MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE, PERSONNEL, AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

May 20, 2026

This meeting of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the I Hotel and Conference Center, Illinois Ballroom, 1900 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at 10:05 a.m.

Trustee Joseph Gutman, 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, Dr. Suzet M. McKinney,[1] Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III. Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz; Dr. Bryan S. Traubert; 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., 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

[1] Dr. McKinney attended via remote videoconference.

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.

Mr. Gutman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the meeting that was held on March 18, 2026, and there were none. On motion of Ms. Blackwell, 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 MAY 21, 2026

Mr. Gutman introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda at its meeting on May 21, 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

Mr. Gutman 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.

Amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*, Urbana

Mr. Gutman asked Dr. Isbell to discuss the recommendation to amend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate *Constitution*. Dr. Isbell explained that the amendment would remove a restriction preventing instructors or lecturers pursuing a degree at the university from participating in the faculty electorate. He said this restriction no longer reflects current practices, as some instructional faculty members pursue degrees on a part-time basis while actively teaching. Dr. Isbell added that constitutional language preventing individuals from belonging to more than one electorate already exists. Ms. Craig Schilling asked Dr. Isbell if he could provide some historical context, and Dr. Isbell noted that that it had likely reflected prior norms that have since evolved.

Appoint Members to the Athletic Board, Urbana

Dr. Isbell then reported on the recommendation to appoint members to the Athletic Board, Urbana. He listed the individuals being recommended and discussed the role of the Athletic Board, stating that it serves as a critical connecting point and is an important component of shared governance.

Amend Multiyear Contract with Head Varsity Coach, Men's Basketball,
Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana

Next, Dr. Isbell discussed the recommendation to amend the multiyear contract with Mr. Bradley Underwood, head varsity coach, men’s basketball, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana. Dr. Isbell highlighted the program’s recent success under Mr. Underwood’s leadership, including consistent NCAA tournament appearances, conference achievements, and a return to the Final Four. He remarked on the broader institutional value of successful athletic programs, including increased visibility, enhanced recruitment, and strengthened public engagement.

Ms. Craig Schilling asked if Dr. Isbell could comment on the recruitment component as it relates to success in athletics. Dr. Isbell referenced an overall increase in applications and public perception, noting that precise data is difficult to isolate. The committee recognized athletics as a significant contributor to institutional reputation and outreach.

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

PRESENTATION

Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC Update

Mr. Gutman asked Mr. Milhouse, who serves as chair of the Board of Managers of the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC, to give an update. Mr. Milhouse referenced progress across three primary areas: capital development, business and industry partnerships, and community engagement.

Mr. Milhouse gave an update on National Quantum Facility (NQF) and Quantum Works (QW) buildings, which he said are progressing through the pre-design phase. He said he anticipated recommendations to the Board for building design and construction budgets later this year.

Next, Mr. Milhouse reported on business development and said that IBM recently announced their FutureNow Chicago facility, which will bring 750 full-time jobs to the park. He said this will be the anchor tenant of the QW building. Mr. Milhouse reported that the project will create a talent pipeline into IBM's consulting operations through an apprenticeship program in partnership with City Colleges of Chicago, and he said additional internship and co-op opportunities will be created with Chicago State University and curriculum development with the University of Illinois. He said IQMP has now named seven major industry partners who will locate at the park, with initial pledges totaling over 1000 jobs. He said several of these companies are utilizing temporary "on-ramp" facilities. Mr. Milhouse added that five to 10 end-user companies have signed or are in the process of signing membership agreements with the National Quantum Algorithm Center (NQAC), and he said building plans are being revised to ensure that space is sufficient and designed to suit the needs of the companies.

Lastly, Mr. Milhouse discussed community engagement, which he said is a top priority. He told the committee that IQMP continues to work with community organizations and local elected officials in South Chicago, and he referenced the Quality of Life Plan that was developed over the past year and shared publicly in January. Mr. Milhouse shared several major community activities that were held in the spring. He said that positive momentum continues to grow on Chicago's South Side as a quantum ecosystem and global tech powerhouse is being built, bringing jobs, talent, and cutting-edge technology to Illinois.

