

Approved by the Board of Trustees  
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## APPOINT DIRECTORS, PRAIRIELAND ENERGY, INC.

**Action:** Appoint Directors, Prairieland Energy, Inc.

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The University procures energy commodity and related energy services from market sources through Prairieland Energy, Inc. (Prairieland), a university-related organization. Prairieland was approved by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (Board of Trustees) in September 1996 to provide low-cost energy for the benefit of the University and others. Prairieland provides an efficient vehicle for flexible, nimble, and real-time participation in wholesale energy markets, resulting in cost savings and other benefits to the University. The Board of Trustees is the sole member of Prairieland, and as such is responsible for appointing Directors to the Prairieland Board which currently has two vacancies.

The Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Mohamed Attalla as the Executive Director of Facilities and Services in Urbana-Champaign on July 19, 2018, to replace Helen Coleman who was serving in this capacity on an interim basis. The University President previously nominated the individual serving in this position to serve as a Prairieland Director. Ms. Coleman served on the Prairieland Board until August 31, 2018. Larry Altenbaumer, Independent Director, resigned from the Prairieland Board

on June 14, 2018. The Prairieland Board recommends filling Director Altenbaumer's seat with the appointment of Dr. Mark Laufenberg, President of PowerWorld Corporation and alumnus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Pursuant to its authority, the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dr. Attalla and Dr. Laufenberg to serve as Prairieland Directors for a three-year term.

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.