

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held on the Third Floor, Levis Faculty Center, 919 W. Illinois Street, Urbana, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, beginning at 2:02 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; Mr. Joseph Gutman;¹ Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes;¹ Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Dr. Stuart C. King; Ms. Sylvia Puente; and Mr. Will Formea,² student trustee, Springfield. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling attended as a guest.

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 president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, interim comptroller (and

¹ Mr. Gutman and Ms. Holmes attended via remote videoconference.

² Mr. Formea arrived at 2:09 p.m.

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 July 20, 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Mr. Edwards introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on September 22, 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.

Appoint Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller

Mr. Edwards asked President Killeen to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Ellinger as vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller and said he has served in this role in an interim basis since July 15, 2021. He described Dr. Ellinger's background and experience and said this recommendation would appoint him as vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller on a permanent basis. Mr. Edwards expressed support for this appointment, noting Dr. Ellinger's consistent, quick, and thorough response to requests for information.

Approve Academic and Administrative Appointments for Contract Year 2022-2023

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Ghosh to report on the recommendation to approve academic and administrative appointments for contract year 2022-2023. 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.

Authorize Expansion of Shield T3, LLC Business Purpose and Delegate Certain Actions to the Comptroller

Next, Mr. Edwards asked Mr. William C. Jackson, executive director of Discovery Partners Institute, to report on the recommendation to authorize the expansion of Shield T3, LLC. Mr. Jackson gave a brief history of Shield T3, LLC, which initially focused on saliva-based testing for COVID-19. He said that in September 2021, a team was formed to study the potential development and expanded use of saliva-based testing methodologies beyond COVID-19, and he told the committee that this recommendation would authorize the board of managers to engage in activities and make expenditures related to the potential application and commercialization of University-developed testing methodologies beyond COVID-19. He said these may include wastewater epidemiology and respiratory testing.

Approve Project Budget for Roosevelt Road Building
Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade Project, Chicago

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Ellinger to discuss the recommendation to approve the project budget for the Roosevelt Road Building electrical infrastructure upgrade project. Dr. Ellinger explained that this work is required to ensure the mission critical functions of the university's systems stay functionally uninterrupted, and he described the scope of the work. He said this is an emergency purchase bypassing the standard procurement process. Ms. Puente asked if this recommendation approves the project or the actual purchase, and Mr. Edwards and Dr. Ellinger clarified that this is an emergency purchase and described the process. Dr. Ellinger added that this recommendation would normally be discussed at the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee, and President Killeen commented

that emergency purchases are exceedingly rare. He emphasized the essential infrastructure at the Roosevelt Road Building

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 provided details about the second leadership State tour based on the theme, “Partnering with Purpose,” which aims to find and navigate solutions to problems facing communities throughout Illinois. She commented on the benefits of the tours and said that the intent is to grow and support existing partnerships. Ms. Creasey said they are preparing for advocacy efforts that will take place after the election. Ms. Puente and Ms. Creasey discussed aspects of the tour, and President Killeen told the committee that a report on the tour will be provided to the Board in November.

Mr. Weinberger gave an update on the Inflation Reduction Act and its impact on higher education and the annual appropriations process and federal budget. He referred to midterm elections and gave a reminder on the University policy on avoiding public events with candidates running for public office within 30 days of an election during work hours. He referred to several meetings with White House officials and

legislators and gave an update on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

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 November 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at Chicago.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Dr. King, seconded by Ms. Jakobsson, 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