

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, *March 12, 1867.*

In pursuance of the foregoing laws, and in response to the subjoined letter of appointment from His Excellency, Richard J. Oglesby, Governor of Illinois, the Board of Trustees (thereby created), met in the hall of the House of Representatives in this city, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1867: .

### THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
SPRINGFIELD, *March 1, 1867.*

To \_\_\_\_\_

DEAR SIR:—You are hereby notified and informed that you have been appointed a trustee of the Illinois Industrial University, located in Champaign county. Your appointment will bear date March 1, 1867.

You are also notified that the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the city of Springfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 12, 1867, being the second Tuesday of said month, as provided by the act.

At this meeting the Board of Trustees, among other important duties to be performed, will be required to elect a Regent of the University. You are therefore respectively requested to attend said meeting, as required by law.

Yours, etc.,

R. J. OGLESBY,

*Governor of Illinois.*

As an *ex officio* member of the board, His Excellency, the Governor, called the meeting to order, and, directing attention to certain provisions of the law for the organization of the institution, said that it was made his duty to appoint one trustee from each Congressional District, thirteen in all, and five from each one of the three Grand Judicial Divisions of the State, making in all twenty-eight trustees to be appointed by him. In addition to these, the law also appointed four other *ex officio* members, to-wit: The Governor, and Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State, the President of the State Agricultural Society, and the

Regent of the University, when he should be elected, who was also to be President of the Board. He felt that the trust devolving upon them was a highly important one, and that the men who assumed it, and discharged it gratuitously, were serving their State in no mean capacity.

The Governor heartily indorsed the project, and wished it the utmost success, not doubting that it was destined to be one of the foremost institutions of our State at no very distant day. Discretion, labor and perseverance were necessary to give it a successful impulse. He thought the State might congratulate itself upon the appointment of such a board, and again hoped their labors would be crowned with eminent success.

A temporary organization was then effected by the election of His Excellency, Governor Oglesby, as chairman, and James Rea, Esq., as recording secretary.

The secretary then proceeded to call the roll of members as furnished by the Governor's private secretary, Col. George H. Harlow, as follows :

First Congressional District—David S. Hammond, of Cook county, present.

Second Congressional District—Luther W. Lawrence, of Boone county, absent.

Third Congressional District—Horatio C. Burchard, of Stephenson county, present.

Fourth Congressional District—John S. Johnson, of Hancock county, present.

Fifth Congressional District—Samuel Edwards, of Bureau county, present.

Sixth Congressional District—O. B. Galusha, of Grundy county, present.

Seventh Congressional District—M. L. Dunlap, of Champaign county, present.

Eighth Congressional District—Lemuel Allen, of Tazewell county, present.

Ninth Congressional District—Alexander Blackburn, of McDonough county, present.

Tenth Congressional District—M. C. Goltra, of Morgan county, present.

Eleventh Congressional District—J. P. Hungate, of Clay county, present.

Twelfth Congressional District—Willard C. Flagg, of Madison county, present.

Thirteenth Congressional District—A. M. Brown, of Pulaski county, present.

First Grand Judicial Division—L. B. McMurray, of Effingham county, absent.

Charles H. Topping, of Union county, present.

Thomas Quick, of Washington county, present.

Burden Pullen, of Clinton county, present.

Isaac S. Mahan, of Marion county, present.

Second Grand Judicial Division—George Harding, of Edgar county, present.

J. H. Pickrell, of Macon county, present.

Mason Brayman, of Sangamon county, absent.

J. C. Cunningham, of Champaign county, present.

J. W. Scroggs, of Champaign county, present.

Third Grand Judicial Division—John M. Van Osdel, of Cook county, present.

J. C. Burroughs, of Cook county, present.

S. S. Hayes, of Cook county, present.

Emery Cobb, of Kankakee county, present.

Robert Douglass, of Lake county, absent.

#### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

His Excellency, Governor Oglesby, present.

Newton Bateman, LL. D., present.

A. B. McConnell, absent.

Making in all twenty-six members present, and five absent.

The Governor declared that a quorum of members being present the meeting was regular and lawful for the transaction of the business for which it was convened.

Mr. DUNLAP moved that the board now take a recess till 2 P. M.; which, by request, was withdrawn.

