

MINUTES
Board of Trustees Illinois State University
September 1, 2023

[Rapping of gavel.]

Trustee Bohn: Good afternoon and thank you for taking the time to attend this special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University. I note for the record that notice of today's meeting was posted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and the public has been notified of the date, time, and location of this meeting. The purpose of today's meeting is the consideration of one resolution, Authorization to Engage an External Search Firm. As included in the notice of the meeting, the university has provided a YouTube link that allows all interested persons to contemporaneously view the meeting and hear all discussion and votes. For the record, I note that two of our board members are participating by telephone. In accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, a member not physically present at the meeting and participating through other means needs to state the reason they are prevented from physically attending, such as (1) personal illness or disability (2) employment purposes or (3) family or other emergencies. If you are participating by telephone, please state the reason you cannot attend in person when your name is called. Trustee Navarro, would you call the roll.

Trustee Navarro: Sure. Trustee Bohn.

Trustee Bohn: Present.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Present.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: Present.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jones.

Trustee Jones: Present via phone because of employment issues.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Merminga.

Trustee Navarro. Present. Trustee Tillis.

Trustee Tillis: Present.

Trustee Navarro: We have a quorum physically present.

Trustee Bohn: Thank you, Trustee Navarro. For the members present and in person, is there a motion and a second to allow Trustee Jones to attend remotely to officially participate in today's meeting?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Jenkins second. All those in favor, say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The motion is approved. Trustee Jones, you may participate in today's meeting by telephone.

Trustee Jones: Thank you.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Bohn: You have before you the agenda for today's meeting. May I have a motion and second to approve the agenda?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Bohn: Motion by Trustee Ebikhumi. Is there a second?

Trustee Jenkins: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Second by Trustee Jenkins. Is there any discussion? Having no discussion, all those in favor, say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Public Comments

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The agenda is approved. Next on the agenda is Public Comments. I see that we do not have anyone signed up for Public Comments today, so we will move forward.

Approval of Resolution

Trustee Bohn: Well, good afternoon, and thank you for joining us today for today's special meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 1st, 2023. The board is aware that there are many questions regarding the status of the presidential search. More information about the search process will be provided via a media advisory as soon as possible. We will now proceed with the resolution.

Resolution Number 2023.09/48. Authorization to Engage an External Search Firm.

With the resignation of Terri Goss Kinzy in February 2023 and the subsequent appointment of Interim President Aonover Tarhule, the Board of Trustees plans to immediately begin a search for the next President of Illinois State University. Engagement of an external search firm will assist with developing a highly qualified and diverse pool of candidates. The board is authorized to engage an external search firm to assist in the hiring of the president of the university pursuant to Illinois State University policy and is authorized to use university funds to pay for the services of an external search firm to assist in the hiring of the president of the university pursuant to 110ILCS675/20-180. This resolution seeks authorization to approve the engagement of an external search firm to assist the Board of Trustees with the search for the next president of Illinois State University and the use of university funds to pay for the services of the external search firm. Could I have a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 2023.09/48, Authorization to Engage an External Search Firm?

Trustee Navarro: I so move.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Navarro made the motion. Is there a second?

Trustee Ebikhumi: Second.

Trustee Bohn: Second, Trustee Ebikhumi. Is there any discussion? Trustee Navarro, please proceed with calling the role for the vote.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Bohn.

Trustee Bohn: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Ebikhumi.

Trustee Ebikhumi: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Jenkins: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Jones.

Trustee Jones: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: Trustee Navarro. Yes. Trustee Tillis.

Trustee Tillis: Yes.

Trustee Navarro: The motion is approved.

Trustee Bohn: Thank you. This concludes the resolutions for today. I would now ask for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Is there a motion?

Trustee Ebikhumi: So moved.

Trustee Navarro: I'll second.

Trustee Bohn: Trustee Ebikhumi made the motion. Trustee Navarro second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

Multiple people: Aye.

Trustee Bohn: Opposed? The motion is approved, and we are adjourned.