Ethics and Compliance Annual Update

Mr. Gutman asked Ms. Melissa Mlynski, chief ethics and compliance officer, University of Illinois System, to give a compliance update. Ms. Mlynski gave a presentation (materials on file with the secretary) on the 2025 annual report and highlighted the University Ethics and Compliance Office mission statement. She listed significant accomplishments from 2025, including the review or investigation of 106 cases; delivery of annual ethics training and annual Title IX training to the System-wide population; and review and filing of 9,175 Statements of Economic Interest. She also discussed efforts and accomplishments related to the compliance program. Ms. Mlynski provided details about each area, and Mr. Ruiz inquired about the workload related to the review of Statements of Economic Interest. Ms. Mlynski told Mr. Ruiz that statements indicating no disclosures can be automatically approved, which saves time, and she shared additional information about the review process and use of artificial intelligence (AI). Ms. Blackwell inquired about the 106 ethics line cases, and Ms. Mlynski indicated that the number of calls often increases during and after training. She noted that less than 5 percent of calls result in a report. Mr. Gutman asked if the University Ethics and

Compliance Office offers training to prevent anti-Semitism, and Ms. Mlynski stated that the office currently provides only the annual ethics training and annual Title X training. Mr. Gutman suggested they may want to consider broadening their mission statement to include students.

Legislative Update

Mr. Gutman 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 said the legislative session was entering its final phase, with budget deliberations taking priority. She said University leadership presented the University System budget and participated in appropriation hearings. Ms. Creasey stated that students also participated in the hearings, and she stated that these hearings are an important aspect of the budget process. She thanked Dr. McKinney for attending the House hearing.

Ms. Creasey referred to ongoing discussions regarding a higher education funding formula, emphasizing the University's position in favor of stability, transparency, and outcome-based funding while avoiding redistribution that could negatively impact the System.

Ms. Creasey then discussed advocacy efforts and highlighted coordinated outreach to legislators and leadership. She referred to successful calls to action, which she said demonstrate the ability to mobilize thousands of advocates quickly, and said the volume of response to the proposed equitable funding formula reflects stakeholder concern. Ms. Creasey highlighted visibility and relationship building in Chicago and throughout the state and described a series of events that reinforce the role of the University in Illinois.

Ms. Creasey reported on visits to the Capitol and said they reinforce excellence, access, and inclusion in a way that policy conversations alone cannot. She referred to President Killeen's virtual town hall on State priorities and said the next week is a critical time. Ms. Creasey said the University is well-positioned and referenced future outreach and partnership opportunities with legislators and communities. She concluded her report by stating that she would provide a written report to the Board in June.

Mr. Weinberger provided a federal relations update and outlined recent advocacy efforts, including meetings with congressional representatives and participation at the University of Illinois System Day in Washington, DC. He thanked Mr. Cepeda and Ms. Craig Schilling for their participation. He highlighted visits from the President's Executive Leadership Program fellows to Washington, DC, and said that President Killeen presented the Paul H. Douglas Award for Ethics in Government to Illinois Senator Dick Durbin.

Mr. Weinberger discussed addressed federal appropriations, noting proposed funding changes and ongoing efforts to protect research funding and indirect cost recovery. He highlighted a pending regulatory change related to international student visas that could impact university operations.

Ms. Craig Schilling stated that it was her first opportunity to join the University of Illinois System Day in Washington, DC, and she said she was impressed by the positive relationships that have been established with many legislators. Mr. Gutman told Ms. Creasey to contact the Board if they can provide assistance at the State level over the next week. Mr. Milhouse inquired about the interfacing of the University of Illinois Chicago, the City of Chicago, and Cook County. Dr. Miranda described her ongoing interactions with alderpeople and the president of Cook County Board of Commissioners, and she said there is collaboration and cooperation with the deputy mayors. She said she believes these relationships are stronger today than they were several years ago. Dr. Miranda added that she serves on the board of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, and she said she uses that opportunity to tell the UIC story. Ms. Creasey described similar System-level efforts and said there is much communication with the chancellor’s office to ensure alignment and coordination. Mr. Ruiz asked if the University of Illinois Chicago receives any funding from the city or county. Dr. Miranda said there is funding occasionally for specific things, and she gave some examples. She also gave examples of the ways in which UIC may be able to work collaboratively with the county on health care. Ms. Creasey remarked on the importance of building relationships and goodwill. Ms. Nazon reiterated the importance of relationships and engagement. President Killeen added that Cook County is contributing to IQMP.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gutman asked if there was new business to discuss, and there was none. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Champaign.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gutman requested a motion to convene an executive session. On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, this 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 comments or questions, the executive session ended at 11:46 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 11:47 p.m. Mr. Rice stated that the exceptions invoked for the executive session within the Open Meetings Act were: discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act (subsection 21) and University employment or appointment-related matters (subsection 1). Mr. Gutman confirmed.

Mr. Gutman 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 September 2010 to January 2026 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

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Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed under the Open Meetings Act

Ms. Blackwell 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 May 21, 2025, which pertain to the semi-annual review that took place at that time. Mr. Rice reiterated that this review is required under the Open Meetings Act and listed the primary topics of sequestered minutes from Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee meetings. There were no comments or questions regarding this process or the recommendation.

On motion of Mr. Milhouse, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, this recommendation was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Gutman then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m. There were no "nay" votes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Chair

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