Mr. HAMMOND moved that the present organization be considered as permanent until after the election of a regent; which, on being seconded, was put and carried.

Mr. BURCHARD suggested whether the next business in order would not be the locating of the institution.

Mr. HAYES rose to a question of order, and suggested that to the better carrying out of the spirit of the constitution, it would be proper, before proceeding farther with the business on hand, that the members of the board take the customary oath to preserve the constitutions of the State and Nation, against duelling, etc., and moved that the members present do now subscribe to the said oath; which was seconded and carried.

Police Justice, L. B. Adams, being present, was called upon, and administered the following oath, which was subscribed to by all the members present, with uplifted hands:

"You do severally solemnly swear that you will support the constitutions of the United States and of this State, and faithfully perform the duties of trustees of the Illinois Industrial University, to the best of your knowledge and ability. You do also solemnly swear that you have not fought a duel, nor sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which might have been the death of either party, nor been a second to either party, nor in any manner aided or assisted in such duel, nor been knowingly the bearer of such challenge or acceptance since the adoption of the constitution, and that you will not be so engaged or concerned, directly or indirectly, in or about any such duel, during your continuance in office. So help you God."

Mr. BURROUGHS preferred that a Regent should be elected to-day, so that the scrip might be issued and located with as little delay as possible.

Mr. BLACKBURN thought that in view of the supplemental act "for the organization, endowment, etc.," of the University, there could be no doubt that the institution was located at Champaign, and thought the board should assume such a shape as to receive the property donated, before the Regent should be elected.

Mr. QUICK thought that the board should proceed at once to the election of a Regent.

Mr. BURCHARD wanted light as to the best man for the position, and therefore made a motion to adjourn till 2½ P. M., at which time the board shall proceed to the election of a Regent under the law.

An amendment was offered making the election of a Regent the special order for 2½ this P. M.

Mr. SCROGGS thought the motion to adjourn was before the house, and that no discussion was in order.

The Chair stated that the question before the house was whether the election of a Regent shall be fixed as the special order for 2½ this P. M.; which, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

A motion to adjourn, by Mr. GOLTRA, was withdrawn, to make way for nominations for the office of Regent of the University. Nominations for Regent being then in order,

Mr. DUNLAP put in nomination the Hon. DANIEL J. PINCKNEY, of Ogle county.

Mr. QUICK, in an eloquent speech, put in nomination Dr. JOHN M. GREGORY, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mr. BURROUGHS nominated Dr. N. N. WOOD, of Morgan county.

Mr. BURCHARD put in nomination the Hon. J. L. PICKARD, of Cook county.

Mr. BURROUGHS withdrew the name of Dr. N. N. WOOD.

After which the board, on motion, took a recess till 2½ P. M.

#### AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, when Mr. McCONNELL took his seat, and subscribed to the foregoing oath.

Mr. BURROUGHS offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That sensible of our dependence on the Divine blessing in the great work in which we are engaged, it should be a standing order of this board to commence each day's proceedings by reading of the Word of God and prayer.

Which was seconded, and adopted unanimously ; whereupon,

Mr. MAHAN was called to the platform and led in prayer to Almighty God, in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, invoking His blessing upon the members individually, and upon the enterprise they were met to organize.

Mr. HAYES submitted the following series of resolutions for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the recording secretary, *pro tem.*, procure for the use of the board of trustees a well bound book, in which shall be entered of record, in a plain and legible hand, the proceedings of the present and succeeding meetings of this board.

2. That this resolution shall be entered upon said book as a part of the proceedings of this meeting.

3. That until a system of by-laws shall be adopted by the board of trustees, the rules and proceedings usually adopted by deliberative bodies, shall be and are hereby adopted for the government of this board.

4. That all resolutions when offered shall be reduced to writing, and sent to the desk of the recording secretary to be read, before action shall be taken upon such resolutions by the board.

Which were unanimously adopted.

The following was offered by Mr. FLAGG :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to have immediately printed for the use of this board two hundred copies of all the acts of Congress and of our State Legislature, relating to the Industrial University of this State.

Which was adopted, and the recording secretary ordered to furnish the Secretary of State with a certified copy thereof.

Mr. FLAGG offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the recording secretary *pro tem.*, be empowered to procure such blanks, rolls, etc., as may be necessary, for the use of the board.

