Submitted for: Action.


Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2016, meeting.
A meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education was called to order at 1:02 p.m. in the Wojcik Conference Center, at Harper College, Palatine, Illinois, on December 13, 2016.

Tom Cross, Chair, presided.
Cindy Deitsch was Secretary for the meeting.

The following Board members were present:

- John Bambenek
- Jay Bergman
- Teresa Garate
- Jane Hays
- Kevin Huber
- Alice Marie Jacobs
- Paul Langer
- Jim Palos
- Justin Provo
- Jack Thomas
- Stephanie Torres
- Christine Wiseman

Also present by invitation of the Board were:

- James L. Applegate, Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education
- Karen Hunter Anderson, Executive Director, Illinois Community College Board
- Eric Zarnikow, Executive Director, Illinois Student Assistant Commission

Presidents and Chancellors

- Doug Baker
- Larry Dietz
- Randy Dunn
- David Glassman
- Richard Helldobler
- Elaine Maimon
- Jack Thomas

Advisory Committee Chairpersons

- Marie Donovan, Faculty Advisory Council
- Tom Ramage, Community College Presidents
- D. Ronald Kimberling, Proprietary Advisory Committee
- Larry Dietz, Public University Presidents
- Dave Tretter, Private University Presidents
I. Call to Order

- Call Meeting to Order, Chair Tom Cross

Chair Cross welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Harper College for hosting.

Chair Tom Cross called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Chair Cross stated that Board member Paul Langer was unable to attend the Board meeting in person due to employment obligations, but would be joining by telephone. Chair Cross asked for a motion to allow Board member Paul Langer to participate in the meeting by phone.

_The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Mr. Jim Palos, unanimously approved Board Member Paul Langer to participate via conference call._

II. Welcome and Remarks

- Welcome by President Kenneth Ender, Harper College

President Kenneth Ender welcomed everyone to Harper College.

- Welcome and remarks by Chair Tom Cross

Chair Cross thanked the community college presidents for joining the Board as their luncheon guests. Dr. Thomas Ramage serves as the current president of that group and he would be giving a report to the Board later in the meeting.

Chair Cross thanked the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) staff and the Association of Governing Boards for the productive trustee conference that was held in the fall. About 80 people attended the conference. The Chair shared his appreciation for all the people involved in putting the event together and all the people that attended. Public Act 99-695 requires leadership training for board members and having the conference helped with meeting those requirements. McGuire Woods hosted the event and the Chair thanked them for their support of the event.

There was a special board meeting held in November. The General Assembly gave $20 million to be split between public universities and community colleges. $17 million was allocated to the public universities and $3 million will be allocated to the community colleges that meet the criteria. Chair Cross thanked everyone and thanked Kevin Schoeben for stepping up in that process to make sure everything was done correctly.

Chair Cross thanked the university presidents, faculty members and students for their determination, for not giving up and staying in the fight. There are great institutions in Illinois and the higher education community should not be playing defense, should be proud of what it does and keep fighting.
• Remarks by Executive Director Dr. James L. Applegate

Dr. James Applegate announced that Mr. Kevin Schoeben, IBHE Deputy Director for Fiscal and Budgeting, would be leaving the IBHE for a position at the Office of the Comptroller. Mr. Schoeben has worked tirelessly to make sure that IBHE received the information needed from the institutions to prepare a solid budget proposal in this particularly challenging time. Dr. Applegate thanked Kevin for all the good work he has done at IBHE.

Documents on innovations for high quality aligned early childhood educator preparation were shared with the Board. The IBHE staff work diligently in terms of P-12 leadership to make sure that the pipeline works for all of Illinois’ students. IBHE previously received the Newman Award from the Education Commission of the States for the involvement in the redesign of school leader programs all across the state and more recently wonderful work has been done in the early childhood area. The Governor’s Cabinet on Children has adopted as one of its three priorities the development of the early childhood workforce. It is important for pre-school aged children to get a head start in order to be ready for student success and college and career. The key factor shown in research all across the country is not just access to early childhood education but access to early childhood education with quality teachers. IBHE has been a leader working with colleagues at the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and in the four year sector to redesign the early childhood teacher preparation programs in a way that make them amenable to the 21st Century students, especially the nontraditional adult students, with clear pathways with certifications and degrees embedded and competency based work. Illinois has been recognized for this work. Dr. Applegate thanked the IBHE academic affairs staff, particularly Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit who has led this work. IBHE is deeply engaged in advancing the work even further in collaboration with other agency partners and the Governor’s Cabinet.

