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Item #V-11  
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**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING**  
**December 1, 2015**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** Minutes of the December 1, 2015, meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education held at DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

**Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2015, meeting.



**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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A meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in Room 120 A/B of the Student Center, at DePaul University, Lincoln Park Campus, Chicago, Illinois, on December 1, 2015.

Lindsay Anderson, Chair, presided.  
Cindy Deitsch was Secretary for the meeting.

The following Board members were present:

Brian Durham	Robert Ruiz
Jane Hays	Tyler Solorio
Alice Marie Jacobs	Christine Wiseman
Allan Karnes	Addison E. Woodward, Jr.
Santos Rivera	Eric Zarnikow

Also present by invitation of the Board were:

James L. Applegate, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education  
Jeff Brownfield, Executive Director, State Universities Civil Service System  
W. Bryan Lewis, Executive Director, State Universities Retirement System  
Eric Zarnikow, Executive Director, Illinois Student Assistant Commission

**Presidents and Chancellors**

Douglas Baker	Stephen Hansen
Bradley Colwell	Susan Koch
Larry Dietz	Elaine Maimon
Randy Dunn	Jack Thomas
Sharon Hahs	

**Advisory Committee Chairpersons**

Marie Donovan, Faculty Advisory Council  
Ron Kimberling, Proprietary University Presidents  
Terri Winfree, Community College Presidents  
Larry Dietz, Public University Presidents  
Carrie Pierson, Disabilities Advisory Committee

## **I. Call to Order**

### **1. Call Meeting to Order, Chair Lindsay Anderson**

Chair Lindsay Anderson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

### **2. Welcome by Provost Marten denBoer, DePaul University**

Provost Marten denBoer welcomed everyone to the DePaul University.

### **3. Welcome and remarks by Chair Lindsay Anderson**

Chair Anderson thanked Vice Chair Jane Hays for her commitment of time and work on behalf of the Board during Chair Anderson's maternity leave.

Vice Chair Hays thanked DePaul for hosting the meeting. The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) joined the Board as their luncheon guests. As advocates on campuses for supporting students with special educational and physical needs to improve their achievements as college students, the Board truly appreciates the time and observations shared with the Board on the programs, and the successes of the students the DAC serves. Carrie Pierson, Director, Office of Student Services at Millikin University serves as this important group's current chair.

Vice Chair Hays welcomed Interim Chancellor Stephen Hansen from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Interim Chancellor Bradley Colwell from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Today's meeting will discuss the Fiscal Year 2017 budget recommendation and the formation of an Illinois Compact for Higher Education to improve fiscal stability for improved student success and more college completions at Illinois colleges and universities.

In addition to the Board's responsibilities to approve programs and operating authority for several colleges, and approve other business items they review on the agenda, the Board is responsible for recommending state higher education funding levels each fiscal year. This meeting affords the Board the opportunity to review the results of staff's important work in partnership with Illinois' public universities, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and other higher education programs and agencies, including the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), to prepare a budget to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly. While this discussion and decision making takes place every year as is statutorily required, this year is not like any other year.

IBHE staff strongly recommends that even during these most unusual times, a Fiscal Year 2017 budget recommendation is required to comply with the statutory mandate and so that the Board's recommendations can be considered by the Governor and the Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) as they develop their Fiscal Year 2017 budget. By approving this budget recommendation now, it will provide sufficient time for the Board's recommendations to be considered by the Governor before his statutorily required budget address to the General Assembly on February 17, 2016.

In addition to the budget recommendations, staff also presented a resolution calling for the formation of an Illinois Higher Education Compact comprised of a partnership of leaders of higher education, leaders of the General Assembly, and representatives of the Office of the Governor and

GOMB, and IBHE. The Illinois Higher Education Compact group will come together to focus on future budgets by recommending strategies that could bring stable and sustainable funding to the state's higher education system; and enhance strong returns on investment that will result in improving college affordability, effectiveness and efficiency at Illinois' institutions for student success, and economic growth in Illinois. Vice Chair Hays reviewed the staff's summary, and was encouraged that this consensus building process of forming a Compact will serve as an anecdote, if not the cure, for the uncertainty and instability this year's budget process has created.

