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MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

MAY 16, 2018

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in Room 224, Student Union, 2251 Richard Wright Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Mr. Edward L. McMillan, serving as chair *pro tem* of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the clerk to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Mr. Patrick J. Fitzgerald;<sup>1</sup> Dr. Timothy N. Koritz; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Ms. Shaina Humphrey, student trustee, Springfield; Mr. Trayshawn M. W. Mitchell, student trustee, Urbana; and Ms. Karina Reyes,<sup>2</sup> voting student trustee, Chicago. Dr. Stuart C. King, trustee, attended the meeting as a guest. President Timothy L. Killeen was in attendance.

Also present were Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois;

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Fitzgerald participated in the meeting via telephone.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Reyes arrived at 2:23 p.m.

Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Edward Seidel, vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations; and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of other staff members in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. McMillan asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on March 14, 2018, and there were none. He requested a motion to approve the minutes, and on motion of Ms. Smart, seconded by Dr. Koritz, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON MAY 17, 2018

Mr. McMillan introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on May 17, 2018. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the clerk.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff,  
and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

Mr. McMillan asked Ms. Williams to comment on the recommended appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Ms. Williams

explained that the appointments recommended in this item are thoroughly reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, and unit, and she asked that members of the committee contact her with any questions. There were no comments or questions regarding this recommendation.

#### Appoint Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Mr. McMillan asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to appoint members to the Athletic Board at Urbana. Dr. Jones explained this is an annual process and said the Athletic Board plays a critical role at Urbana. He said that information about the individuals recommended for appointment to the Athletic Board is included in the agenda item. Mr. McMillan asked about terms and rotations of Athletic Board positions, and Dr. Jones reported on various term lengths and said that members of the Athletic Board may return for an additional term. He told the committee that Dr. Matthew B. Wheeler, professor of animal sciences, Urbana, has served for 20 years cumulatively.

#### Approve Minutes of Prairieland Energy, Inc.

Mr. McMillan then asked Mr. Michael B. Bass, senior associate vice president and deputy comptroller, to discuss the recommendation approve the minutes of Prairieland Energy, Inc. Mr. Bass stated that Board of Trustees is the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., and would meet the following day. He said the minutes will appear on the agenda for voting and have been distributed to trustees.

### Appoint Directors, Prairieland Energy, Inc.

Mr. Bass then discussed the recommendation to appoint directors to the Prairieland Energy, Inc., board. He said it is being recommended that Mr. John Coronado, vice chancellor for administrative services, Chicago, serve as Prairieland director, and Mr. Doug Brown, chief utility engineer and acting general manager for Springfield City Water, Light, and Power, serve as an “at-large” member. Mr. Bass indicated that at least two of the three “at-large” members must be independent from the University, and he gave some background information on Mr. Brown.

There were no objections to the items listed above going forward to the full Board for approval.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Legislative Update

Next, Mr. McMillan asked Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, director of State relations, Office of Governmental Relations, to give a legislative update. Ms. Creasey reported on work that is underway at the federal level and said the federal relations team is responding to proposed legislation on immigration and other issues impacting the University. She gave an update on potential funding for national agencies and referred to visits from Sen. Dick Durbin to Urbana and Chicago. Ms. Creasey then gave an update on activities at the



State level and said that the spring session is in its final days. She reported on legislation impacting the University and said that current focus is on the Fiscal Year 2019 budget and the State appropriation to the University. Ms. Creasey said that a letter writing campaign by the student advocacy coalition resulted in 730 letters sent to legislators, and she said the Office of Governmental Relations is working with Illinois Connection to communicate the need to prioritize funding to higher education and the University of Illinois. She referred to an upcoming call to action that will emphasize funding for higher education and the University and said they continue to tell the story of the University of Illinois and its positive impact on the State. A brief discussion followed regarding University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) legislation, and Ms. Creasy and President Killeen commented on the increase in cosponsors. Committee members also discussed issues in higher education in the State.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McMillan announced that the next meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee is scheduled for July 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

## MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:22 p.m., Mr. McMillan requested a motion for an executive session to consider discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. On motion of Dr. Koritz, seconded by Ms. Smart, this motion was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McMillan convened the executive session at 2:23 p.m. All committee members were present. Mr. Fitzgerald attended via telephone. The following were also in attendance: President Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

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

Mr. McMillan asked Ms. Williams to discuss the recommendation regarding the disclosure of minutes of executive sessions of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee held between September 2010 and November 2017. Ms. Williams outlined the requirement within the Open Meetings Act for public bodies to review minutes, at least twice annually, for purposes of protection of public interest and in the interest of protection of any individual, and to consider whether a need for these materials to be held from release continues. She stated that she has undertaken this review in conjunction with Mr. Bearrows and recommend the release of minutes from March 13, 2012, and

November 15, 2017. She described the subject matter of these minutes and said that no other minutes are proposed for release at this time.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the executive session adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

#### AGENDA

At 2:25 p.m., the open session resumed. Mr. McMillan stated that there was one agenda item requiring action by the committee, and Ms. Williams read aloud the title of the item, "Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act." The committee agreed that one roll call vote would be taken and considered the vote on the agenda item as listed below.

#### Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to Open Meetings Act

(1) 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.

Items from September 2010 through November 2017 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 matter considered in executive session for the time period above be made available to the public at this time.

The committee 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**

#### **March 13, 2012, Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee**

Ms. Strobel then asked Ms. Maureen M. Parks, executive director of human resources, University of Illinois, and associate vice president for human resources, University administration, to provide an update on the search for a coach for the basketball team at Urbana. Ms. Parks stated that the Board will be provided with an update at its meeting on Thursday, March 15, and she provided an overview of the process that will be used to conduct the search for the coach. She emphasized the dynamic and fast-paced nature of these types of searches, and she described the composition of the search committee. She stated that the process will be very confidential and that steps will be taken to ensure that



members of the search committee understand the importance of confidentiality. This was followed by a brief discussion.

### **November 15, 2017, Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee**

Mr. Fitzgerald convened this executive session at 2:17 p.m. All committee members were present. Also in attendance were President Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

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

Ms. Williams stated that the Open Meetings Act requires that minutes from business conducted under exceptions specified in the Act must, at least every six months, be reviewed to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to each item considered under such exception. Ms. Williams reported that she and Mr. Bearrows reviewed all sequestered items considered in executive session during meetings of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee and recommend that a portion of the executive sessions from February 21, 2011; May 25, 2011; August 25, 2011; November 17, 2011; and May 10, 2017, be made available to the public. She discussed the contents of the minutes recommended for release and said that all other matters will continue to be sequestered. There were no additional comments or concerns expressed regarding this recommendation.

On motion of Dr. Koritz, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Fitzgerald, Dr. Koritz, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Smart, Ms. Humphrey, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Reyes; No, none.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Reyes, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.  
There were no "nay" votes.

Respectfully submitted,

DEDRA M. WILLIAMS  
*Clerk*

EDWARD L. MCMILLAN  
*Chair pro tem*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Assistant Clerk*