Minutes of the

**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**

**Special Meeting**

February 27, 2025

**Call to order and roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Board Chair Montel Gayles in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall.

Recording Secretary Crystal Doyle conducted a roll call.

Trustee Rita Athas: Present Trustee Dennis Barsema: Absent

Vice Chair John Butler: Present Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent

Trustee Aidan O’Brien: Present Trustee Leland Strom: Absent

Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Present Board Chair Montel Gayles: Present

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Vice President of Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Carol Sumner; Vice President for Student Affairs Clint-Michael Reneau; Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation; and Deputy Athletic Director/Executive Associate Athletic Director for Operations John Cheney

**Verification of quorum and appropriate notice of public meeting**

General Counsel Perry indicated that 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 Gayles asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded. The motion was approved.

**chair’s comments/announcements**

Chair Gayles welcomed everyone in attendance.

**public comment**

Chair Gayles introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry stated that there were no registered public comments.

**PResident’s report no. 186**

Chair Gayles asked President Freeman to present the President’s Report No. 186.

**Agenda Item 6.a. Entrance Fee for Northern Illinois University to Join the Horizon League**

President Freeman presented agenda item 6.a. for approval.

Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve item 6.a. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee O’Brien 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 March 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Chair Gayles asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee O’Brien seconded. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at11:20 a.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.*