

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2021

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened via video conference on Monday, March 8, 2021. Trustee Jim Palos, Chair of the Committee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**The following Trustee committee members answered present:** Sherry Eagle, Jim Palos, and Jonathan Stein

**Other Trustees present:** Charlie Serrano and George Vukotich

**Also present:** Gloria Gibson, President; Natalie Brouwer Potts, Interim Assistant General Counsel; Mary Pat Burns, Board Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; Vice Presidents, staff, and University community members.

Chair Palos made an announcement that today's proceedings are being held by video conference in accordance with Executive Order 2021-04 issued by the Governor of Illinois effective February 5, 2021, and in accordance with Public Act 101-0640 that requires a roll call vote on each matter acted upon.

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**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Chair Palos announced the opportunity for public comment in accordance with P.A. 91-0715. There were no requests to speak.

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Trustees reviewed the list of nine suggested topics for future Board Learning Sessions at their upcoming meetings. Trustees received the list in advance and ranked each topic. The top three learning session topics are: The Legislative Process and the Board's Role; The NEIU Foundation and How the Board Increases Fundraising Collaborations; and Student Mental Health and Well Being.

Trustee Eagle, seconded by Trustee Palos, moved to recommend the board learning session topics as ranked.

Discussion: Trustees asked to focus the presented education topics as they pertain to the Board's role with regard to them.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Eagle: Yes                      Palos: Yes                      Stein: Yes

The topics are recommended.

Chair Palos asked for a motion to recommend committee meeting topics for future meetings. Trustee Eagle, seconded by Trustee Stein, moved to recommend the topics for future committee meetings.

Discussion: Trustees discussed matters about which they would like to see presentations at future committee meetings.

- Audit Committee: no meeting in March on account of the University's audit not being released by the Illinois Auditor General yet.
- Academic/Student Affairs, Enrollment, and Technology Committee: a report or presentation regarding current academic programs including enrollment, costs, and revenues.
- Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee: a three-year report of legal expenses beginning in 2018 with a projected 2021 estimate; a three-year report of policing expenses beginning in 2018 with a projected 2021 estimate; a report of state and federal support versus the University's unfunded mandates; and FY22 budget that includes other revenue sources.

President Gibson responded that many of the requested reports for the Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee will take some time to prepare, but that the FY22 budget is currently under development and will be presented in May.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Eagle: Yes                      Palos: Yes                      Stein: Yes

The matters are recommended.

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Chair Palos asked if there was any old or new business. No business was raised.

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### **Motion to Adjourn**

At 9:14 a.m., Trustee Eagle, seconded by Trustee Stein, moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Palos, Chair  
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary  
Approved June 10, 2021