned for closed session at 1:13 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

The meeting reconvened at 3:08 p.m. Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a roll call. Present were Trustees John Butler, Nathan Hays, Bob Pritchard, Tim Struthers, and Board Chair Dennis Barsema. Absent were Trustees Veronica Herrero and Eric Wasowicz.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dennis Barsema asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Bob Pritchard so moved and Trustee Nathan Hays seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Duis

Recording Secretary

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