

Approved by the Board of Trustees
January 16, 2020

Board Meeting
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APPOINT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OF THE
UNIVERSITY

Action: Appoint Secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

President Timothy L. Killeen recommends the appointment of Gregory J. Knott, previously Assistant Dean of University Libraries at Urbana, to serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$182,500, beginning June 1, 2020. Mr. Knott was appointed to serve as Secretary of the University Designate under the same conditions and salary arrangement beginning January 6, 2020, and also will serve as Secretary of the Board Designate effective upon Board approval on January 16, 2020.

Mr. Knott is succeeding Ms. Dedra Mooday Williams, who is retiring June 1, 2020, after serving as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the University for four years.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This recommendation is based upon the support of a search committee¹ and after conferring with the University Senates Conference.

I seek your approval.

GREGORY J. KNOTT

Education:

Illinois State University, Normal, B.S., 1992
University of Illinois at Springfield, M.B.A., 1995
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, M.S.L.I.S., 2017

Professional or Other Experience:

Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois-Springfield, 1993-96, Planning and Development Analyst
State Universities Retirement System of Illinois, 1996-2002, Retirement Benefits Team Leader
University of Illinois, Center for Advanced Bio-Energy Research, 2006-13, Associate Director for Budget and Human Resources
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Business and Strategic Planning, 2002-13, Assistant Head; 2013-date, Assistant Dean of University Libraries

¹Donald J. Edwards, Trustee, *chair*; Ramon Cepeda, Trustee; Jill B. Smart, Trustee; Thomas R. Bearrows, University Counsel, *ex-officio*; Ms. Jami Painter, *staff*; and Dr. Barbara Wilson, Executive Vice President, served in an advisory role.