Dr. Applegate thanked Western Illinois University President Dr. Jack Thomas for joining IBHE leadership, ICCB leadership, Secretary of Education Dr. Beth Purvis, Senator Donne Trotter and Representative Kelly Burke at the recent Complete College America (CCA) meeting. IBHE applied and was selected as a scale up state to expand the interventions of CCA in our institutions. The interventions have been proven to support the goals that this board has to produce more degrees and reduce gaps for underrepresented students.

Dr. Applegate also thanked Dr. Arthur Sutton for leading the work with the Military Credit Taskforce that recently released its report as of December 1, 2016 with recommendations on how to better serve veterans and ensure they have an economical, efficient and speedy trek to degrees and credentials in our higher education system. We will be working to implement those recommendations going forward.

Dr. Applegate announced that the Proprietary Advisory Committee recently held their elections. Dr. Ronald Kimberling was re-elected Chair of that group and Dr. Bob Gabriel was elected vice chair.

Ten years ago at the December meeting the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved *The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*, the state master plan for higher education. IBHE will be launching an effort in 2017 to begin the meetings and work with stakeholders to develop the next plan that will be ready for 2018.

Later the Board will be reviewing the work of the staff on the budget recommendation. What will hopefully be passed today will be used as the blueprint to advocate for Fiscal Year 2018 to get the system back on track. IBHE has not given up on Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 and continue
to advocate for efforts to make up some of the enormous budgetary lapse that has occurred in those two years to get the institutions back on track. It is important to speak directly to what is needed in Fiscal Year 2018 to move the system forward.

Dr. Applegate introduced and welcomed Dr. Patricia Saleeby, the 2017 IBHE Faculty Fellow. Dr. Saleeby is a specialist working with students with disabilities and is helping with work on the underrepresented groups report and other work around ensuring college opportunity and support for students with disabilities.

III. Resolutions

- **Resolution Encouraging Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget**

Board Member Ms. Jane Hays read the Board Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success requires increased college affordability, academic achievement, and college completions by more Illinoisans, and recognizes that to meet workforce demands and achieve economic growth and vitality, Illinois must increase the number of citizens with a postsecondary degree to 60 percent by 2025 (“60 x 2025 Goal”); and

WHEREAS, the data clearly indicate that Illinois cannot reach the 60 x 2025 Goal without significantly increasing college completions, especially among returning adults and the growing population of low income and first generation students, most of whom must rely on financial aid to attend college; and

WHEREAS, the limited funding for public colleges and universities made available at the end of Fiscal Year 2016, representing a $1.4 billion combined shortfall for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, has resulted in uncertainty for public colleges and universities operations and management; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing Fiscal Year 2017 budget delay, including no funding for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) in FY 2017 have eroded trust that MAP and other assistance funding will be available, created uncertainty and influenced college decision-making for students across the state; and

WHEREAS, more than 125,000 Illinois students rely on MAP grant to attend college each year; and

WHEREAS, the budget delay is threatening the ability of public and private colleges and universities to maintain staffing, programs, and facilities that will educate the Illinois workforce of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, a predictable budget is needed to maintain the strong performance of Illinois higher education as affirmed in 2015 studies showing Illinois well above national averages in college completion, transfer, and other important areas, and

WHEREAS, the lack of a budget is most severely impacting the most vulnerable students and the colleges that serve them, and
WHEREAS, cities and regions across Illinois that are highly dependent on colleges for their economic well-being and quality of life; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Illinois Board of Higher Education strongly urges immediate passage of a state budget by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by the Governor for Fiscal Year 2017 that will provide the necessary funding for students who depend on MAP and other gift assistance programs to attend college, ensure financial stability to community colleges and public universities, and deliver to Illinois public higher education the resources needed to advance the state’s economic future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor, the members of the General Assembly and the leadership of the higher education community.

Approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education
December 13, 2016

The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Mr. John Bambenek, unanimously approved the Resolution Encouraging the Adoption of a Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.

