

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

JULY 20, 2022

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held at the I Hotel and Conference Center, Heritage Hall, 1901 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Donald J. Edwards, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Dr. Stuart C. King; and Mr. Will Formea, student trustee, Springfield. Mr. Joseph Gutman and Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes were absent. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling and Ms. Sarah C. Phalen<sup>1</sup> attended 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-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Javier Reyes, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Phalen attended via remote videoconference.

president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, interim comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; 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. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Edwards asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on May 18, 2022, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Dr. King, 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 JULY 21, 2022

Mr. Edwards introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on July 21, 2022. 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. Edwards 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. Dr. King inquired about the process for promotion and tenure, and Dr. Ghosh explained that the recommendation for promotion and tenure will be discussed by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

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

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to appoint members to the Athletic Board, 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.

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

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Enterprise Risk Management Annual Report and Digital Risk Update

Mr. Edwards introduced a presentation on the Enterprise Risk Management Annual Report and a digital risk update, given by Ms. Joda Morton, director for enterprise risk management, and Mr. Joe Barnes, chief digital risk officer. President Killeen remarked on the importance of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and the seriousness with which

it is taken at the University. He gave a brief history of the implementation of the current ERM process and said it proactively mitigates key risks. He gave examples of these and asked Ms. Morton to begin the presentation (materials on file with the secretary).

Ms. Morton gave an overview of ERM and the ongoing assessment of risks. She listed the composition of the System Executive Risk Management Council and described its process and meeting frequency. She discussed the Fiscal Year 2022 key risk focus areas. Ms. Morton provided information on annual risk evaluation, which she said includes a survey that was conducted electronically for the first time this year. Ms. Morton shared the results of the survey and listed emerging risks and top concerns, as well as Fiscal Year 2023 focus areas. She told the committee that cybersecurity was an area of focus identified through the ERM process, which resulted in the appointment of Mr. Barnes as the chief digital risk officer. Ms. Morton asked Mr. Barnes to share information about digital risk.

Mr. Barnes defined digital risk and provided information about areas of focus. He discussed the management of risk and response and described the responsibilities of his role as chief digital risk officer. He also provided information about the purpose of the digital risk council and aspects of the digital incident response plan, which describes how the University would respond to a large material cyber event. Mr. Barnes concluded the presentation by discussing metrics, which he said are currently not as mature as other metrics commonly used by the University. He said these will evolve

over time. There were no comments or questions about the presentation, and Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Morton and Mr. Barnes for the information.

### Legislative Update

Next, Mr. Edwards asked Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, assistant vice president, external and State relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, assistant vice president, federal relations, to give a legislative update. Ms. Creasey highlighted recent events and activities and referred to outreach and communication with the legislature. She provided details about a second leadership State tour based on the theme “Partnering with Purpose,” and said these tours are a powerful way to share the University of Illinois story and form partnerships throughout the state. Mr. Weinberger reported on federal relations and highlighted the Endless Frontier Act, which may have a positive impact on research funding for the University and authorizes increased spending at agencies that are strong supporters of the University. He referred to proposed new Title IX rules from the U.S. Department of Education and briefly discussed other bills that would support University priorities. He also listed several recent in-person events that have recently taken place with President Killeen, Dr. Ghosh, Dr. Reyes, other administrators, and members of the faculty.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Edwards 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 September 21, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at Urbana.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Jakobsson, seconded by Dr. King, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

DONALD J. EDWARDS  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*