Today's discussions will be on moving forward to Fiscal Year 2017 with plans to unify and strengthen our purpose to adequately fund our citizens' opportunities for higher education to benefit their lives, and our state's economic prosperity.

#### **4. Remarks by Executive Director Dr. James L. Applegate**

Dr. James Applegate thanked the Board for continuing to actively serve the interests of higher education and its students in Illinois despite the inability to provide the basic support to their volunteer efforts. Dr. Applegate thanked the IBHE staff who have continued to work tirelessly and creatively to find the resources necessary to keep the ship moving forward while they themselves personally amass thousands of dollars in costs. He expressed deep appreciation to the colleges and universities who have labored mightily to protect the students, especially the most vulnerable ones, from the current budget pain without a state appropriation or without the Monetary Award Program (MAP). The input the presidents provided to the Compact resolution was invaluable. It is typical of the valuable input and partnership experienced with them.

Dr. Applegate thanked the many partners including several private foundations inside and outside of Illinois who have continued to have confidence in IBHE and Illinois' ability to move the higher education agenda forward despite the situation. That support began last year and continued into this year. Private funding has been secured to support the data capacity to track important trends in Illinois higher education and identify priorities for IBHE's work; support for the effort to redesign the high school to college transition through a speed up/catch up initiative that will accelerate high school student's progress to a college degree and help increase college readiness that is so desperately needed for all students; support for the Finish Up Illinois initiative designed to help adults with some college to complete and expand reverse transfer; support for the Commission on the Future of the Workforce which will be launched in January and is charged with improving the college to career or education to career transition for students. Hopefully IBHE will soon be able to announce additional grants to support the work of the Commission and adult learners specifically. Thank you to the Joyce Foundation, the College Board, the Lumina Foundation and others who prefer to remain anonymous for their commitment to Illinois in these difficult times.

Dr. Applegate gave a final thank you to the students. He met with the Student Advisory Committee recently and the students continue to do the right thing for themselves and Illinois in pursuing their college degrees while actively advocating for a resolution to this crisis.

The Preliminary Fall 2015 Enrollment Report is an informational item in the board packet. There are some notable trends in that Report. Undergraduate enrollment has declined overall and in all sectors, however there was some variations. Out-of-state institutions experienced the largest over year decline. The community college sector also experienced a substantial decrease in enrollment, a six percent decline in headcount and a 5.5 percent in full-time equivalent students. Public universities were relatively stable only having experienced a one-half of one percent decline in undergraduate enrollment. Graduate enrollment increased in all but one sector. The public

universities experienced about a one percent increase in their graduate enrollment. There is much other useful information in the Report. The Report is used to begin to predict trends, look at degree production and to think about what needs to be done to accelerate toward the 60 percent goal.

IBHE is moving forward with the recommendations of the Affordability Action Team by developing a study looking at the comparative costs of Illinois higher education with peer institutions. The study also will look at ten year spending trends to see what is driving costs. Staff are working to launch an initiative that will look at where costs are increasing and work on strategies colleges can use to contain those costs and become more affordable for students.

Jane Angelis has led the work in Illinois on the Generations Serving Generations during 2015 the Year of the Volunteer. IBHE has participated and benefited from Jane's leadership. In these difficult times it is important to explore how to utilize all of our intellectual and other capital to support progress. While we know volunteerism cannot replace the fundamental supports for education and the most vulnerable in our society that we need from our state it is nevertheless about valuable strategy about enriching that work. We hope to share more of this valuable work as it launches on into 2016.

If there is a grey lining to this dark budget cloud it is in fact that it is bringing the higher education community together in a way that perhaps has not been seen in sometime around the common commitment to students and the future of Illinois.

##### **5. Resolution Honoring William Feurer, IBHE Legal Counsel**

Board Member Robert Ruiz read a Senate Proclamation sponsored by Pat McGuire, Chair, Senate Higher Education Committee, honoring William Feurer for his service to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the State of Illinois. The House Higher Education Committee Resolution sponsored by Chair Kelly Burke will be passed on December 2, 2015.