• Resolution Supporting Illinois College Students

Chair Tom Cross read the Board Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Illinois Board of Higher Education is in strong agreement with recent affirmations by public and private colleges of Illinois’ commitment to a safe and inclusive environment for all of its students, including undocumented students, and

WHEREAS, across the nation there has been a disturbing rise in hateful acts toward certain students based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, economic class, and perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, and

WHEREAS, there have been dramatic increases in calls to national and Illinois hotlines from students, especially undocumented students, stressed about their future status on college campuses, and

WHEREAS, Illinois needs the talents of all its students to be meet its goal of 60 percent of its workforce with a valuable college credential and to be a successful state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Illinois Board of Higher Education strongly condemns any acts that threaten the safety of students and their ability to complete their college education. We encourage proactive strategies on our campuses to facilitate the delivery of legal, financial and mental health services to students affected and to encourage constructive dialogue among faculty, administrators, student services staff, and students that promote the understanding and acceptance of differences that should characterize an educated community.

Approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education
December 13, 2016
The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Mr. Justin Provo and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously approved the Resolution Supporting Illinois College Students.

IV. Reports and Updates

- **Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Thomas Ramage, Community College Presidents**

  Dr. Thomas Ramage serves as the current President of the Community College Presidents Council. The group has a January meeting planned to bring together chief academic officers, student service officers and presidents for a joint meeting. They will discuss three topics of interest: (1) Title IX Regulations from the federal government that have caused policy and operational changes at each of the campuses; (2) the changing landscape of higher education with a speaker from the Lumina Foundation; and (3) changes in all policies and operational processes as a result of laws that were passed in the last session that affect the institutions.

  The Council is looking forward to the spring legislative session with the number one goal of helping legislators understand the need for a budget. In particular for community colleges that means base operating grants and equalization. The number one priority is having the community colleges funded adequately for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the next.

  The Council has another legislative priority which is the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree that the community college presidents have proposed. They are supported by ICCB and the Illinois Trustees Association unanimously in their pursuit for the option to offer the BSN at those colleges that are so inclined. This comes from three points: access for students to a bachelor’s degree program that is within driving distance for working families and parents; affordability; and need. Need is driving the entire discussion. The community college system is charged by law to serve the needs of their communities and believe this is necessary to fill those needs. The process will not be quick but they are in it for the long haul. Twenty-two other states already allow community college systems to offer baccalaureate degrees in some form or fashion. It probably will not be long before the rest of the nation is in that position.

  Chair Cross thanked President Ramage.

- **Action Team Reports**

  **Advocacy for Quality Higher Education** – Ms. Jane Hays gave the report. Ms. Jaimee Ray was welcomed as the new assistant director for external relations at IBHE working with Ms. Candace Mueller. Ms. Ray provided the team with an update on the status of Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 budget discussions. Institutions are hoping for some remaining Fiscal Year 2017 funding in the veto session that will take place in January. The action team focused on other non-budget issues: the desire to re-energize the higher education caucus and strengthening IBHE’s presence at the Statehouse. Ms. Ray provided the team with an update on IBHE initiatives and legislation that may be coming forth in the new General Assembly. Ms. Hays directed the board member’s attention to the legislative report that was included in the board packet which gives a brief overview of the key board initiatives and legislation that IBHE is tracking. This includes the community college bachelor’s in nursing proposal which IBHE is not persuaded is in the best interest of Illinois at this time. The last item discussed was how IBHE develops its legislative positions. The team will continue with that discussion in the future.
**Improving Affordability** – Mr. Jay Bergman gave the report. The team reviewed a chart that showed the undergraduate tuition and fees for the public universities from 2013 to 2017. That was tied into the outmigration context report by Dr. Eric Lichtenberger. The subject matter of the report is the number of Illinois high school graduates that stay in the state or go out of state for their higher education. About 45 percent of the Illinois high school graduates that go to a four-year school go to an out of state school. Only 55 percent stay in state. The largest number of Illinois high school graduates that go out of state go to Wisconsin. Followed by Iowa, Indiana and Missouri. The net outmigration is more than 16,000 students. Illinois has the second largest amount of outmigration students in the country. This must be addressed. A lot of it has to do with the current tuition the universities have to charge because of the decrease in state funding. In 2006 and 2008 the net outmigration was 4,900 and 3,000 and now it is over 16,000. If you take a look at the increase in tuition year after year there is a correlation. The team also discussed MAP funding. When MAP was fully funded it only funded about one-half of those that requested MAP funds and the funds they received only covered about one-third of their costs. IBHE is going to recommend an additional $100 million in MAP funding to help deal with that discrepancy. The team also discussed veterans and National Guard tuition that used to be funded by the state.