Adopted.

Mr. BURROUGHS offered the following :

*Resolved*, That we now proceed to an informal ballot for Regent of the Industrial University;

Which was, on motion, adopted; but as several gentlemen desired to submit to the board certain statements touching the merits of their respective candidates, the vote by which it was passed was reconsidered and a motion to re-pass it was tabled.

MESSRS. DUNLAP, QUICK, BURROUGHS and BATEMAN, severally spoke at length on the merits of the various candidates put in nomination.

Mr. DUNLAP offered the following; which was laid on the table :

*Resolved*, That any member of the General Assembly is competent to hold the office of Regent.

Mr. BLACKBURN offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a majority of the votes of all the members appointed as trustees, and of the members, *ex officio*, be required to elect any of the officers to be chosen by this board.

Adopted.

Mr. QUICK called up the resolution of Mr. BURROUGHS, which lay on the table, to proceed to an informal ballot for Regent.

Which was agreed to.

And the question being, "Shall the resolution pass?"

Mr. FLAGG moved to amend by striking out the word "ballot," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "vote," which was lost, and the resolution adopted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. QUICK and BURCHARD tellers.

The Board then proceeded to an informal ballot for Regent, which resulted as follows: Gregory 16, Pinckney 5, Pickard 5, blank 1.

Mr. BLACKBURN offered the following:

*Resolved*, That we now proceed to elect, by formal ballot, a Regent for the "Illinois Industrial University."

Which was adopted.

Mr. BURCHARD withdrew the name of Hon. J. L. Pickard.

Mr. DUNLAP withdrew the name of Hon. D. J. Pinckney, which was subsequently put in nomination by Mr. PICKRELL.

The Board then voted formally by ballot, when the result stood—Gregory 22, Pinckney 4, blank 1.

On motion of Mr. PICKRELL, Dr. J. M. Gregory was declared unanimously elected.

Mr. BURROUGHS introduced the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange and bring to the notice of the Board the business requiring attention at this meeting.

Which was adopted, and, under its provisions, the Chair appointed Messrs. Burroughs, Burchard and Hayes.

Mr. BLACKBURN made a motion that the salary of the Regent be fixed at three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum.

Mr. BURCHARD suggested that the motion of Mr. Blackburn be referred to a committee of three.

Mr. HAYES moved the postponement of the consideration of salary.

Mr. BLACKBURN offered as a substitute a motion that the question of the amount of the Regent's salary be referred to a committee of five, to be appointed by the Chair; which was adopted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blackburn, Dunlap, Goltra, Quick and Pickrell, as such committee.

## TENURE OF OFFICE BY TRUSTEES.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM offered the following :

*Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary be instructed to prepare nine ballots marked *two* years, nine ballots marked *four* years, and ten ballots marked *six* years; that the Recording Secretary call the roll of members, and that as the names are called, the President draw a ballot, and that the ballot so drawn shall designate the term of service of such member on this Board.

To which Mr. HAYES offered the following amendment :

"Strike out 'ten' and insert *nine*; and insert after 'six years,' '*and one ballot blank.*' Add at the close, '*the Recording Secretary shall prepare three ballots—one marked two years, one four years, and one six years, and the President shall draw one of them to designate the term of office of the member who shall have drawn the blank ballot.*'"

The amendment was accepted by Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and the resolution, as amended, adopted. Whereupon the Recording Secretary prepared the ballots; which were drawn in the manner prescribed, with the following result:

Allen .....	4	years.	Hammond...	2	years.
Burchard .....	4	"	Harding.....	6	"
Burroughs .....	6	"	Hayes.....	6	"
Blackburn ..	2	"	Hungate.....	6	"
Brown .....	2	"	Johnson.....	2	"
Brayman .....	6	"	Lawrence.....	4	"
Cobb.....	6	"	Mahan.....	2	"
Cunningham .....	4	"	McMurray.....	2	"
Douglass.....	4	"	Pullen.....	4	"
Dunlap.....	0	"	Pickrell.....	4	"
Edwards.....	2	"	Quick.....	2	"
Flagg.....	4	"	Scroggs.....	6	"
Galusha .....	4	"	Topping.....	2	"
Goltra .....	6	"	Van Osdel.....	6	"

Mr. Dunlap subsequently drew a two years ballot.

