

Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 20, 2021

Board Meeting
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ROLL CALL

DISCLOSE CERTAIN MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS PURSUANT TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Under the Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly, public bodies subject to the Act that conduct business under exceptions specified in the Act must, at least every six months, determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to each item considered under such exception. Pursuant to the Act, “[m]inutes of meetings closed to the public shall be available only after the public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential...” [5 ILCS 120/2.06(f)].

Items from November 1999 through January 2021 that have been heretofore unreleased are recommended for release at this time.

The University Counsel and the Secretary of the Board, having consulted with appropriate University officers, recommends that the following matters considered in executive session for the time period indicated above be made available to the public at this time.

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.

The President of the University concurs.

Executive Session Minutes Released to Public

November 12, 2020, Board of Trustees Meeting

Chair Donald J. Edwards convened this executive session at 8:05 a.m. All trustees except Mr. Cepeda and Governor Pritzker were present.¹ The following were also in attendance:

Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Knott and Mr. Bearrows to discuss the potential release of minutes that had been sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Knott outlined the items that were recommended for release. Mr. Bearrows discussed the relevant provisions of the Open Meetings Act and described the review that had been undertaken, which consisted of reviewing the minutes to determine whether the need for confidentiality still

¹ Mr. Dale joined the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

existed by balancing factors such as individual privacy and the public interest. He reminded members of the Board of the types of topics that the sequestered minutes involved and the guidelines used regarding whether to release them. The trustees accepted the recommendation from the Board secretary and counsel.