

Minutes of the  
**NIU Board of Trustees**  
**Of Northern Illinois University**  
**Special Meeting**  
December 2, 2016

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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 John Butler, Matthew Holmes, Robert Marshall, Tim Struthers, and Board Chair Marc Strauss. Members absent Trustees Robert Boey, Wheeler Coleman, Cherilyn Murer. Also present: President Doug Baker, Board Liaison Mike Mann; General Counsel Jerry Blakemore, Executive Vice President and Provost Lisa Freeman, and Vice President Al Phillips.

**2. 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 physically present.

**3. MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**4. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No comments were made.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

General Counsel Blakemore encouraged the Board to take formal action allowing the members who are on by teleconference to participate in the meeting by teleconference.

Chair Strauss responded, for clarification since it appears none of them are on currently, can we do this again in the closed session for the purpose of the closed session?

General Counsel Blakemore responded, yes.

Chair Strauss added, I'll take care of it during the closed session.

**6. OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters were discussed.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

Full Board Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2016.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Strauss 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: litigation and risk management matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(11) and (12) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Butler so moved, seconded by Trustee Homes. A roll call vote of the Trustees to recess to Closed Session was as follows:

Trustee Robert Boey: Absent	Vice Chair John Butler: Yes
Trustee Wheeler Coleman: Absent	Trustee Matthew Holmes: Yes
Trustee Robert Marshall: Yes	Trustee Cherilyn Murer: Absent
Trustee Tim Struthers: Yes	Board Chair Marc Strauss: Yes

The meeting is now closed and will re-open at the conclusion of the closed session, however, no additional business will be conducted. The Board adjourned for closed session at 10:08 a.m.

The Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University reconvened on December 2, 2016, at 12:03 p.m. Chair Strauss announced they were reconvening after the closed session and asked for a roll call. Present: Trustees Robert Boey, John Butler, Matthew Holmes, Robert Marshall, Tim Struthers, Board Chair Marc Strauss. Absent: Trustee Wheeler Coleman, Cherilyn Murer.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Strauss asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Boey so moved and Trustee Marshall seconded. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Carey  
Recording Secretary

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