

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEARCH COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF A PRESIDENT, 2026
JUNE 24, 2026

This meeting of the Search Committee to Assist in the Selection of a President was held in the Isadore and Sadie Dorin Forum, Rooms G, H, and I, 725 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, beginning at 1:32 p.m. Attendance via videoconference was available from Room 3018, Campus Instructional Facility, 1405 West Springfield Avenue, Urbana, Illinois.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Ramón Cepeda, co-chair of the search committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Dr. Elizabeth Aquino,¹ Dr. Robert A. Barish, Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Ms. Gabi DalSanto, Ms. Sandra De Groote,¹ Mr. William D. Forsyth, Dr. Janet L. Gooch, Mr. Joseph Gutman, Ms. Tenea Harris, Ms. Ashley Huang, Mr. Devin Hunter, Dr. Joseph Irudayaraj, Dr. Stephen Maren, Dr. Mary Maryland, Dr. Suzet M. McKinney, Dr. Kouros Mohammadian, Mr. Mitch Olenick, Mr. Donovan Pepper, Dr. Matt Spindler,² Dr. Megan Styles, Mr. Cedric D. Thurman, Mr. Joshua H. Whitman,³ and Dr. Ann Yeung.

¹ Dr. Aquino and Ms. De Groote arrived at 1:36 p.m.

² Dr. Spindler attended via remote videoconference.

³ Mr. Whitman arrived at 1:34 p.m.

Also in attendance were Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; Ms. Jami M. Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer, University System; Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; Ms. Rhonda Perry, deputy University counsel; and Ms. Marla J. Todd, assistant secretary, Office of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Cepeda welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Dr. Roderick J. McDavis, managing principal and chief executive officer, AGB Search; Dr. Sally Mason, senior executive search consultant, AGB Search; Dr. Garry W. Owens, senior executive search consultant, AGB Search, were attending via remote videoconference.

Dr. Yeung gave an overview of the process to date. She referenced recent town hall sessions at each university and said that 116 stakeholders participated. Dr. Yeung stated that members of the committee heard many different viewpoints and gathered valuable input for the development of the leadership profile that will describe the kind of leader the committee is seeking to be the University's next president. Dr. Yeung said the committee also received written comments via email and from the AGB Search anonymous web survey that will be considered as the committee moves forward. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the committee for everyone who took time to participate in this process.

Mr. Cepeda asked the secretary if there were any requests for public comment, and there were none. Mr. Cepeda confirmed that there was no one in the

gallery in Chicago or in Urbana who would like to provide comments in alignment with the Board's policy for public comment.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:37 p.m. Mr. Cepeda requested a motion to convene an executive session as permitted under Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On motion of Mr. Thurman, seconded by Ms. Huang, this motion was approved. There were no "nay" votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Material redacted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06d)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

The executive session adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 3:13 p.m., with all committee members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Cepeda requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Gutman, seconded by Dr. McKinney, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

JEFFREY A. STEIN
Secretary

RAMÓN CEPEDA
Co-Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary

ANN YEUNG
Co-Chair