

**MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**January 8, 2020**

- Submitted for:** Action.
- Summary:** Minutes of the January 8, 2020, Special Meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education held at the 70 West Madison Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Chicago, Illinois.
- Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the open and closed session minutes of the January 8, 2020, Special Meeting as presented and keep the closed session minutes closed as the need for confidentiality exists due to personnel matters.

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 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 70 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois on January 8, 2020.

The following Board members were present: John Atkinson, Jennifer Delaney, Andrea Evans, Teresa Garate, Jennifer Garrison, Veronica Herrero, Pranav Kothari, David Santafe-Zambrano, Kenneth Shaw, Marcus Wolfe, and Eric Zarnikow.

Others present: Mark S. Jamil, Burke, Burns & Pinelli, LTD; Nyle Robinson, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Stephanie Bernoteit, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Melissa Hahn, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Jaimee Ray, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Arthur Sutton, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Tracy Rembusch, Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Ginger Ostro.

**A. Call to Order**

**Call Meeting to Order, Chair John Atkinson**

Chair John Atkinson called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Chair Atkinson indicated that Board member Alice Marie Jacobs was unable to attend the Board meeting in person due to business reasons, but would be joining by telephone. Chair Atkinson requested a motion for telephone participation for the foregoing Board member.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Dr. Jennifer Delaney and seconded by Mr. Pranav Kothari, to allow for Alice Marie Jacobs to participate in the meeting via telephone conference pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, unanimously approved Board Member Alice Marie Jacobs to participate via telephone conference call.*

**B. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Personnel Matters**

Chair Atkinson asked that the Board go into Executive Session. He 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.

*Dr. Jennifer Garrison 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) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Pranav Kothari seconded the motion.*

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Yes – Atkinson, Delaney, Evans, Garrison, Herrero, Jacobs, Kothari, Santafe-Zambrano, Shaw, Wolfe, and Zarnikow. No – none.

The Board moved into executive session.

*See Attachment A for Executive Session Minutes*

### **Reconvene in Open Session**

#### **1. Consideration and Possible Appointment of Executive Director**

*On motion made by Dr. Jennifer Garrison and seconded by Mr. David Santafe-Zambrano the Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously authorizes Chair John Atkinson and outside legal to execute and deliver an employment contract for the position of Executive Director on the terms as discussed by the Board to Ms. Ginger Ostro.*

#### **2. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Other Personnel Matters**

*On motion made by Mr. David Santafe-Zambrano and seconded by Mr. Kenneth Shaw the Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously authorizes the appointment of Executive Deputy Director on the terms as discussed by the Board to Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit.*

#### **C. Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **D. Other Business**

A resolution thanking Mr. Nyle Robinson for serving as Interim Executive Director was read by Chair John Atkinson.

### **IV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Rembusch, Interim Secretary to the Board.