Chair Lindsay Anderson read the Board Resolution honoring William Feurer:

*We, the Members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, extend our profound admiration and respect to William E. Feurer for his commitment to Illinois' students, colleges and universities.*

*Bill has served the Board of Higher Education as legal officer since 1973. During the course of these 42 years, his wise counsel was offered to ten Board Chairs, and he provided essential staff legal services to twelve Executive Directors. Nearly 100 Board members have had the opportunity to benefit from his discerning observations and recommendations to ensure that their higher education policy decisions were not only legal, but also practical and constructive.*

*His higher education knowledge and experience has served the Board well, especially his contributions to the implementation of the statutory governance system for the public universities boards of trustees. He has provided steadfast oversight to ensure the Board of Higher Education carries out the mandates of the Board of Higher Education Act, the Private College Act, and the Academic Degree Act, and all state statutes directing the Board's work.*

*Spanning over four decades, Bill's service as a public advocate for ethical and effective administration of state laws, rules and regulations by Illinois colleges and universities on behalf of millions of Illinois college students will not soon be forgotten.*

*His presence will be missed by the Board, even as the Board will continue to rely on the sound precedence of his work. The Board extends its sincere best wishes to Mr. Feurer as we mark with gratitude his retirement as IBHE's legal counsel.*

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Dr. Applegate announced that December 3 would be Bill Feurer's day on WUIS public radio. There would be a series of eight spots naming and thanking Bill for his contributions to Springfield generally and to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**6. Advisory Committee Report – Disability Advisory Committee, Ms. Carrie Pierson**

Ms. Carrie Pierson thanked the Board for the luncheon. She provided updates about the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC). The DAC established in 2013 with the help of the ICCB was a list serve that was for disability directors and coordinators across the state. Many times they are the only person in their office with the skills and expertise. With the help of the ICCB they have established the list serve to be able to communicate and network with each other through best practices to reach out to others.

The DAC is working on documentation for high school students into college. It is very important for those students to understand the policies and practices related to documentation for students with disabilities at colleges and universities. Through a subcommittee chaired by Scott Freedman, the Dean of Student Engagement, Moraine Valley Community College, a doctorate candidate in disability services at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and subcommittee members developed a survey. It was approved through the UIC institutional review board in March and was distributed to disability services directors between June and August. The data is currently being analyzed. In completing the survey, some institutions provided policies and procedures that they use in their particular institutions. Through that information and the data that is being analyzed over the next few months the subcommittee will reconvene in the spring to determine if there is enough participation to move forward to create a statewide resource or document.

A group of members from the DAC have been collaborating to develop a handbook or some guidelines to be used by high schools, families, students and other service providers for students to help them make the best educated decisions for postsecondary education. It is essential for these students to understand and have a good transition and be able to explain and articulate the disability that they have and the understanding of that to the service providers at the postsecondary education settings. Some of the handbook topics that will be covered are: deciding to attend a postsecondary institution; the high school to postsecondary differences; planning and preparing; working with support networks; and classes that will be required from the high school level for the college entrance. The plan is to have more of this handbook and guidelines in place by the end of 2016 and then to determine where and how to distribute it so the transition for these high school students can be as smooth as possible.

