

Minutes of the  
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**  
**Special Meeting**  
August 24, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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: Present

Trustee Montel Gayles: Present

Trustee Veronica Herrero: Present

Trustee Tim Moore: Present

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Present

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Laurie Elish-Piper; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Yvonne Harris; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representative Benjamin Creed.

**MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2023 AND JUNE 15, 2023**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2023. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2023. Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Gayles seconded. The motion was approved.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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. 170**

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 170.

**Agenda Item 7.a. Miles Education Inc. Contract**

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 Moore seconded. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 7.b. Lowden Hall Heat Exchanger Replacement**

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

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

**Agenda Item 7.c. Executive Vice President and Provost Search Update**

**President Freeman presented agenda item 7.c.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held September 21, 2023 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: closed session minutes matters as generally described under section 2(c)(21) of 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 student disciplinary cases matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the open meetings act.

Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded.

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

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

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 1:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 2:55 p.m.

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: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Moore 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: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle

Recording Secretary

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