

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

MAY 19, 2021

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held via teleconference¹ on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Ricardo Estrada, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Mr. Kareem Dale, Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes, Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson, and Dr. Stuart C. King. Mr. Austin Verthein, student trustee, Springfield, was absent. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Mr. Donald J. Edwards, chair of the Board of Trustees; Ms. Sarah C. Phalen; Ms. Jocelyn Bravo, voting student trustee, Chicago; and Mr. Ali Mirza, student trustee, Urbana, attended the meeting as guests.

Also present were Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and

¹ Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-09.

vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, interim vice president of external relations and communications; Ms. Kirsten Ruby, interim director for University relations; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Estrada welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on March 10, 2021, and there were none. Mr. Estrada requested a motion to approve the minutes, and on motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Dr. King, the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:² Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King; No, none; Absent, Mr. Verthein.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON MAY 20, 2021

Mr. Estrada introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on May 20, 2021. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

² Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

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

Mr. Estrada asked Mr. Knott to comment on the recommended appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Mr. Knott explained that the appointments recommended in this item are thoroughly reviewed at the appropriate levels within the college, department, and unit, and he asked that members of the committee contact him with any questions.

Appoint Vice President of External Relations and Communications

Mr. Estrada asked President Killeen to discuss the recommendation to appoint Ms. Nazon as vice president of external relations and communications. President Killeen stated that Ms. Nazon formerly served as vice president of marketing and chief marketing officer at The Ohio State University, and he stated that some restructuring has made it possible to bring governmental relations and University relations together under one umbrella. He described Ms. Nazon's background and experience and introduced her to the committee. Ms. Nazon thanked President Killeen for the introduction and said she is excited to be back in Illinois and serving in this role at the University, working on behalf of the University and State. Mr. Estrada welcomed her on behalf of the Board.

Appoint Interim Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Elect Board Comptroller

Next, President Killeen reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, presently associate chancellor and vice provost for budget and resource planning and professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, to serve as interim vice president/chief financial officer and to be elected as Board comptroller. President Killeen explained that Dr. Wilson has accepted the position of president at the University of Iowa, and Dr. Ghosh will succeed Dr. Wilson on an interim basis, creating a need to fill his current role. President Killeen noted that Dr. Ghosh's proposed appointment will be presented at a subsequent meeting. He said Dr. Ellinger will succeed Dr. Ghosh in an interim basis, and he described Dr. Ellinger's background and experience. Dr. Ellinger thanked President Killeen for his trust and support. He also thanked Dr. Wilson for the years in which she served as a mentor, offering guidance and assistance.

Appoint Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Springfield

Mr. Estrada then asked Dr. Whitney to discuss the recommendation for the appointment of interim vice chancellor for finance and administration at Springfield. Dr. Whitney reported on the recommendation to appoint Mr. Arnold Henning as interim vice chancellor for finance and administration following the retirement of Mr. Gerard L. Joseph as associate provost for budget and administrative planning. Dr. Whitney described Mr. Henning's background and experience and said that he will be appointed pursuant to an agreement between the University and The Registry for College and

University Presidents. Dr. Whitney said a national search will be conducted to identify a permanent successor after a permanent chancellor has been appointed at Springfield.

Appoint Member to the Board of Managers of Illinois VENTURES, LLC

Next, Mr. Estrada asked Dr. Walsh to discuss the recommendation to appoint a member to the board of managers of Illinois VENTURES, LLC. Dr. Walsh provided information on the recommendation to appoint Mr. Todd W. Lillibridge as a business and industry member and said he serves as a member of the Dean's Business Council in the Gies College of Business and is the former president and chief executive officer of Lillibridge Healthcare Services.

Reappoint Members to the Advisory Board, Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) in Springfield, Chicago

Dr. Amiridis then reported on the recommendation to reappoint members to the advisory board for the Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) in Springfield, Chicago. He provided information about the DSCC and its role, and he said this item recommends the appointment of Dr. Laura Deon; Dr. Shubhra Mukherjee; Dr. Julian Lin; Dr. Theodore R. Sunder; and Dr. Stephen E. Bash as members of the advisory board.