## **II. Action Team Reports**

**Improving Affordability** – Ms. Christine Wiseman gave the report. At the October board meeting the Team presented the Board with a nearly completed draft of a white paper on enhancing college affordability in Illinois. At that time four amendments were suggested from members of the action team, presidents and various others in attendance. The amendments called for an index so that data could be provided for comparison purposes; an enlargement of the scope and purpose to provide more detail about the genesis of the action teams themselves; an elaboration on the return on investment aspect of affordability; and for a retooled concept that moved from the definition of a completion advisor in the form of a person to describe the completion advising function. All of those amendments have been incorporated and a final draft has been completed of the Affordability Action Team White Paper on Enhancing College Affordability in Illinois. The document is intended as a living document for submission to the Board and to articulate basic concepts that help launch other initiatives by the Board and the staff. Some of those initiatives are currently underway. For example, there is study being undertaken by staff on a ten year trend on expenditure increases that will look to balance the location of revenues, the location of expenditures and provide an opportunity for the various institutions to tell their own story and to dispel a lot of rumors in the provision of fact about what the expenditure increases have been. There is also an initiative about truth in advising which has now assumed the form for a renewed call for a Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) grant on pathways for success. Finally, the staff is preparing a masterplan for affordability in the state of Illinois in cooperation with ISAC.

**Increasing Non-Traditional and Adult Completions Aligned with Economic Needs** – Mr. Tyler Solorio gave the report. The Action Team is also going to create a white paper. They are developing a comprehensive list defining specific barriers to adult degree completion. They hope to have a rough draft of the paper by the next meeting. There are enough team members with a strong adult learner background to insure the paper will be grounded in research.

**Reducing Attainment Gaps** – Dr. Arthur Sutton gave the report. The Action Team is working on strategic goals to identify to the Board. They have identified specific items to work which are recruitment, student readiness and retention, and education to career. The team is working on defining those and producing a white paper with final goals, metrics, and strategy recommendations.

**Advocacy for Quality Higher Education** – Ms. Jane Hays gave the report. The Action Team discussed the budget situation and the urgent situation higher education faces. They discussed the proposal for the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. The Board wants to be proactive in providing information to the Governor prior his state of the state address. Waiting until the spring session to develop the budget recommendation is really too late. The Team discussed various aspects of the proposed budget and how they can be helpful. They also discussed the proposed resolution on the Higher Education Compact designed to provide a foundational level of financial investment or support for public institutions in the state of Illinois. In exchange for that concept of giving them more sustainable medium term funding there would be expectations were doing something in return to provide deliverables in the way of increased efficiency and effectiveness, student success and outcomes because that is the ultimate goal. They also discussed the Higher Education Commission on the Future of the Workforce. The first organizational meeting is taking place on December 10 and the four meetings will take place January through April. The Action Team is committed to further discussing with the presidents and chancellors of the public universities whether and how the Truth in Tuition law should be improved to better achieve its goal.

### **III. Action Items**

#### **7. Fiscal Year 2017 Higher Education Budget Recommendation: Operations, Grants, and Capital Improvements**

Mr. Kevin Schoeben presented the Fiscal Year 2017 Higher Education Budget Recommendation. The Board of Higher Education Act requires that the Board submit a proposed budget of the ensuing fiscal year to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Governor's budget address is statutorily scheduled for February 17.

Chair Anderson thanked the staff for all the thought and work into preparing the recommendation with all the difficulties with the unknowns.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Dr. Addison Woodward and seconded by Mr. Tyler Solorio, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Recommendations for higher education operations, grants, and capital improvements in the amounts and for the purposes outlined in Item #III-7.*

#### **8. Illinois Compact of Higher Education Initiative**

Mr. Schoeben presented the Illinois Compact of Higher Education Initiative. In an effort to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the higher education system, reduce costs, improve student college success and the fiscal stability of higher education in Illinois it is recommended that the Board launch a process for developing an Illinois Higher Education Compact. The Resolution contains some additions and improvements that were discussed with the Presidents and Chancellors earlier in the day. A stable, robust budget over multiple years is important for the universities and colleges and higher education partners to develop strong strategic plans that increase effectiveness. It is especially important with ISAC now dealing with the FASFA deadline in October from January which will require pre-planning much earlier. The lack of a budget has created the need to pull the higher education community together but also underscores the fact that higher education needs long term planning.

It is so important to provide for some stability so that the universities and colleges can prepare in advance for their planning processes. It is also important for operations and construction. As most of the facilities are exceeding their life expectancy there are serious life, health and safety concerns. Many of the institutions that IBHE staff visited during budget meetings showed deferred maintenance issues. Even if there was a capital bill today it will take two to three years for the planning process to begin repairing and making good on some of those improvements. Long range planning for construction is just as important. In a trend report over the last ten years in terms of university spending there was a 237 percent increase on maintenance and repair projects funded from operational funds due to the lack of a capital budget. That cuts into the availability of these funds for operations and student support. .

