

**APPROVED**  
**MARCH 13, 2018**

Item #VI-9  
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**MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**February 6, 2018**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** Minutes of the February 6, 2018, Special Meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education held via Videoconference at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy, Chicago and at the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Springfield, Illinois.

**Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Special Board 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 10:10 a.m. in Room 270 at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy, 833 South Wood Street, Chicago, and in Conference Room 1 at the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Springfield, Illinois, on February 6, 2018.

The following Board members were present: Tom Cross, John Bambenek, Jay Bergman, Max Coffey, Sherry Eagle, Akya Gossitt, Natalie Pieper, Santos Rivera, and Darlene Ruscitti.

Others present: Mark S. Jamil, Burke, Burns & Pinelli, LTD., Tanner Gillis, James Mendez, Jonathan Lackland, Dan Stephens, Matt Berry, Jeanette Malafa, Dusty Rhodes, Ed Maloney, Carolinda Douglass, and Dawn Rhodes.

**I. Call to Order**

**Call Meeting to Order, Chair Tom Cross**

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

Chair Cross said, “Board members Jane Hays, Alice Marie Jacobs, Cherilyn Murer, Jack Thomas, Christine Wiseman, and Eric Zarnikow are unable to attend today’s Board meeting in person due to employment obligations, but will be joining us by telephone. Is there a motion to allow Board members Jane Hays, Alice Marie Jacobs, Cherilyn Murer, Jack Thomas, Christine Wiseman, and Eric Zarnikow to participate in this meeting by phone?”

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Dr. Darlene Ruscitti and seconded by Dr. Sherry Eagle, unanimously approved Board Members Jane Hays, Alice Marie Jacobs, Cherilyn Murer, Jack Thomas, Christine Wiseman, and Eric Zarnikow to participate via conference call.*

*Whereupon the aforementioned Board Members joined the meeting.*

**II. Action Items for Consideration and Approval**

**1. Fiscal Year 2019 Higher Education Budget Recommendations: Operations, Grants, and Capital Improvements**

Mr. Nyle Robinson presented this item to the Board and briefly highlighted the changes from the Item that was presented at the December 12, 2017, meeting. Lengthy discussion followed as to whether the Board should recommend a budget based upon the Fiscal Year 2015 budget or if it should recommend the amounts provided in the agenda item.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Dr. Santos Rivera, hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Recommendations for higher education operations, grants and capital improvements in the amounts and for the purposes outlined in Item II-1.*

The roll call vote was as follows: Yes – Bambenek, Coffey, Cross, Eagle, Hays, Jacobs, Rivera, Ruscitti, and Zarnikow. No – Bergman, Gossitt, Murer, Pieper, Thomas, and Wiseman. The motion carried nine to six.

## **2. Appointment of Hearing Officer Pertaining to the Potential Revocation of Operating and Degree Granting Authority of an Independent Institution**

Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. One question was addressed with regards to the name of the hearing officer.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Christine Wiseman and seconded by Dr. Sherry Eagle, hereby unanimously approves the appointment of a hearing officer to conduct a hearing relating to the revocation of operating and degree granting authority for Morthland College. The hearing officer shall make a recommendation regarding revocation to the Board at a future Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting.*

## **3. Nursing School Grant Additional Fiscal Year 2018 Award**

Ms. Karen Helland briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. Jay Bergman and seconded by Dr. Sherry Eagle, hereby unanimously approves a Fiscal Year 2018 award of \$99,322 for an additional Expansion Grant project under the Nursing School Grants Program as detailed in this item. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to prorate the award if the amount of funds appropriated or made available is reduced.*

## **III. Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

## **IV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Cross adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.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 February 6, 2018, meeting.