

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Special Meeting**  
November 10, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Board Chair Eric Wasowicz in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall.

Recording Secretary Crystal Doyle conducted a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Absent

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Absent

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Executive Vice President and Provost Beth Ingram; Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jim Cofer; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Jerry Blazey; Associate Vice President for Facility Management and Campus Services John Heckman; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representatives Brad Cripe and Ismael Montana.

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

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

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to amend that motion to approve a consent agenda for item 7.a. – 7.f. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded. The motion was approved.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2022. Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Wasowicz welcomed the members of the University Advisory Council who were present.

Chair Wasowicz stated the written evaluation for President Freeman has been posted on the website and he hopes the public takes time to read through the thoughtful comments of our Board members on a great job President Freeman is doing. Chair Wasowicz added that this is a very long process and he wanted to thank to Board members for their diligent work in this annual process.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Wasowicz introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry stated that there were no registered public comments.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 164**

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 164.

President Freeman presented the items that were moved to the consent agenda including:

**Agenda Item 7.a. Appointment of Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer**

**Agenda Item 7.b. Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Request**

**Agenda Item 7.c. Fiscal Year 2024 IBHE Capital Budget Request**

**Agenda Item 7.d. Relocation of School of Nursing**

**Agenda Item 7.e. Chilled Water Plant Chiller #2 Drive Replacement and Overhaul**

**Agenda Item 7.f. DeKalb Campus Soccer and Baseball Fields Artificial Turf Installation Budget Increase**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

The motion was approved.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT NO. 104**

Chair Wasowicz presented the Chair's Report No. 104.

**Agenda Item 8.a. 2022 Annual Performance Review of President Freeman**

Chair Wasowicz presented agenda item 8.a.

**Agenda Item 8.b. 2022 Presidential Evaluation Performance Incentive Pay**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve agenda item 8.b. Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

The motion was approved.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held December 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Wasowicz stated that the Board needed to go into closed session and would not take up new business following the closed session. He asked for a motion to close the public meeting to conduct closed session to discuss the following subjects as authorized by the Open Meetings Act: collective

bargaining matters as generally described under section 2(c)(2) of the open meetings act; litigation and risk management matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the open meetings act; real estate matters as generally described under section 2(c)(5) and (6) of the open meetings act; personnel matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(1)(2)(3) and (21) of the open meetings act; and closed session minutes matters as generally described under section 2(c)(21) of the open meetings act.

Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Herrero seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to take a roll call vote to close the public meeting.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Absent	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Absent	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 1:17 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 3:42 p.m.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Absent	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present
Trustee John Butler: Present	Trustee Montel Gayles: Present
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Trustee Bob Pritchard: Present	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Barsema so moved, and Trustee Gayles seconded.

Chair Wasowicz asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call.

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Absent	Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes
Trustee John Butler: Yes	Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle  
Recording Secretary

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