Appoint Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Mr. Estrada then asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to appoint members to the Athletic Board at Urbana. Dr. Jones described the role of the Athletic Board and its

composition, and he told the committee that members should have a clear and compelling connection to student-athletes and athletics. He listed the individuals recommended for appointment and described the expertise and accomplishments of each. Mr. Estrada commented that the list of proposed members is impressive.

PRESENTATIONS

Legislative Update

Next, Mr. Estrada asked Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, senior director of State relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, director of federal relations, to give a legislative update. Ms. Creasey said that the current session ends on May 31, and she highlighted the role of Shield testing that made it possible to work in the capitol. She referred to many meetings with President Killeen, Dr. Wilson, UI Caucus members, and General Assembly leadership focusing on the State appropriation request and the University's legislative agenda. Ms. Creasey reported on an Illinois Connection call to action, a virtual student lobby day, and meetings with Illinois Connection advocates that emphasized the value of the University System to the State. She told the committee that many legislators support increasing Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants and the AIM HIGH Program, which provides assistance toward a full-time undergraduate student's cost of attendance at a public university. Ms. Creasey referred to conversations on establishing an appropriation for a statewide bridge program. She reported on legislation that could impact the

University and described the successful outcome of work done in this area. Ms. Creasey said a full end of session report will be made available when session concludes.

Mr. Weinberger listed federal virtual advocacy engagement events and congressional meetings and said that there was great representation from across the University System, including President Killeen, Dr. Wilson, chancellors, alumni, and students. He thanked the trustees who participated, particularly Mr. Estrada for being a strong voice on behalf of the University System. Mr. Weinberger referred to approximately 30 congressional meetings attended by faculty members in a wide range of fields. He said that an upcoming webinar, the third in an Altogether Extraordinary series, will focus on the Illinois Innovation Network. Mr. Weinberger described work on legislative and policy issues and said that the Endless Frontier Act, if passed, would significantly increase funding to the National Science Foundation. He referred to other bills relevant to higher education and said the Office of Governmental Relations continues to advocate on behalf of the University.

Mr. Estrada thanked Ms. Creasey and Mr. Weinberger for the report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Estrada asked if there was any new business to discuss, and there was none. He announced that the next meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee is scheduled for July 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:33 p.m., Mr. Estrada stated: “A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act.” On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, this motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King; No, none; Absent, Mr. Verthein.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Estrada convened this executive session at 2:35 p.m. All committee members were present. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling, Mr. Donald J. Edwards, Ms. Sarah C. Phalen, Ms. Jocelyn Bravo, and Mr. Ali Mirza attended as guests. 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; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, interim vice president of external relations and communications; Ms. Kirsten Ruby, interim 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. Estrada asked Mr. Knott and Mr. Bearrows to discuss the minutes that had been sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Knott 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 still exists. Mr. Bearrows stated that he and Mr. Knott met to review minutes that are sequestered under the Open Meetings Act and briefly described the process to determine whether the need for confidentiality continues. He stated that sequestered minutes from this committee are related to employee matters, and he described the guidelines for their potential release. Mr. Bearrows stated that the only sequestered minutes recommended for release at this time relate to the discussion of sequestered minutes from November 11, 2020. No members of the committee disagreed with this recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the executive session adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

AGENDA

At 2:37 p.m., the open session resumed. Mr. Estrada stated that there was one agenda item requiring action by the committee, and Mr. Knott 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. 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)].

An item from September 2010 through November 2020 that has been heretofore unreleased is 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

November 11, 2020, Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee

Mr. Estrada convened this executive session at 2:30 p.m. All committee members were present except Mr. Dale and Ms. Smart. Mr. Donald J. Edwards, chair of the Board, was in attendance. Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson attended as a guest. Also present were 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. Estrada asked Mr. Knott to discuss the recommendation regarding the disclosure of minutes of executive sessions of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee held September 2010 through November 2019. Mr. Knott 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. He stated that he has undertaken this review in conjunction with Mr. Bearrows and recommends the release of minutes from November 13, 2019, which state the

discussion of review at that time. Mr. Bearrows commented briefly on considerations used in performing the review and the types of topics discussed during executive sessions of this committee. No other minutes were proposed for release at this time.

On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, this recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King; No, none; Absent, Mr. Verthein.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Dr. King, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m. by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Dale, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Holmes, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King; No, none; Absent, Mr. Verthein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Chair

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