

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
February 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 12:49 p.m. by Board Chair Eric Wasowicz in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall. This meeting is being conducted in person and through videoconferencing communications pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, enacted June 12, 2020, and section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, allowing for virtual board meetings during a disaster declaration relating to public health concerns. As Chair of the Board, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. As such, trustees may attend today's meeting by audio and visual conferencing and not by physical presence.

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: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent	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; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist; Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships Jerry Blazey; Chief of Police Darren Mitchell and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representatives Felicia Bohanon 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 Butler 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: Absent	Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent	Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2022

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2022. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Butler 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UAC Representative Montana commented he appreciates the Governors commitment to making higher education affordable as well as NIU making higher education affordable.

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. 166

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 166.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.a. Fiscal Year 2024 Room and Board Pricing Recommendation

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.a. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Vice Chair Athas 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.b. Fiscal Year 2024 Undergraduate Tuition Pricing Recommendation

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.b. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Butler 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.c. Fiscal Year 2024 Graduate and Law Tuition Pricing Recommendation

As noted during the Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee earlier this morning, the law component of this item has been deferred for action until the March 23, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. This allows for a sufficient number of trustees to be present when voting for there to be a valid passing of the motion.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.c. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Vice Chair Athas 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.d. Fiscal Year 2024 Undergraduate, Graduate, and Law Student Fee Pricing Recommendation

As noted during the Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee earlier this morning, the law component of this item has been deferred for action until the March 23, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. This allows for a sufficient number of trustees to be present when voting for there to be a valid passing of the motion.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.d. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Butler 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.e. Graduation Fee Proposal

As noted during the Finance, Audit, Compliance, Facilities and Operations Committee earlier this morning, the law component of this item has been deferred for action until the March 23, 2023

Board of Trustees meeting. This allows for a sufficient number of trustees to be present when voting for there to be a valid passing of the motion.

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.e. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Vice Chair Athas 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.f. Fiscal Year 2024 Student Health Insurance

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.f. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Butler 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.g. EAB Master Service Agreement (MSA)

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.g. Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Gayles 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

President Lisa Freeman presented Agenda Item 7.h. Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter #414 Security Guards

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve item 7.h. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Butler 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 Veronica Herrero: Absent
Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Trustee Montel Gayles: Yes
Trustee Tim Moore: Absent
Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

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 June 15, 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; and personnel matters as generally described under sections 2(c)(1)(2)(3) and (21) of the open meetings act.

Vice Chair Athas so moved, and Trustee Butler 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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 1:12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 2:24 p.m.

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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

ADJOURNMENT

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

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: Absent

Trustee Tim Moore: Absent

Trustee Bob Pritchard: Absent

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle
Recording Secretary

In compliance with Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq, a verbatim record of all Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees meetings is maintained by the Board Recording Secretary and is available for review upon request. The minutes contained herein represent a true and accurate summary of the Board proceedings.