

Minutes of the
Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University
Special Meeting
May 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 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
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; and University Advisory Council (UAC) Representative 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.

Board Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to allow Trustee Athas to participate in the meeting remotely due to illness. Trustee Gayles so moved and Trustee Herrero seconded. The motion was approved.

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to amend that motion, in order to approve a consent agenda for action items 7.a. through 7.k. Trustee Gayles so moved, and Trustee Barsema seconded. The motion was approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2023

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2023. Trustee Butler so moved, and Trustee Moore 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 that he is looking forward to graduation this weekend!

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. 168

Chair Wasowicz asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 168.

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

Agenda Item 7.a. Appointment of Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships

Agenda Item 7.b. Appointment of the Dean of the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology

Agenda Item 7.c. Appointment of Interim Dean of the College of Business

Agenda Item 7.d. Appointment of Acting Dean of the College of Education

Agenda Item 7.e. Services of Lease in Support of Student Health and Athletic Care

Agenda Item 7.f. Fiscal Year 2023 Campus Fleet Printing Additional Funding Request

Agenda Item 7.g. Patterson Hall East Fire Sprinkler System Piping Replacement

Agenda Item 7.h. College of Business Barsema Hall Renovation for New HAVI Center for Analytics and Technology

Agenda Item 7.i. Stevenson Residential Complex Towers A, B, C, and D Washroom Faucet Replacements Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 7.j. Stevenson Residential Complex Tower Elevator Upgrades Capital Project Approval

Agenda Item 7.k. Yordon Center Room 125 Northwestern Medicine Performance Center Flooring Replacement Budget Increase

Chair Wasowicz asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Herrero so moved, and Trustee Butler 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 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; 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 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: Yes

Trustee Tim Moore: Yes

Board Chair Eric Wasowicz: Yes

The motion was approved.

The Board closed the public meeting at 1:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from closed session at 3:39 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 Barsema 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 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle
Recording Secretary

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review upon request. The minutes contained herein represent a true and accurate summary of the Board proceedings.