

MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

This meeting of the University Healthcare System 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 12, 2025, beginning at 12:17 p.m.

Trustee Jesse H. Ruiz, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Dr. Suzet M. McKinney;<sup>1</sup> Ms. Sarah C. Phalen;<sup>2</sup> Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz; Dr. Bryan S. Traubert; Mr. Quinn S. Basta, student trustee, Chicago; Mr. Joe Humphrey, student trustee, Springfield. Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell; Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III; and Ms. Ariana A. Mizan, voting student trustee, Urbana, attended as guests.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Howard S. Engle, treasurer; Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Charles L. Isbell Jr., chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda, chancellor,

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. McKinney joined via remote videoconference.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Phalen joined via remote videoconference until 12:56 p.m., at which point she attended in person.

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); Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

#### MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ruiz stated: “A motion is now in order to convene an executive session to consider the following topics as permitted under Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act: University employment or appointment-related matters (subsection 1); pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University (subsection 11); and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act (subsection 21).” On motion of Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Dr. Traubert, the motion was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### **Material redacted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06d)**

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no additional questions or comments, the executive session ended at 1:10 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 1:12 p.m. Mr. Ruiz gave an overview of the meeting and requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 2025. On motion of Dr. Traubert, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

Mr. Ruiz stated that there was one agenda item requiring action by the committee, and Dr. Stein read aloud the title of the item, “Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to 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)].

A review of unreleased items from July 2014 to July 2025 has been conducted, and the previously withheld text noted below is recommended for release at this time.

The University counsel and the secretary of the Board, having consulted with appropriate University officers, recommend that the following matter considered in executive session for the time period indicated 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 of Illinois System concurs.

### **Executive Session Minutes Released to Public**

#### **May 21, 2025, University Healthcare System Committee Meeting**

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

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Stein and Mr. Rice to discuss minutes sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Stein stated that each public body subject to the Open Meetings Act shall, at least every six months, meet to review the minutes of all closed meetings. He said that he and Mr. Rice reviewed such minutes and recommend the release of minutes from November 13, 2024, which pertain to the semi-annual review that took place at that time, and March 16, 2022, which discusses the retirement of Dr. David E. Schwartz, head of the Department of Anesthesiology and assistant vice chancellor for health affairs for medical liability, Chicago. Mr. Rice listed the primary topics of sequestered minutes from

University Healthcare System Committee meetings. There were no comments or questions regarding this process or the recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

#### OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to make opening remarks. Dr. Barish asked Dr. Mark I. Rosenblatt, chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, and G. Stephen Irwin Dean, College of Medicine, Chicago, to join him at the podium. Dr. Barish announced that Dr. Rosenblatt has been appointed to serve as the next vice chancellor for human health sciences at the University of California Davis, starting January 19, 2026. He stated that Dr. Rosenblatt has served for more than 10 years as an accomplished physician and scientist and has been an exceptional leader for the College of Medicine and health system. Dr. Barish said Dr. Rosenblatt has made remarkable contributions to the field of ophthalmology and fostered a unified and strategic learning environment across the college. He highlighted Dr. Rosenblatt’s establishment of the AI.Health4All Center at the College of Medicine, which he said leverages artificial intelligence and machine learning to advance fairness and reduce bias in healthcare. Dr. Barish asked that everyone join in congratulating Dr. Rosenblatt and expressing sincerest gratitude for his service to UI Health and the College of Medicine. This was followed by a round of applause.

Dr. Barish stated that Dr. Enrico Benedetti, Warren H. Cole Chair in Surgery, professor and head, Department of Surgery; associate director of transplant surgery, Department of Surgery; and physician surgeon, Department of Surgery, Chicago, has agreed to serve as the interim G Stephen Irwin Dean of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and Mr. Scott Jones, chief operating officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, has agreed to serve as interim chief executive officer of the University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, Chicago, noting that both appointments are pending Board approval. Dr. Barish expressed confidence that these two leaders have the experience and knowledge to lead the health system during this transition. He introduced Dr. Benedetti, who was present at the meeting.

Dr. Barish then showed the newest UI Health commercial, which he said has been playing on broadcast television and streaming services. He told the committee that the commercial reflects the Chicagoland community and features UI Health doctors. Dr. Barish said it reflects the exceptional care at UI Health and noted that the commercial is accompanied by various forms of advertising.

**REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

Mr. Ruiz introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on November 13, 2025. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

Appoint Interim Chief Executive Officer,  
University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, Chicago

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Barish to discuss the recommendation to appoint Mr. Jones as interim chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, Chicago, beginning January 16, 2026. Dr. Barish described Mr. Jones' background and experience and said he would continue to serve as chief operating officer. Dr. Barish noted that he and Dr. Miranda sought advice on this appointment from hospital leadership, the College of Medicine, and clinical department heads, along with other faculty and hospital leaders.

There were no objections to this item being forwarded to the full Board for approval.

## REPORTS

### Hospital and Clinics Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Rosenblatt to give the Hospital and Clinics Chief Executive Officer Report (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Rosenblatt expressed appreciation for his time at the university and said he was proud of the university's mission to help the State, its citizens, and their health. He said he also appreciates the trustees who have continued to support the work of UI Health and the College of Medicine in helping patients, educating students, and performing discoveries that will impact people's lives. He thanked the faculty, students, staff, and university leaders, particularly Dr. Miranda

and Dr. Barish. He referred to challenges and said UI Health has emerged stronger. He also expressed support for Mr. Jones' interim appointment.

Dr. Rosenblatt began his presentation and shared points of pride. He showed photographs from the annual Magnet Pathway Conference where the hospital celebrated its magnet designation. He then highlighted the UI Health islet cell transplant program using Lantidra to treat brittle type 1 diabetes, which impacts approximately 800,000 people. Dr. Rosenblatt reported on the research and development process at the university and said the first U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved islet cell transplant was performed on a UI Health patient in August 2025. He said the patient was able to stop insulin injections within one week. Dr. Rosenblatt said the patient's quality of life has improved and his chances of further complications caused by diabetes have reduced. He recognized Dr. Benedetti for his role in the development of Lantidra. Discussion followed regarding the ability to scale the use of Lantidra for more patients, and Dr. Benedetti stated that insurance approval is the limitation as the procedure is expensive.

Dr. Rosenblatt then shared financial results and gave a summary of Fiscal Year 2026 through August 2025. He reported on the two-month operating margin; year-over-year activity; days of cash on hand; and \$410.0 million in unrestricted and internally restricted cash and investments. Dr. Rosenblatt discussed revenue and expenses, and he presented a graph of unrestricted and internally restricted cash and investments.

Dr. Jonathan M. Radosta, chief medical officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, gave a quality and patient safety report (materials on file with the secretary) and showed Fiscal Year 2026 progress through August 2025. He referred to efforts to refine the organizational understanding of complex safety and quality indicators; understand precise inclusion and exclusion criteria; and validate the data submitted for all external grading bodies. Dr. Radosta said the Fiscal Year 2025 Quality and Safety Report was sent to trustees, and he stated that critical safety events are viewed as learning opportunities to fortify systems with a structured and comprehensive approach that includes critical incident debrief, root cause analysis, peer review, and multidisciplinary review. He referred to proactive initiatives focused on high-risk areas, and he recognized Dr. Heather M. Prendergast, executive director of the University of Illinois Physicians Group, for spearheading the creation of mandatory deployment of specialized learning modules for all residents and faculty based on specific critical safety issues that prioritize enhancing communication and teamwork. Dr. Radosta also described training of 1,000 operating room faculty, residents, and staff on a standardized universal protocol.

Dr. Radosta stated that the Fiscal Year 2026 Quality and Safety Plan was provided to trustees, and he said targeted work to accelerate safety outcome would be overseen by Dr. Sagar Harwani, chief quality officer. Dr. Radosta reminded the Board that external quality ratings reflect data that is often two to three years old, and he said the current performance trajectory and goals around core safety metrics are expected to lead to improvements in 2026 grades and ratings.

## Graduate Medical Education Report

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Raymond H. Curry, senior associate dean for educational affairs, University of Illinois College of Medicine, to give a Graduate Medical Education (GME) report. Dr. Curry presented the annual GME Report on behalf of Dr. Rosenblatt and the college's educational leadership. He stated that the report was prepared in accordance with the standards of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and is submitted annually at the request of the Board.

Dr. Curry noted that all 91 programs eligible for ACGME accreditation are either fully accredited or under initial accreditation, with no adverse actions. He said recruitment through the 2025 National Residency Match was highly successful, with 265 of 267 positions filled through the initial match algorithm and the remaining two positions secured promptly in the supplemental process. Dr. Curry highlighted the transformative potential of a new comprehensive partnership with Cook County Health and said this partnership reestablishes the historic relationship between the college and Cook County, dating back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Dr. Curry underscored the scope and impact of the college's GME programs. He said that historically, 55 percent of residents and fellows remain in Illinois to continue their careers, with many joining the faculty at one of the college's three campuses. Dr. Curry stated that nationally, one in seven physicians providing care is a resident or fellow, underscoring the vital contributions of residents and fellows to patient care. Dr. Curry

concluded his report by expressing gratitude on behalf of faculty, staff, and trainees for the continued support of the University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics in sustaining this critically important educational mission. Mr. Ruiz thanked Dr. Curry for the report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ruiz asked if there was any new business to discuss, and there was none. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., in Chicago.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Ruiz then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Dr. Traubert, seconded by Ms. Phalen, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN  
*Secretary*

JESSE H. RUIZ  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*