

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
August 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:48 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: Present

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Board Liaison and Chief of Staff Matt Streb; 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 and Chief Information Office Matt Parks; Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications Sol Jensen; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representatives Felicia Bohanon and Holly Nicholson.

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 Herrero so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2022

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2022. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Vice Chair Athas 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 he is very excited for the school year to be and is looking forward to a great year.

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. 162

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 162.

Agenda Item 7.a. Recommendations for Faculty Tenure and/or Promotion Effective 2022-2023

President Freeman presented agenda item 7.a. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.a. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Pritchard seconded.

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

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Abstain

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.b. Collective Bargaining Agreement for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO Local Union #364

President Freeman presented agenda item 7.b. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.b. Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Butler seconded. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7.c. Real Estate Property Sale Hoffman Estates Campus

President Freeman presented agenda item 7.c. for approval.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.c. Trustee Pritchard so moved, and Trustee Barsema 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 September 15, 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 Moore seconded.

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

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 2:46 p.m.

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

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Present

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Present

Trustee John Butler: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Vice Chair Rita Athas: Yes

Trustee Dennis Barsema: Yes

Trustee John Butler: Yes

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle
Recording Secretary

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