Dr. Applegate noted that the presidents were very supportive of the resolution in October calling for a budget. The Compact Resolution has an additional resolve that the Board reaffirm its support of the October 6 Board Resolution. The presidents also wanted to further emphasize that a full budget needs to be resolved no later than January 31, 2016. If it goes beyond that it is going to effect the operations for summer and fall.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Dr. Addison Woodward, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, hereby approves the Illinois Compact of Higher Education Initiative.*

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby resolves:*

*Resolved, that the Illinois Board of Higher Education reaffirms its strong support for the October 6, 2015 Board Resolution Encouraging Resolution to the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Impasse and further emphasizes the budget needs to be resolved no later than January 31, 2016; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the Illinois Board of Higher Education recommends formation of an Illinois Higher Education Compact comprised of a partnership including leaders of higher education, leaders of the General Assembly, representatives of the Office of the Governor and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the Compact develop strategies for adequate and predictable state investment for all of higher education, recommended over a 3-year period, tied to concomitant strategies to promote affordability and increase system efficiency and effectiveness to benefit students; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the Compact shall rely, in part, on strategies for increased productivity developed in concert with the Higher Education Efficiency and Effectiveness Initiative supported by the National Governors Association with consideration of models being developed at institutions of higher education in other states; and be it further*

*Resolved, that strategies for development of a Compact shall be consistent with the guiding principles and performance metrics set forth under the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success; and be it further*

*Resolved, that the Compact shall not abrogate the right and responsibility of future budget submissions by the Governor or the appropriation authority of the legislature; and be it further*

*Resolved, that an Illinois Higher Education Compact is established to develop strategies that bring robust and sustainable funding to the state's higher education system and improves affordability, effectiveness, student success, and economic growth in Illinois.*

## **Program Reviews**

Dr. Daniel Cullen reviewed the pending academic programs and authorization proposals, stating "we have included in the memo a listing of all pending academic programs and all authorization proposals submitted to the Board through November 9, 2015. Since then, three additional proposals have been received. As of November 23, 2015, there were 27 new requests for program modifications in addition to the 34 reported in the memo. One application that was determined to not be viable has been voluntarily withdrawn by the institution since the last board meeting."

### **9. New Operating and/or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions – Continued from October 6, 2015 Meeting**

Dr. Cullen briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion was held.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Dr. Alice Jacobs, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, removes from the table for consideration the Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential DBA Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential Authorization to Operate in the Chicago Region.*

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Dr. Alice Jacobs, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, hereby grants to Wright Graduate University for the Realization of Human Potential DBA Wright Graduate School for the Realization of Human Potential Authorization to Operate in the Chicago Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

**10. New Operating and/or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions**

Dr. Cullen briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion was held.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. Tyler Solorio and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, hereby grants to Elmhurst College Authorization to Grant the Master of Science in Nursing in the Chicago Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Ferris State University Authorization to Operate in the North Suburban Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Indiana Institute of Technology DBA Indiana Tech Authorization to Operate in the North Suburban Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Pacific College of Oriental Medicine Authorization to Grant the Doctor of Acupuncture and the Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in the Chicago Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Madison Media Institute DBA Rockford Career College Authorization to Grant the Associate in Applied Science in Medical Assistant in the Fox Valley Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Midstate College Authorization to Grant the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration in the Central Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

**11. New Units of Instruction for Public Service, and Research at Public Universities**

Dr. Cullen briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion was held.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. Allan Karnes and seconded by Mr. Tyler Solorio, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, hereby grants to Eastern Illinois University Authorization to Grant the Master of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology in the Prairie Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Governors State University Authorization to Grant the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and the Master of Science in Health Informatics in the South Metro Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Southern Illinois University Carbondale Authorization to Grant the Master of Health Administration and the Master of Health Informatics in the Southern Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Authorization to Grant the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sciences, the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences and the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Southwestern Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And grants to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Authorization to Grant the Master of Science in Information Management and the Master of Science in Strategic Brand Communication in the Prairie Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