**Increasing Non-Traditional and Adult Completions Aligned with Economic Needs** – Mr. Justin Provo gave the report. The team worked on examining some of the previous work of the team and will do some more information gathering and develop a plan of action for 2017. The team will retrieve data, updates and reports from adult focused projects in a few areas of interest: veteran’s credit articulation; institutional adult population strategies; connecting adults to workforce through educational pathways; and defining the term high quality credentials connected to the state completion goal. The team is also looking to review, advise and set trajectories for the work focused on helping adults complete an education or get back into an education. This work is happening across many sectors and includes Illinois private institutions along with community college partners. There is also a partnership with Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). Twelve institutions in Illinois will be receiving Alfie Assessments by early spring and later in 2017 there will be a report on those assessments. The team is also looking to implement metrics.

**Reducing Attainment Gaps** – Dr. Teresa Garate gave the report. IBHE facilitated a gathering of the public institutions to talk about the underrepresented groups report, what is included in it, and what is needed to move it forward. Due to the large turn over at the universities and a good part of the meeting was spent setting the stage for the group. One of the focuses was on students with disabilities at the universities and figuring out how to better support them in a way that makes sense. A director from UIUC has agreed to work with Dr. Sutton to host an in-person meeting of the group. They are also considering inviting the private institutions to join this group to start talking about their data and their best practices. Board member Mr. Jim Palos reached out to the Chicago Consortium at the University of Chicago to ask for their help in potentially working with the group to get more robust research and information from the report as well as from what the universities share around best practices. Dr. Applegate will be meeting with the Consortium to see about the possibility of working together. One of the challenges is that the charter is about Chicago and the work of the team is statewide. Dr. Sutton will begin working on the next underrepresented group report which is due in the spring. The team will also work to enhance the group by including the private and public institutions sometime in the fall for a larger meeting.
V. Action Items

1. Fiscal Year 2018 Higher Education Budget Recommendations, Operations, Grants and Capital Improvements

Mr. Kevin Schoeben outlined the contents of this item. A discussion was held.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Ms. Christine Wiseman, unanimously hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Recommendations for higher education operations, grants and capital improvements in the amounts and for the purposes outlined in Item V-1.

2. Fiscal Year 2017 Supplemental Allocation of Financial Support for Essential Operations for Community Colleges

This item was for informational purposes only and will be presented to the Board for approval at a later board meeting. Mr. Kevin Schoeben outlined the contents of the item.

3. Proposed Executive Committee Charter

Chair Cross presented the item to the Board. Mr. Mark Jamil of Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd. further described the creation of an Executive Committee. A lengthy discussion was held.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Janes Hays and seconded by Mr. John Bambenek, unanimously hereby:

(1) Approves the establishment of an Executive Committee consistent with the framework and restrictions provided in the enabling Executive Committee Charter as detailed in Appendix A attached to the Item; and

(2) Authorizes Burke Burns & Pinelli to work with IBHE staff to prepare JCAR provisions consistent with the construction of the Executive Committee.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Yes – Bambenek, Bergman, Cross, Garate, Hays, Huber, Jacobs, Langer, Provo, Palos, Thomas, Torres, and Wiseman. No – none.

4. Proposed Amendments to Travel Policy

Chair Cross presented the item to the Board. Mr. Jamil further described the proposed amendments to the travel policy. A lengthy discussion was held.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Dr. Theresa Garate, hereby:

(1) Adopts the amendments to the Travel Policy and Document for Reimbursement for Travel sections of the Personnel Policies for the Illinois Board of Higher Education and its Staff as detailed in Appendix A attached to the Item; and

(2) Directs the IBHE staff to incorporate the amendments into the Personnel Policies for the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Yes – Bambenek, Bergman, Cross, Garate, Hays, Huber, Jacobs, Langer, Palos, and Thomas. Abstain – Provo and Torres. No – Wiseman.

VI. 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 authorization proposals submitted to the Board through November 21, 2016. Since then, seven additional proposals have been received. As of December 7, 2016, there were no new requests for program modifications in addition to the 27 reported in the memo and 12 applications have been withdrawn or returned since the last board meeting.”