On motion, the Board took a recess till 7½ P. M.

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 EVENING SESSION.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, the Governor in the chair.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. BLACKBURN, from the committee to whom was referred the question of the Regent's salary, submitted the following report:



*"To the Board of Trustees of the State Industrial University":*

"The committee on salary respectfully report and recommend that the salary of the Regent of said University be fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum.

A. BLACKBURN,  
M. L. DUNLAP,  
M. C. GOLTRA,  
J. H. PICKRELL."

Mr. DUNLAP moved that Mr. Quick be appointed a committee on the part of the Board to inform Dr. John M. Gregory of his election to the Regency of the University, and the amount of salary offered; which was amended by the addition of the names of Mr. Dunlap and Dr. Bateman to the committee, and adopted, as amended.

Mr. BURROUGHS, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing a routine of business, made the following report:

The committee to which was referred the duty of presenting to the Board subjects, which, by the terms of the bill establishing the college, or by the necessities of the University, will need the attention of the Board, beg leave to report the following order of business for each day's proceedings:

- 1st. The reception of communications.
- 2d. Reports of committees.
- 3d. Unfinished business.

They also report the following subjects as needing the attention of the Board at this session, and recommend that committees be appointed to consider and report on the same:

- 1st. By-laws for the government of the proceedings of the Board.
- 2d. The finances of the University.
- 3d. Election of Treasurer.
- 4th. Corresponding and Recording Secretaries.

The report was accepted.

The same committee also submitted the following supplemental report:

The course of study and the faculty of the University should receive attention at this meeting, and your committee respectfully suggest that a committee of five, of which the Regent shall be chairman, be appointed to consider these subjects and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Which was accepted.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM offered the following:

"Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the building prepared for the uses of the University at Urbana, on the first Tuesday of May next. That Messrs. Dunlap, Cunningham and Seroggs be a committee to prepare a room

in said building and supply it with the necessary furniture for said meeting of the Board."

Adopted.

Mr. BURCHARD moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare *by-laws*, and to report at the next meeting in May; which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mahan, Allen and Brown, as such committee.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM offered the following, as suggested by the report of the committee:

*Order of Business.*

*Resolved*, That a committee of five, of which the Regent shall be chairman, be appointed by the chair, to prepare and report a course of study for the University, to the adjourned meeting of this Board to be held in May next, and also to suggest a faculty.

Carried.

Mr. BURROUGHS moved that the chair appoint a committee of five, to be styled the "Finance Committee," to serve for one year; which was adopted.

The Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Cobb, Van Osdel, Cunningham, Galusha and Harding.

Mr. DUNLAP moved to defer the election of the other officers of the Board until its next meeting.

Mr. BATEMAN opposed the motion.

Mr. BURROUGHS called for a division of the question, so as to vote first on the postponement of the election of Treasurer; which was carried; and the question being, "Shall the election of a Treasurer for the University be postponed till the next meeting?" it was decided in the negative; when the second division of the question—"Shall the election of Corresponding and Recording Secretaries be postponed till next meeting?" was put and also negatived.

Mr. BURROUGHS moved to postpone the election of Treasurer till half-past nine to-morrow. Lost.

Mr. McCONNELL moved to proceed to the election of Treasurer now.

Mr. QUICK moved to amend, by inserting "*ten o'clock* to-morrow;" which was agreed to, and the motion put and carried.

Mr. VAN OSDEL introduced a series of resolutions, looking to the establishment of a Polytechnic branch of the University at Chicago; which, by consent, were laid over till to-morrow.

Mr. HARDING moved that the Board proceed to the nomination of candidates for Treasurer; which was agreed to.

Mr. BLACKBURN put in nomination the name of Thomas A. Cosgrove, Esq., of Champaign, and accompanied the nomination by a lengthy petition from citizens of Champaign county, which was laid on the desk of the Recording Secretary.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM put in nomination the name of the Hon. Clark R. Griggs, of Urbana, and accompanied the nomination by a petition from citizens of Champaign county, in support of the same, which was also laid on the Secretary's desk.

Mr. McCONNELL put in nomination the name of John W. Bunn, Esq., of Springfield.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ o'clock to-morrow.

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