**12. 2015-2016 Priorities for Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. Allan Karnes and seconded by Mr. Tyler Solorio, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, hereby approves the 2015-2016 priorities for the Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education included in this item.*

**13. IBHE Affordability Action Team Resolution on the Promotion of an Affordable Postsecondary Education in Illinois**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Christine Wiseman and seconded by Mr. Tyler Solorio, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, approves the Affordability Action Team Resolution on the Promotion of an Affordable Postsecondary Education in Illinois.*

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby resolves:*

*Resolved, that the Illinois Board of Higher Education endorse these recommendations to promote and enhance best practices in making college more affordable for Illinois students and support their implementation; and be it further*

*Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.*

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

Chair Anderson next moved to the consent agenda. There were no discussions on consent agenda items.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Mr. Tyler Solorio, with Ms. Lindsay Anderson voting present, approved Item Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.*

##### **14. Board Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2015**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education approves the Minutes of the October 6, 2015, meeting.*

##### **15. Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Report as of October 31, 2015**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education approves the Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Report as of October 31, 2015.*

##### **16. IBHE Administrative Rules: January 2016 Regulatory Agenda**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the proposed 2016 Regulatory Agenda as contained in this item to be published in the Illinois Register.*

##### **17. Executive Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby resolves:*

*Resolved, that the Illinois Board of Higher Education finds that the need for confidentiality exists for the minutes of the IBHE Executive Sessions of June 2, 2009, July 28, 2009, August 10, 2010, December 7, 2010, April 12, 2011, December 6, 2011, April 10, 2012, June 5, 2012, September 25, 2012, December 4, 2012, February 5, 2013, April 2, 2013, December 10, 2013, February 5, 2015, April 6, 2015, June 2, 2015, and August 11, 2015, and that such minutes shall continue to remain confidential; and further*

*Resolved that the destruction of verbatim recordings for all Executive Sessions held prior to June 1, 2014, be authorized.*

##### **18. Board Member Appointment to Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby resolves:*

*That the Illinois Board of Higher Education reappoint Dr. Addison E. Woodward Jr., a current member of this Board, to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission to serve as a*

*representative of the state of Illinois and as an ambassador for the Commission as set forth in the Compact and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact Act (45 ILCS 155/2) for a term scheduled to expire on January 1, 2019.*

**19. IBHE 2016 Meeting Calendar**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the proposed 2016 Meeting Calendar as contained in this item.*

**V. Information Items (Written Reports)**

**20. Preliminary Fall 2015 Enrollments in Illinois Higher Education**

**21. Legislative Report**

**VI. Public Comment**

**VII. Other Matters**

The next Board meeting will be December 1 at DePaul University in Chicago. The featured lunch guests will be the Disability Advisory Committee.

**VIII. Executive Session**

Chair Anderson asked that the Board go into Executive Session. She noted that under the Open Meetings Act, there must be a motion in open session to authorize this executive session. A quorum must be present and a motion must be approved by a majority of the quorum with a recorded vote. The Chair observed that a quorum was present.

*Ms. Christine Wiseman made the motion to move the Illinois Board of Higher Education into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment issues, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Santos Rivera seconded the motion.*

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Yes – Anderson, Durham, Hays, Jacobs, Karnes, Rivera, Ruiz, Solorio, Wiseman, Woodward, and Zarnikow. No – none.

The Board moved into executive session.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

The Board reconvened in open session.

Chair Anderson asked for a motion and second to come out of executive session.

*Ms. Christine Wiseman moved that the Board of Higher Education come out of executive session at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 and Dr. Santos Rivera seconded the motion.*

## **IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Deitsch, Secretary to the Board.

Note: Copies of all items referred to in the minutes (i.e., letters, statements, reports, etc.) are on file with the official minutes of the December 1, 2015, meeting.

