

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

MARCH 29, 2023

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Student Union Ballroom, Room 224, 2251 Richard Wright Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, beginning at 1:31 p.m.

Trustee Donald J. Edwards, chair of the committee, stated that he, as 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 in a hybrid format, meaning that some committee members would attend virtually and some in person. He convened the meeting and asked the secretary-designate to call the roll. The following committee members were present at the Student Union Ballroom: Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Rafael Camacho, student trustee, Urbana; and Mr. Will Formea, student trustee, Springfield. Mr. Joseph Gutman attended via remote videoconference. Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes was absent. Ms. Tami Craig Schilling attended as a guest in the Student Union Ballroom.

Also present in the Student Union Ballroom were President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, 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. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice 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; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary-designate of the Board of Trustees and of the University. Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Dr. Javier A. Reyes, interim chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; and Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel, attended via remote videoconference. Attached is a listing of others 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 January 25, 2023, and there were none. On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Formea, the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:<sup>1</sup> Aye, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Formea, Mr. Gutman; No, none; Absent, Ms. Holmes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON MARCH 30, 2023

Mr. Edwards introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on March 30, 2023. All recommended items discussed

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<sup>1</sup> Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

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

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Stein to comment on the recommended appointments to the faculty, administrative/professional staff, and intercollegiate athletic staff. Dr. Stein 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 Interim Chief Executive Officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Barish to report on the recommendation to appoint Dr. Mark I. Rosenblatt, dean of the College of Medicine; professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; physician surgeon, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Illinois Lions/Charles I. Young Endowed Chair in Ocular Research; professor of pharmacology, College of Medicine at Chicago; departmental affiliate, Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering; and associate vice chancellor for physician affairs, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, as interim chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, University of Illinois Chicago. Dr. Barish stated that Mr. Michael B. Zenn, who has served as chief executive officer since 2018, would be stepping down and transitioning to an advisory role. He said Dr. Rosenblatt would serve in this role until a permanent chief executive

officer is appointed. Dr. Barish described Dr. Rosenblatt's background, experience, and collaborative approach and said he is a good fit for the role.

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

Next, Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Reyes to discuss the recommendation to appoint Dr. Michael Ginsburg, presently interim vice chancellor for budget, human resources, and financial administration designate, as vice chancellor for budget, human resources, and financial administration. He said he succeeds Ms. Janet Parker, who retired effective January 31, 2023. Dr. Reyes stated that Dr. Ginsburg has served in a variety of roles at the University of Illinois Chicago in the past 40 years, and he told the committee that a search is ongoing to fill the role on a permanent basis.

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

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Reyes to provide information about the recommendation to reappoint Dr. Rachel N. Caskey to the DSCC Advisory Board. Dr. Reyes provided information about the DSCC and described Dr. Caskey's background and experience.

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

## PRESENTATIONS

### State Universities Civil Service System

Mr. Edwards asked Ms. Donna McNeely, executive director of University ethics and compliance, to give the annual report from the University Ethics and Compliance Office (materials on file with the secretary). Ms. McNeely began her report by presenting the organizational chart and mission statement for the office. She reported on ethics/sexual misconduct and harassment training, which is developed and administered by the University Ethics and Compliance Office and was recently redesigned for greater effectiveness and efficiency. Ms. McNeely told the committee that a new vendor was chosen for Title IX training, which is also administered by the University Ethics and Compliance Office, and said this training is more concise without compromising quality or content. Ms. McNeely described the role of the ethics line and said that while it utilizes a significant investment of time, it is a valuable service. She said that 102 reports of perceived wrongdoing were received and reviewed, noting that this is an all-time high. She reported that the Office of the Inspector General conducted one investigation that resulted in no findings. She reported on the processing of Statements of Economic Interest, as well as supplemental statements, which are filed with the Executive Ethics Commission. Ms. McNeely then discussed efforts related to privacy and information security, as well as compliance and security. She told the committee that the office provides an animated compliance video library, which received 8,073 views this year.

Ms. McNeely concluded her presentation by listing additional forms of engagement, such as committees and working groups, in which members of the Ethics and Compliance Office participate. There were no questions regarding the presentation, and Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. McNeely for the presentation.

### 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 shared that the governor proposed a 7 percent increase in the State appropriation, an increase in Monetary Access Program (MAP) funding and increases to several line items. She referred to the 14<sup>th</sup> annual advocacy day at the State Capitol, which took place on February 22, 2023, and she commented on the impact of meetings with legislators. Ms. Creasey reported on several advocacy events and said that President Killeen and the chancellors testified before the Senate and House appropriations committees in response to budget requests. She emphasized the importance of sharing the impact of the University throughout the state and telling the University of Illinois story. She described opportunities for alumni to connect with legislators to share the ways in which the University impacted their lives. Ms. Creasey referred to upcoming advocacy events, including a webinar with President Killeen where he will discuss University System priorities with stakeholders and alumni, and a joint legislative reception with all the public universities in Illinois. She told the committee

that many bills are being monitored, and she referred to efforts to promote items benefitting the University and to defend against those that would have a negative impact.

Mr. Weinberger gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2023 congressional appropriation and said that difficult negotiations should be expected. He reported on the debt ceiling and said little progress has been made, noting that it is expected that an agreement will be made in August. Mr. Weinberger referred to advocacy efforts for funding and said that this work will continue in the months ahead. He expressed appreciation for faculty and staff who have traveled to Washington, D.C., and made congressional visits, and he commented on the impact of reminding the congressional audience of the role of federal funding in driving innovation and discovery across the University System. He stated the University of Illinois Day at the Capitol is scheduled for April 19, 2023, which will involve a full day with legislators and a reception on Capitol Hill. Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Creasey and Mr. Weinberger for the reports.

#### 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 is scheduled for May 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., at Urbana.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Camacho, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m. by the following roll call vote: Aye, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Formea, Mr. Gutman; No, none; Absent, Ms. Holmes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN  
*Secretary-designate*

DONALD J. EDWARDS  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*