5. New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges

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

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Christine Wiseman, unanimously hereby grants authority to Malcolm X College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Health Information Technology 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 hereby grants authority to Oakton Community College to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Supply Chain Automation 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.

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

Dr. Cullen briefly outlined the contents of this item. Extensive discussion was held regarding Northwestern College-Southwest. Ms. Diane Marek, interim Chief Academic Officer and Vice President of Accreditation for Northwestern College answered questions from the Board.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Mr. Jay Bergman, unanimously tabled for further consideration at a future board meeting the Northwestern College-Southwest Associate of Applied Science in Application Design and Development, Associate of Applied Science in Web Design, and Associate of Applied Science in Investigative Sciences in the South Metro Region.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Dr. Jack Thomas, unanimously hereby grants to Columbia College Hollywood dba Tribeca Flashpoint Authorization to Operate and Grant the Associate in Applied Science in Animation and Visual Effects, Associate in Applied Science in Design and Visual Communication, Associate in Applied Science in Film, Associate in Applied Science in Recording Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Film, Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and Interactive Media, Bachelor of Arts in Post-Production, Bachelor of Science in Digital Media, Major in Digital Art, and the Bachelor of Science in Digital Media, Major in Digital Marketing 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 hereby grants to Concordia University Nebraska Authorization to Operate 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 hereby grants to Lewis University Authorization to Grant the Master of Arts in School Counseling in the West 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 hereby grants to Morthland College Authorization to Grant the Associate in Humanities, Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling, Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and the Master of Business Administration in the Southern 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 hereby grants to Resurrection University Authorization to Grant the Bachelor of Science in Imaging Technology in the Chicago 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 these authorizations are granted.

And hereby grants to Robert Morris University-Illinois Authorization to Grant the Bachelor of Science in Exercise, Nutrition, and Health Science 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 hereby grants to Rosalind Franklin University Authorization to Grant the Master of Science in Population Health 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 hereby grants to The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Authorization to Grant the Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology 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 hereby grants to Rasmussen College 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.

7. **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. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously hereby grants to Eastern Illinois University authorization to establish the Master of Science in Talent Development in the Prairie 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 hereby grants to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville authorization to establish the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing 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 hereby grants to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign authorization to establish the Master of Science in Management in the Prairie 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.

VII. Consent Agenda

Chair Cross next moved to the consent agenda.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Christine Wiseman, unanimously approved Item Nos. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

8. Board Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2016

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approves the Minutes of the September 27, 2016, meeting.


The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approves the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 23, 2016.


11. Public University Non-Instructional Capital Project Approval

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. Jay Bergman and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously approves the non-instructional capital project included in this item.

12. Appropriation Transfer for Fiscal Year 2017

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approves the Appropriation Transfer for Fiscal Year 2017 included in this item.

13. Mandatory Leadership Training for Public University Board Members

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approves the Mandatory Leadership Training for Public University Board Members included in this item.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby, pursuant to Public Act 99-695:
(1) Approves the Governor’s First Annual Public University Trustees Conference held on October 27, 2016 as fulfilling the leadership training requirements for voting board members appointed after January 1, 2016 and before October 27, 2016; and

(2) Authorizes the Executive Director to organize and provide additional professional development leadership training opportunities for voting board members appointed on October 27, 2016 and those appointed after that date; and

(3) Authorizes the Executive Director to establish and maintain a list of qualified training providers, to receive and review requests to approve other providers, and to approve other providers that are qualified to meet the statutory requirements; and

(4) Authorizes the Executive Director to compile certifications from public universities on professional leadership training completed by each voting board member and send notices of deficiency, when required.

14. IBHE Administrative Rules: January 2017 Regulatory Agenda

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the proposed 2017 Regulatory Agenda as contained in this item to be published in the Illinois Register.

15. Executive Session Minutes

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, 2015 and February 5, 2016, and that such minutes shall continue to remain confidential.

VIII. Information Items

16. Preliminary Fall 2016 Enrollments in Illinois Higher Education

17. Legislative Update

IX. Public Comment

Dr. Marie Donovan presented public comments to the Board which was an update on the Faculty Advisory Council and invited all members to attend an upcoming meeting.

X. Other Matters

The next Board meeting will be March 14, 2017 at Aurora University in Aurora. The featured lunch guests will be the Disability Advisory Committee and the Student Advisory Committee.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Cross adjourned the meeting at 3:20 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 13, 2016, meeting.