

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 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, September 22, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Ricardo Estrada, chair of the committee, stated that the chair of the Board of Trustees determined that an in-person meeting would not be practical or prudent due to COVID-19 and that under Section 7(e)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, this meeting would be held virtually. Mr. Estrada convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Mr. Ricardo Estrada; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Dr. Stuart C. King; and Ms. Mariama Mwilambwe, student trustee, Urbana. Mr. Kareem Dale and Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes were absent. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Mr. Donald J. Edwards, chair of the Board of Trustees; Ms. Sarah C. Phalen; and Mr. Austin Verthein,² voting student trustee, Springfield, attended the meeting as guests.

Also present were Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-

¹ Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-19 and 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2).

² Mr. Verthein arrived at 2:30 p.m.

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 vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, interim comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., interim vice president for economic development and innovation; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. President Killeen introduced Dr. Nicholas C. Burbules, Gutgsell Professor of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, Urbana, representing the University Senates Conference. 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 July 21, 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:³ Aye, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms. Mwilambwe; No, none; Absent, Mr. Dale, Ms. Holmes.

³ Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Mr. Estrada introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on September 23, 2021. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

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.

Approve Academic and Administrative Appointments for Contract Year 2021-2022

Mr. Estrada asked Dr. Ghosh to report on the recommendation to approve academic and administrative appointments for contract year 2021-2022. Dr. Ghosh stated that this item appears before the Board on an annual basis and is part of the annual reappointment process for faculty, academic professionals, and some other members of the staff. He added that these appointments are vetted at the college and university level.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations, Urbana

Mr. Estrada then asked Dr. Jones to discuss three items, beginning with the recommendation to appoint Dr. Michael T. DeLorenzo, presently senior associate chancellor for administration and operations, Office of the Chancellor, as the inaugural vice chancellor for administration and operations. Dr. Jones described Dr. DeLorenzo's background and experience, stating that he will bring expertise to this new role. Dr. Jones stated that this newly configured position reflects the consolidation of some positions due to retirement. He described Dr. DeLorenzo's responsibilities in this new role and commented on his reputation as a collaborator and relationship builder. Dr. King added that Dr. DeLorenzo is a wise choice for this position and is widely respected.

Appoint Member to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Dr. Jones then reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Nikki Usher, associate professor in the College of Media, to the Athletic Board. He provided information regarding the Athletic Board, its composition, and the role it plays at the university. He said there is enthusiastic support for this appointment.

Amend Multiyear Contract with Head Varsity Coach, Men's Basketball, Urbana

Dr. Jones discussed the recommendation to amend the multiyear contract with Mr. Bradley Underwood as head varsity coach of men's basketball and referred to the most recent basketball season as one of the most successful in the university's history. He

provided details regarding the proposed extension and changes to the contract, and he emphasized that it is important to send a strong message of support for Mr. Underwood. He noted that Mr. Underwood brought great distinction to the program and said that this recommendation has support from the athletic director and President Killeen.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Budget, Human Resources,
and Financial Administration, Chicago

Next, Mr. Estrada asked Dr. Amiridis to discuss the recommendation to appoint Ms. Janet Parker, presently associate chancellor for budget, human resources, and financial administration, as vice chancellor for budget, human resources, and financial administration. He described her background and experience and discussed the responsibilities associated with this role.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Engagement, Chicago

Dr. Amiridis then reported on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Amalia V. Pallares, presently associate chancellor and vice provost for diversity, as vice chancellor for diversity, equity, and engagement. He discussed the responsibilities associated with this role and said Dr. Pallares will be the first to hold this position.

Appoint Director, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Springfield

Mr. Estrada asked Dr. Whitney to provide information on the recommendation to appoint Ms. Laura Liesman as the director of intercollegiate athletics at Springfield. Dr. Whitney

described Ms. Liesman's background and experience and said that her appointment is being made with the advice of a search committee resulting from a national search.

