



**ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
January 22, 2025 • 1:00 p.m.**

MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 1 P.M. IN PERSON

- **CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY, GWENDOLYN BROOKS LIBRARY, 4TH FLOOR ATRIUM, 9501 SOUTH KING DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628 AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM.**

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A. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Call Meeting to Order and Remarks, Pranav Kothari, Chair
- Action to Permit Board Members Virtual Attendance
- Welcome and Remarks, President Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, J.D., Chicago State University
- Executive Director Report, Ginger Ostro, Executive Director

B. Resolution and Recognition – Action Item

1. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Honoring Retiring Board Member

C. Advisory Council Updates

- Community College Presidents’ Council
 - Dr. Keith Cornille, President, Heartland Community College and Chair of the Community College Presidents’ Council
- Public University Presidents
 - Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, J.D., President, Chicago State University and Convener, Public University Presidents

D. Public Comment

- Request from Members of the Public to Address the Board

E. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendations Presentation

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F. Action Items

1. Consideration and Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Higher Education Budget Recommendations: Operations, Grants, and Capital Improvements (Ginger Ostro)
2. Consideration and Approval of New Units of Instruction at 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 New Units of Instruction, Public Community Colleges (Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)

G. Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Consideration and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024

H. Informational Items – Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Update Reports

1. Nursing School Grants Awarded FY25
2. Nurse Educator Fellowships Awarded FY25
3. Fiscal Year 2025 Grants and Programs updates

I. Executive Session

Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Matters involving 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1 and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Matters discussed may include the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. No final action will be taken in closed session.

J. Action Items

1. Consideration and approval of personnel matters.
2. Consideration and approval of executive session Minutes – November 13, 2024.

K. Other Business

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights.

L. Adjournment

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

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