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Item # H-5
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**BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO
MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT (MHEC)**

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item recommends that the Illinois Board of Higher Education appoint a Board member to serve on the governing commission of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) by a majority vote of the members of the Board pursuant to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact Act (45 ILCS 155/2).

The purpose of MHEC is to strengthen postsecondary education in member states through cost-saving initiatives and policy solutions informed by research and the expertise of regional leaders.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education appoint Pranav Kothari, a 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 ending January 1, 2027.



STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), one of four statutorily-created interstate compacts, was founded in 1991 and is a nonprofit regional organization serving Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. MHEC's mission is to bring together leaders from midwestern states to develop and support best practices, collaborative efforts, and cost-sharing opportunities. Through these efforts it works to ensure strong, equitable postsecondary educational opportunities and outcomes for all. Its strategic priorities are to:

- Advance innovation, efficiency, and effectiveness
- Develop collaborative solutions to regional problems and opportunities
- Drive cost savings and business solutions

Each member state appoints five individuals to the MHEC 60-member governing body. Commissioners are legislators, higher education leaders, and governors' representatives. One of the five members representing the state of Illinois is a member of the Board of Higher Education appointed by majority vote of the members of the Board pursuant to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact Act. (45 ILCS 155/2)

There is no limit on the number of terms that a commissioner may serve.

The adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby resolves:

That the Illinois Board of Higher Education appoint Pranav Kothari, 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 ending January 1, 2027.