

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 9, 2022

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Monday, May 9, 2022 in the Student Union Golden Eagles Room located at 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL. Jim Palos, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Roll was called and the following Trustee Committee members were present:** Sherry Eagle, Jim Palos, and Jonathan Stein

**Also present:** Gloria Gibson, President; G. A. Finch, University General Counsel; Mary Pat Burns, Board Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; vice presidents; staff; and members of the University community

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**Opportunity for Public Comment in Accordance with P.A. 91-0715**

The Chair announced the opportunity for public comment. There was one speaker who requested to speak.

1. **Dr. Timothy Scherman**, Chair, Department of English and Linguistics  
**Topic:** the state of the University

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**Chair's Remarks**

Chair Palos attended the May 5 donor visit luncheon and celebration of the new Cyrus of Persia Scholarship funded by the Farzaneh family. The closed session today will be to discuss the President's annual evaluation.

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**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Consideration and Possible Items for Upcoming Committee Agendas**

Chair Palos asked Trustees what particular topics they would like addressed at upcoming committee meetings. Trustee Eagle stated that the goal at each Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is to ultimately determine that actual cost to run the University. Trustee Eagle wants to coordinate with Trustee Kalayil on the fiscal impact related to her committee's college-by-college overall assessment presentations. Trustee Eagle also expects to have a discussion about the state of the main campus grounds. President Gibson asked Manish Kumar, Vice President for Finance and Administration, to be prepared to make a presentation on the University's plans for the main campus grounds. Trustee Eagle asked if all committee agendas can be shared among all Trustees ahead of posting. President Gibson mentioned the University's two recent credit rating upgrades. Although today's Audit Committee meeting was canceled, Trustee Stein asked that it be re-scheduled.

**Consideration and Possible Approval of Future Board Meeting Learning Sessions**

Chair Palos asked Mary Pat Burns to formulate a new survey recommending possible future learning session topics to be distributed at the next board meeting. The June Lunch and Learn session should be freedom of speech. Chair Palos will coordinate with the President on who should present.

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## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **Institutional Advancement and Commencement-Related Events for Board of Trustees Representation in 2022**

Liesl Downey, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the NEIU Foundation, reported that there are five Trustees signed up to participate in Commencement exercises on May 13. The next upcoming activities where Trustees are requested to participate are the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Chuck Kane Scholarship Golf Outing on Monday, August 1 and the Golden Gala scheduled for Saturday, October 15.

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### **Motion to Convene in Closed Session**

At 9:13 a.m. Trustee Eagle, seconded by Trustee Stein, moved to convene in Closed Session citing exception 2(c)1 of the IL Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel matters.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Eagle: Yes                      Palos: Yes                      Stein: Yes

The motion carried. Chair Palos asked President Gibson and Karl Voigt to leave the room.

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### **Motion to Reconvene in Open Session**

At 10:00 a.m. Trustee Eagle, seconded by Trustee Stein, moved to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried by acclamation.

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### **Old/New Business**

Chair Palos asked if there was any old or new business. There was no further business.

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### **Motion to Adjourn**

At 10:01 a.m. Trustee Eagle, seconded by Trustee Stein, moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Palos, Chair of the Board  
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary  
Approved June 9, 2022