

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

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Isadore and Sadie Dorin Forum, Rooms D, E, and F, 725 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, beginning at 2:06 p.m.

Trustee Donald J. Edwards, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the associate secretary to call the roll. The following members of the committee were present: Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Joseph Gutman; Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Dr. Stuart C. King; Ms. Sylvia Puente; and Mr. Will Formea, student trustee, Springfield. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling and Mr. Mohammed A. Haq, student trustee, Chicago attended as guests.

Also present were Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer;¹ 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

¹ Mr. McKeever attended the meeting via remote videoconference.

president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, 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; Mr. Gregory J. Knott,² secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Ms. C. Ellen Foran, associate 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 September 21, 2022, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Mr. Edwards introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on November 17, 2022. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

² Mr. Knott attended the meeting via remote videoconference.

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

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

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

Mr. Edwards then asked Dr. Reyes to discuss the recommendation to amend the contract with Mr. Lucas Yaklich, head varsity coach of men's basketball, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Chicago. Dr. Reyes referred to Mr. Yaklich's performance and described his background and experience. He said this recommendation would extend his contract through April 30, 2026.

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

Dr. Reyes then reported on the recommendation to appoint members to the advisory board, Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) in Springfield, Chicago. He said this recommendation would appoint Dr. Matthew Mischler and Dr. Erin Hickey as members of the advisory board and described their background and experience. He also provided information about the DSCC and its role.

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

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Mike Wilson, assistant vice president, Capital Programs and Utilities Services, to provide information on two recommendations related to Prairieland Energy, Inc. Mr. Wilson referred to the minutes from the May 19, 2022, meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., and said that these would be recommended for approval the following day at the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc. He said the Board would also consider a recommendation to amend the Prairieland Energy, Inc., bylaws, and he gave a summary of the proposed changes, which he said would include clarification of the composition of its board of directors to include a vice chair designated by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wilson said additional changes would update language to reflect current position titles within the University System. Ms. Puente inquired about the structure of Prairieland Energy, Inc., and the role of the Board as its sole member. Mr. Bearrows explained that University-Related Organizations, such as Prairieland, are formed as a corporate outgrowth of the Board, and he described the Board's relationship to University-Related Organizations.

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

PRESENTATIONS

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 gave an update on the results of the recent State election and its impact on the UI Caucus. She reported on plans for advocacy efforts and areas of focus for the fall veto session. Ms. Creasey said she would be sharing the 2023 legislative agenda with the Board in January.

Mr. Weinberger gave an update on results of the recent federal election and its implications for the University System. He referred to advocacy efforts and priorities, noting the impact of a divided Congress on enacted legislation. Ms. Puente inquired about the status of appropriation for Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Mr. Weinberger stated this is also a priority and will be part of advocacy efforts in the coming year. Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Creasey and Mr. Weinberger for the reports.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:27, Mr. Edwards stated: “A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act.” On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Puente, the motion was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Edwards convened this executive session at 2:28 p.m. All committee members who were listed as being present at the start of the meeting were in attendance. Ms. Craig Schilling and Mr. Haq attended as guests. The following were also in attendance: Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer;³ President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Mr. Gregory J. Knott,³ secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Ms. C. Ellen Foran, associate secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

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

Mr. Edwards asked Ms. Foran and Mr. Bearrows to discuss the minutes that had been sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Foran outlined the requirement within the Open Meetings Act for public bodies to review minutes, at least twice annually, for purposes of the public interest and in the interest of individual privacy, and to consider whether a need for these materials to be held from release still exists. Mr. Bearrows stated that he and Mr. Knott reviewed the minutes that are sequestered under the Open Meetings Act, and he referred to guidelines used to determine whether the need for

³ Mr. McKeever and Mr. Knott attended the meeting via remote videoconference.

confidentiality continues. Mr. Bearrows described the topics discussed in the sequestered minutes from this committee and stated that the only sequestered minutes recommended for release at this time relate to the discussion of sequestered minutes from May 18, 2022. No members of the committee disagreed with this recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no additional questions or comments, the executive session ended at 2:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 2:31 p.m., with all committee members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance.

Mr. Edwards stated that there was one agenda item requiring action by the committee, and Ms. Foran read aloud the title of the item, “Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.” The committee agreed that one 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 May 2022 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

May 18, 2022, Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee

Dr. King convened this executive session with all committee members present except Mr. Estrada and Ms. Holmes. Ms. Craig Schilling, Ms. Phalen, and Mr. Verthein attended as guests. The following were also in attendance: Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; President Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, interim executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; 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

Dr. King 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 the public interest and in the interest of individual privacy, and to consider whether a need for these materials to be held from release still exists. Mr. Bearrows stated that he and Mr. Knott reviewed the minutes that are sequestered under the Open Meetings Act, and he referred to guidelines used to determine whether the need for confidentiality continues. He described the topics discussed in the sequestered minutes from this committee and stated that the only sequestered minutes recommended for release at this time relate to the discussion of sequestered minutes from November 17, 2021. No members of the committee disagreed with this recommendation.

On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, this recommendation was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Ms. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Puente, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. ELLEN FORAN
Associate Secretary

DONALD J. EDWARDS
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary