

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

MARCH 27, 2024

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 27, 2024, beginning at 1:35 p.m.

Trustee Patricia Brown Holmes, chair *pro tem* of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Ms. Patricia Brown Holmes; Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III. Mr. Joseph Gutman and Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz were absent. Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell; Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Ms. Sarah C. Phalen; Mr. Mohammed A. Haq, voting student trustee, Chicago; and Ms. Sanchita Teeka, student trustee, Urbana, attended as guests.

Also present 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. Marie Lynn Miranda, 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, 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. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

Ms. Holmes welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the agenda for the meeting. She asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on January 17, 2024, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, 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 MARCH 28, 2024

Ms. Holmes introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on March 28, 2024. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

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

Ms. Holmes 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.

Revise the University of Illinois System
Victims Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA) Policy

Ms. Holmes asked Ms. Jami M. Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resources officer, University of Illinois System, to provide information about the recommendation to revise the University of Illinois System Victims Economics Security and Safety Act (VESSA) policy. Ms. Painter stated that the proposed changes are required to comply with amendments to VESSA that now grant two weeks of leave for reasons related to a family or household member who is killed in a crime of violence. She said the revisions also include some other minor changes. There were no comments or questions regarding the recommendation. President Killeen added that Ms. Painter is chair of the national board of directors for the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources.

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

Next, Ms. Holmes asked Mr. Mike Wilson, assistant vice president capital programs and utility services, University of Illinois System, to report on recommendations to approve the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., and to appoint a director of Prairieland Energy, Inc. Mr. Wilson stated that

the minutes of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., reflect the meeting that occurred in July 2023.

Mr. Wilson then reported on the recommendation to appoint Ms. Morgan White, interim associate vice chancellor and executive director of facilities and services, Urbana, as a Prairieland director, replacing Dr. Ehab Kamarah, who is no longer with the university. Mr. Wilson thanked Dr. Kamarah for his service.

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

PRESENTATIONS

GLBA Risk Assessment and Reporting

Ms. Holmes asked Mr. Joe Barnes, chief digital risk officer, University of Illinois System, to give a presentation on GLBA Risk Assessment and Reporting (materials on file with the secretary). Mr. Barnes stated that he is required by the federal government to provide this update to the Board, and he began his presentation by giving an overview of risk assessment. He provided some regulatory background and explained that the Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999, also known as the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, or GLBA, governs the use, sharing, and collection of financial information. Mr. Barnes reviewed changes that were made in 2023 that apply to universities which mandate that a “qualified individual” oversee and implement an institution’s information security program and provide a written report to the Board at least once per year. He

described aspects of GLBA risk assessment and outlined the process, which includes identification, assessment, analysis, remediation, and monitoring. Mr. Barnes provided information about reporting and thanked the offices throughout the University System that participate and assist with GLBA risk assessment and reporting.

Ms. Craig Schilling inquired about the severity of identified risks. Mr. Barnes stated that severity is assessed when calculating the risk score, and he said he will have more data on severity in the future. Ms. Holmes commented on the importance of assessing risk and effectiveness and creating plans for backup and recovery.

Legislative Update

Next, Ms. Holmes asked Ms. Jennifer M. Creasey, assistant vice president, external and state relations; and Ms. Melissa Haas, director, federal relations, to give a legislative update. Ms. Creasey discussed the legislative agenda and efforts that are underway to proactively and reactively address legislation and policy that will impact the University of Illinois System and all of Illinois higher education across the state. She referred to the budget introduced by the governor that would increase the State appropriation to the University, and she described advocacy efforts to increase funding to the Prairie Research Institute and other initiatives that are important to the University. Ms. Creasey listed recent events, including University of Illinois System Day at the Illinois Capitol, and referred to efforts to continue to partner with the State to promote economic development and innovation.

Ms. Haas gave an update on federal relations. She thanked those who participated in University of Illinois System Day in Washington, D.C., and said it was a success. She gave an update on the federal budget for Fiscal Year 2024 and said it is a challenging environment, with many federal agencies receiving funding cuts or flat funding.

Ms. Holmes thanked Ms. Creasey and Ms. Haas for their reports.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Ms. Holmes announced that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for May 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in Urbana. She asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and on motion of Mr. Milhouse, seconded by Ms. Craig Schilling, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN
Secretary

PATRICIA BROWN HOLMES
Chair Pro Tem

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary