



**ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 13, 2024 • 1:00 p.m.**

MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 1 P.M. IN PERSON

- **THE MORGAN ROOM, POLING HALL, MONMOUTH COLLEGE, 700 E BROADWAY, MONMOUTH, IL 61462**
- **SUITE N-100 AT THE MICHAEL A BILANDIC BUILDING, 160 N LASALLE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60601**
- **VANDALIA CUSD #203 DISTRICT OFFICE, 1109 N. 8th STREET, VANDALIA, IL AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM.**

Participation by Zoom requires registration. Please click [here](#) register. After your registration has been approved, you will receive instructions for joining the meeting.

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Call Meeting to Order and Remarks, Pranav Kothari, Chair
- Welcome and Overview, Clarence Wyatt, President Monmouth College and IBHE Board Member
- Executive Director Report, Ginger Ostro, Executive Director

B. Panel Discussion: Strengthening Rural Communities through Higher Education

- Chris Merrett, Dean for Innovation and Economic Development and Director, Illinois Institution for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University
- Tamara Laprad, Associate Professor and Co-chair of Educational Studies, Monmouth College on the Rural Education Initiatives (REDI)
- Mark Willhardt, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Monmouth College on the Order of St. Francis HealthCare Partnership

C. Advisory Committee Presentation

- Student Advisory Committee, Samiha Syed, SAC Chair and Senior, Benedictine University

D. Public Comment

- Request from Members of the Public to Address the Board

E. Action Items

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1. Consideration and Approval of New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges (Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)
2. Consideration and Approval of New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research at Public Universities (Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)
3. Consideration and Approval of New Operating and/or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions

(Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)

4. Consideration and Approval of Final Rulemaking for Higher Education Distance Learning and Interstate Reciprocity (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1033) (Dave Kelm)

F. Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Consideration and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024

G. Executive Session

Discussion of matters involving 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). No final action will be taken in closed session

H. Other Business

I. Adjournment

This meeting will be audio recorded and a copy may be requested through the IBHE website.

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