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Item #G-1
June 9, 2020

MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
April 30, 2020

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: Minutes of the April 30, 2020, meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education held via telephone and video conference as permitted by Illinois Governor Executive Order Number 2020-07, Dated March 16, 2020.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the minutes of the April 30, 2020 Board meeting.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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A meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) was called to order at 2:10 p.m. via telephone and video conference as permitted by Illinois Governor Executive Order Number 2020-07, dated March 16, 2020.

The following Board members were present: John Atkinson, Chair, Jennifer Delaney, Derek Douglas, Andrea Evans, Teresa Garate, Jennifer Garrison, Veronica Gloria, Veronica Herrero, Alice Marie Jacobs, Pranav Kothari, David Santafe-Zambrano, Kenneth Shaw, Marcus Wolfe, Clarence Wyatt, and Eric Zarnikow.

Others present: Mark S. Jamil, Burke, Burns & Pinelli, LTD.; Ms. Ginger Ostro, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Dr. James Allen, Southern Illinois University; Dr. Gloria Gibson, Northeastern Illinois University; Dr. David Glassman, Eastern Illinois University; Dr. Dan Mahoney, Southern Illinois University; Dr. Elaine Maimon, Governors State University; Dr. Z Scott, Chicago State University; Dr. Brian Durham, Illinois Community College Board; Dr. Marie Donovan, Faculty Advisory Council; Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, Community College Presidents; Ms. Amy King, Proprietary Advisory Committee; Mr. Dave Tretter, Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities; Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Dr. Eric Lichtenberger, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Mr. Nyle Robinson, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Dr. Arthur Sutton, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Ms. Melissa Hahn, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Ms. Karen Helland, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Ms. Jaimee Ray, Illinois Board of Higher Education; and Ms. Tracy Rembusch, Illinois Board of Higher Education.

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Chair John Atkinson called the meeting to order. Interim Secretary Rembusch took roll call, a quorum was present.

- **Welcome and remarks by Chair John Atkinson**

Chair Atkinson welcomed Dr. Clarence Wyatt to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

He thanked the leaders throughout higher education for the hard work, commitment, and determination during these unprecedented times. The Board is grateful for the higher education institutions that have stepped up during this crisis as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education staff and partners at Illinois Community College Board, Illinois Student Assistance Commission and the State Board of Education.

Chair Atkinson reported that IBHE staff spearheaded a project to collect and publicize “drive-up” WiFi hotspots across the state.

He also discussed the Public University and Community College Students COVID-19 Emergency Fund. He thanked all the foundations and donors who have made this possible.

Chair Atkinson thanked Executive Director Ginger Ostro for her leadership during these extraordinary circumstances and times. He introduced Ms. Ostro for her remarks and comments.

- **Remarks by Executive Director Ginger Ostro**

Executive Director Ostro thanked Chair Atkinson, the Board, and members of the IBHE staff for the guidance and support during her first few months.

She has been working closely with other higher education agencies as well as public universities on the COVID-19 crisis. She gave a summary of how the situation is being addressed.

An update on the Master Planning process was shared. She reported the timeline has changed; however, work continues with NCHEMS to identify, collect and begin to analyze the data. All other planning is on hold.

Ms. Ostro gave an overview of the Early Childhood new grant program. The State was awarded \$13.4 million through the federal Preschool Development Birth to Five Renewal Grant. IBHE was granted \$1.43 million for the Early Childhood Credential Completion Cohort Grant. Further details can be found in Item F of the agenda materials.

Chair Atkinson thanked Ms. Ostro for her comments.

Before moving to public comment, Chair Atkinson recognized Dr. Elaine Maimon as outgoing President at Governors State University. He thanked her for all her hard work and dedication and wished her well.

Dr. Larry Dietz of Illinois State University also recognized Dr. Maimon.

B. Public Comment

Dr. Elaine Maimon thanked the Chair, Dr. Dietz, and colleagues for their kind words.

C. Action Items

1. New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges

Dr. Bernoteit presented the contents of this item.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Dr. Jennifer Garrison and seconded by Mr. David Santafe-Zambrano, hereby grants authority to Illinois Central College to offer the Associate of 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 Kankakee Community College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing 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 Kishwaukee College to offer the Associate in General Studies 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 Lake Land College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Court Reporting 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 Moraine Valley Community College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies 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 Richard J. Daley College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity 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 Wilbur Wright College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity 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.

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

Dr. Bernoteit presented the contents of this item.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Veronica Herrero and seconded by Dr. Kenneth Shaw hereby grants to Roosevelt University authorization to operate 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.

And, hereby grants to Touro College 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, hereby grants to Chamberlain University authorization to grant a Master of Science in Nursing Adult-Gerontology 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 authorization to Midwestern Career College to operate in the North Suburban Region and to grant the Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration in the North Suburban and West Suburban Regions 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.

3. New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research at Public Universities

Dr. Bernoteit presented the contents of this item.

Dr. Shaw thanked the public universities for moving forward with programs as there has not been financial support from the State.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Veronica Gloria and seconded by Mr. Marcus Wolfe, hereby grants to Eastern Illinois University authorization to establish the School of Nursing 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 Illinois State University authorization to grant the Master of Science in Computer Science 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.

And, hereby grants to Northern Illinois University authorization to establish the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology and Physical Education and 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 Southern Illinois University-Carbondale authorization to establish the Fermentation Science Institute (FSI) 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 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville authorization to establish the Center for Predictive Analytics in the Southwestern 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 University of Illinois at Chicago authorization to establish the Department of Real Estate 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 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign authorization to grant the Bachelor of Science in Metropolitan Food and Environmental Systems and to establish the Center on Health, Aging, and Disability 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.

D. Non-Instructional Capital Project Action Items

1. Non-Instructional Capital Project – Illinois State University

Mr. Nyle Robinson presented the contents of this item.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion by Dr. Alice Marie Jacobs and seconded by Mr. Marcus Wolfe hereby approves the three Public University Noninstructional Capital Projects included in this item.

E. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Atkinson next moved to the consent agenda.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Dr. Jennifer Delaney and seconded by Ms. Veronica Gloria unanimously approved Item Nos. E-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

1. Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2019

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 10, 2019.

2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of December 12, 2019.

3. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2019

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of December 13, 2019.

4. Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2020

The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 8, 2020.

5. Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Report as of March 31, 2020

6. Appropriation Transfers for Fiscal Year 2020 – Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the following appropriation transfers as requested by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

F. Informational Items Not Requiring Board Action

1. Early Childhood Federal Grant (written report)

G. Other Business

The next Board meeting will be June 9, 2020. The format for this convening has not yet been determined.

Mr. Eric Zarnikow echoed Chair Atkinson's comments regarding the outstanding work by Executive Director Ostro. He thanked her for her hard work and dedication to higher education.

Dr. Clarence Wyatt asked for clarification on the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund and plans to re-open institutions in the fall.

Dr. Jennifer Garrison acknowledged the P-20 work that has been happening. She thanked Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Illinois Community College Board, and Ginger for the strong equity focus.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Atkinson adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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