Establish the University of Illinois No-Income,
Representative Office in Mexico City, Mexico

Next, Mr. Estrada asked Mr. Pradeep Khanna, associate vice chancellor for corporate relations, Urbana, to report on the recommendation to establish the University of Illinois No-Income, Representative Office (NIRO) in Mexico City, Mexico. Mr. Khanna referred to ties to Mexico within the University System, including the designation of the University of Illinois Chicago as a Hispanic-serving institution, and said that a delegation from the University travelled to Mexico in 2016. He said the University recently established the University of Illinois Mexican and Mexican-American Students (I-MMÁS) initiative and explained that the establishment of an NIRO will enable the University to pursue the objectives associated with I-MMÁS by having people on the ground to identify and pursue new opportunities and to support ongoing engagements. Mr. Khanna said there will be no charge for the office space, to be located on the campus of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM or National Autonomous University of Mexico), and that the budget will be less than \$100,000 per year. He emphasized the importance of having a physical presence. Mr. Estrada referred to research opportunities, and Dr. Amiridis noted that UNAM has an office at the University of Illinois Chicago with a similar arrangement.

Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees
as the Sole Member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., Meeting;
and Appoint Directors, Prairieland Energy, Inc.

Mr. Estrada then asked Mr. Mike Wilson, assistant vice president, Capital Programs and Utilities Services, to present recommendations to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., meeting and to appoint directors to Prairieland Energy, Inc. Mr. Wilson explained that it is recommended that Dr. Ellinger replace Dr. Ghosh as director of Prairieland and noted that he is the designated treasurer for Prairieland according to the Prairieland bylaws based upon his position at the University as interim comptroller. Mr. Wilson said that Dr. Ehab Kamarah was named as interim executive director of facilities and services for the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, replacing Dr. Mohammed Attalla, who served on the Prairieland board of directors. Mr. Wilson said it is recommended that Dr. Kamarah replace Dr. Attalla, who has left the university, as a Prairieland director.

Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees as the Sole Member of Shield T3, LLC,
Meeting; and Authorize Shield T3 Board of Managers to Study Potential
Expansion of Saliva-Based Testing Technologies

Lastly, Mr. Estrada asked Dr. Ghosh to provide information on the recommendations to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of the Shield T3, LLC, meeting and to authorize the Shield T3 board of managers to study the potential expansion of saliva-based testing technologies. Dr. Ghosh gave some background on Shield T3, LLC, and explained that the Board serves as the sole member. He said the

September 10, 2020, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Shield T3, LLC, are recommended for Board approval. Dr. Ghosh then discussed the recommendation to study the expansion of saliva-based testing technologies and gave some background on Shield T3's expertise in COVID testing, its successful business model, and opportunities to grow and enhance the value of the company by potentially expanding applications of saliva-based testing protocols. He said that if approved, a committee would be formed to evaluate such opportunities, and the operating agreement would be amended to reflect the exploration of potential broader application of saliva-based testing methodologies. Mr. Estrada commented on the value of applying in other areas the expertise gained through saliva-based testing for COVID-19 and noted that he serves on the board of Shield T3, LLC.

There were no objections to the items listed above being forwarded to the full Board for approval.

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 referred to the University of Illinois System 2022 legislative campaign and emphasized the role the University System can play in addressing problems facing the State. She described events promoting the University's mission and highlighting the ways

in which the University has benefitted the people of Illinois, particularly in its work related to COVID. Ms. Creasey stated that many elected officials have expressed interest in the University's contributions to the state throughout the pandemic. She said Governor J. B. Pritzker visited the University and took part in the ceremony honoring leaders of the Shield testing system with the Presidential Medallion. Ms. Creasey discussed the need for State support, efforts to advocate for capital funding, engagement with the caucuses, and plans for future events. Mr. Weinberger gave a federal update and commented briefly on discussions regarding the debt limit and the upcoming vote on the infrastructure package, and he described aspects of the reconciliation bill. He emphasized the need to increase Pell funding and said that the University System will ask Pell recipients to share stories with legislators. Mr. Estrada thanked Ms. Creasey and Mr. Weinberger for the work they are doing on behalf of the University.

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 November 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Dr. King, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Estrada, Ms. Jakobsson, Dr. King, Ms.

Mwilambwe; No, none; Absent, Mr. Dale, Ms. Holmes.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT
Secretary

RICARDO ESTRADA
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary