

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

March 18, 2026

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 18, 2026, beginning at 10:11 a.m.

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

Also present were Mr. Howard S. Engle, treasurer; President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Charles L. Isbell Jr.,³ chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,

¹ Mr. Gutman attended via remote videoconference.

² Dr. Traubert arrived at 10:38 a.m.

³ Dr. Isbell attended via remote videoconference.

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. Blackwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on January 14, 2026, 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 19, 2026

Ms. Blackwell introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda at its meeting on March 19, 2026. 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. Blackwell 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.

Award Contract for Services to Assist in the Selection of a President

Ms. Blackwell asked Ms. Jami M. Painter, senior associate vice president and chief human resource officer, University of Illinois System, to report on the recommendation to award a contract for services to assist in the selection of a president. Ms. Painter described the request for proposal (RFP) through the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC) and said proposals were assessed by an evaluation team that included Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Cepeda, Dr. Stein, Mr. Rice, and herself. She said that AGB Search LLC was selected, and she shared background information on the company and its experience with high-level searches and the transition process. Ms. Painter said AGB Search LLC has a 95 percent placement rate and conducts approximately 100 searches per year. Ms. Painter listed the individuals from AGB Search LLC who would assist with the search and described the backgrounds of each. She said the cost for AGB Search LLC's services would be about \$140,000, plus the cost of travel. Ms. Painter said the evaluation committee feels confident that AGB Search LLC will successfully assist with the recruitment of the next president of the University System.

Revise University of Illinois System Policy on
Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admissions

Next, Ms. Blackwell asked Dr. Jones to discuss the recommendation to revise the University of Illinois System Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admissions. Dr. Jones referred to changes to the national accreditation landscape that require the adjustment of current policy language to align with current accreditation terminology and practice. He said the policy was also restructured for clarity, and he told the committee that it was last revised in January 2017. Dr. Jones said this policy revision was shared with the University Senates Conference, and he noted that the proposed policy change does not impact the underlying standards for transfer credit recognition of transfer credit from institutions recognized by accrediting bodies.

Approve Minutes of the Board of Trustees as the
Sole Member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., Meeting

Ms. Blackwell stated that the minutes of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc., were distributed to members of the Board and would appear on the Board's agenda for voting at its meeting the following day.

Appoint Director, Prairieland Energy, Inc.

Ms. Blackwell asked Mr. Mike Wilson, assistant vice president, capital programs and utility services, University of Illinois System, to report on the recommendation to appoint Ms. Morgan White, acting associate vice chancellor and executive director of facilities

and services for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, as a Prairieland Energy, Inc. director. Mr. Wilson described Ms. Morgan's background and experience and expressed appreciation for Mr. Jeff Angiel, who served as a Prairieland director during his time at the university. He said the recommended appointment would be on the agenda the following day for the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Prairieland Energy, Inc.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Advancement, Urbana,
and Senior Vice President, University of Illinois Foundation

Ms. Blackwell then asked Dr. Isbell to discuss the recommendation to appoint Mr. Dale Wright, currently interim vice chancellor for advancement, Urbana, and interim senior vice president, University of Illinois Foundation, as vice chancellor for advancement, Urbana, and senior vice president, University of Illinois Foundation. Dr. Isbell stated that Mr. Wright has a proven record of accomplishment and described his previous roles and experience. He referred to his many attributes, including his compassion and strength.

Appoint Vice Chancellor for Advancement, Chicago,
and Senior Vice President, University of Illinois Foundation

Next, Ms. Blackwell asked Dr. Miranda to report on the recommendation to appoint Mr. William "Bill" Bole as vice chancellor for advancement, Chicago, and senior vice president, University of Illinois Foundation. Dr. Miranda referred to Mr. Bole's background and extensive experience in advancement and highlighted his commitment to

the University of Illinois Chicago's mission. She emphasized her enthusiasm for this appointment and said Mr. Bole will elevate advancement at the university.

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

Dr. Miranda then discussed the recommendation to reappointment members to the advisory board, Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC), Springfield, Chicago. She provided background on the DSCC and its role in Illinois, and she stated that this recommendation would reappoint Dr. Erin Hickey, Dr. Matthew Mischler, and Dr. Kathy Denise Swafford to the advisory board.

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

PRESENTATION

GLBA Risk Assessment and Reporting

Next, Ms. Blackwell asked Mr. Joe Barnes, chief digital risk officer, University of Illinois System, to provide a presentation on GLBA Risk Assessment and Reporting (materials on file with the secretary). Mr. Barnes referenced the GLBA Information Security Report (materials on file with the secretary) and areas of possible improvement, and he stated that there is no significant gap in internal controls. He discussed the rationale for the increase in the number of areas of possible improvement. Next, Mr. Barnes reviewed the

risk assessment process, highlighting partnership and promotion of a risk-aware culture, and discussed the benefits of System-level risk assessment. He gave examples to illustrate these benefits and thanked the many units throughout the universities and System offices who make this a success.

Ms. Craig Schilling asked Mr. Barnes to address changes in challenges and risks from last year compared to this year. Mr. Barnes referred to an increase in volume of risks associated with artificial intelligence and quantum computing. He also highlighted risks associated with identity fraud. Mr. Milhouse inquired about risks associated with UI Health, and Mr. Barnes referenced the work of the System-level HIPAA office. Mr. Milhouse and Mr. Barnes briefly discussed risks associated with quantum computing and referred to the role of Mr. Mikel Storm, chief security officer, Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC (IQMP). Mr. Barnes noted that current encryption tools are not relevant with quantum computers. Ms. Blackwell thanked Mr. Barnes for the report.

Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC Update

Ms. Blackwell asked Mr. Milhouse, who serves as chair of the Board of Managers of the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronic Park, LLC, to give an update. Mr. Milhouse gave an update on capital projects and construction, beginning with the building for use by IQMP's anchor tenant, PsiQuantum. He reported that planning is also underway for the next two facilities, National Quantum Facility (NQF) and Quantum Works (QW). Mr.

Milhouse explained that NQF will provide essential, high cost, long-lead-time infrastructure to support the broader quantum computing sector, while QW will serve as the gateway to the park and will support workforce development, community engagement, and office space for IQMP and tenants. He said the preliminary design phase for both buildings began last week and is expected to continue through the end of 2026, with construction anticipated to begin in early 2027.

Mr. Milhouse then gave an update on business development and said six companies have formally committed to establishing a presence in the park. He reported that the IQMP On-Ramp Program, designed to enable early collaboration while facilities are under construction, has secured commitments from four companies that will operate initially from Hyde Park Labs, mHub, and the Discovery Partners Institute. Mr. Milhouse said 10 additional companies are in late-stage development discussions, and 22 more are in the prospect stage.

Mr. Milhouse emphasized the role of community engagement and referred to local excitement about the project. He said the South Chicago Quality of Life Plan, which was developed with community partners, outlines goals related to partnerships, sustainability, and economic and educational development, and he stated that IQMP has committed to supporting implementation of these recommendations. Mr. Milhouse said that engagement activities included a community “Chili and Chat” session moderated by local leaders, outreach to faith-based organizations, a joint tour of the 7th and 10th Wards that included visits to 15 local businesses, and participation in the 7th Ward State of the

Ward Community Night, which drew more than 100 residents. He recognized the support and collaboration of Governor J. B. Pritzker, Mayor Brandon Johnson, Cook County officials, and numerous partner institutions and agencies working collectively to position Illinois and Chicago as leaders in the future of quantum computing. He said the next IQMP Board of Managers meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026.

Legislative Update

Ms. Blackwell 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 thanked the chair and members of the Board for the opportunity to provide the update, noting that the legislative session was entering a highly active phase following the conclusion of the primary election. She referred to close monitoring of newly introduced legislation affecting higher education and active engagement with legislative leaders and the governor's office to ensure the University remained well-positioned in budget and policy discussions. Ms. Creasey emphasized the importance of reinforcing the University's role in the state's economy, workforce pipeline, and communities. She noted that the governor's introduced budget proposed a 1 percent increase for public higher education and highlighted the continued investment in higher education by the State. She said that the legislative agenda continues to prioritize sustained support for MAP and AIM HIGH financial aid programs; continued support for key statewide programs; and regulatory reforms. Ms. Creasey remarked on opposition to a new funding formula for higher education and said the governor's recent executive

order establishing a statewide attainment working group focused on outcomes, workforce alignment, and employer engagement, which is more consistent with the University's strategic priorities.

Ms. Creasey highlighted ongoing advocacy efforts, including the 17th Annual University of Illinois System Day in the Capitol, which brought more than 250 students and alumni to Springfield. She thanked Mr. Ruiz for participating and noted that such engagement resonates strongly with legislators. Ms. Creasey listed additional outreach efforts and concluded her report by referring to upcoming appropriations hearings and reaffirming the University's strategy to position itself as central to the state's economic and workforce future. She indicated she would return in May with a more detailed update.

Mr. Weinberger gave a federal update and said enacted spending bills were generally positive, preserving funding levels for agencies previously targeted for cuts. He highlighted a statutory provision that would prevent several federal agencies from capping indirect cost reimbursements for university research. Mr. Weinberger said these temporary provisions provide a critical window for continued advocacy for the FAIR model of federal research cost support. He remarked on Fiscal Year 2027 programmatic requests and said priorities include support for the FAIR model and increased funding for Pell Grants. He discussed the importance of Pell funding and its impact on the University and its students. Mr. Weinberger also reported concerns regarding the Department of Education's proposed definitions of graduate and professional programs, noting that the

narrow definition of “professional” would reduce affordability and access for high-demand fields such as nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, public health, social work, and education. He shared positive news that Congress had approved reauthorization of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs, which he said had been on hold and provide vital support for University-affiliated startups. Mr. Weinberger concluded by noting that Illinois would see significant turnover in its congressional delegation following the election, with at least six new members expected.

There were no questions or comments about these reports.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Blackwell asked if there was new business to discuss, and there was none. She announced that the next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in Champaign.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Ms. Blackwell then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Dr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. There were

no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Vice Chair

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