

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Monday, April 4, 2023 in the Golden Eagles Room located at 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue in Chicago, IL. José Rico, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll was called and the following Trustee committee members were present: Marvin Garcia; J. Todd Phillips; and José Rico.

Other Trustees present: Ann Kalayil and Paula Wolff

Also present: Gloria Gibson, President; G. A. Finch, General Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; vice presidents; staff; and university community members both in person and via video broadcast.

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

Chair Rico announced the opportunity for public comment. There were 9 requests to speak.

1. **Timothy Scherman**, as self
Topic: Welcome to the Board and advice going forward
2. **Gabriel Cortez**, as Director of the ENLACE Leadership Institute
Topic: highlight the equity-based best practices that Proyecto Pa'Lante, El Centro, and the ENLACE Leadership Institute have engaged with our local communities and student body.
3. **Lesa Davis**, as Chair of the Department of Anthropology
Topic: process and choice of next set of interim President and Provost
4. **Adrian Castrejon**, on behalf of Latinx Studies, Justice Studies, and University Without Walls
Topic: the importance of student work being as the core of the University's decision making
5. **Ashley Elrod**, as NEIU faculty member
Topic: welcome to new board members and invitation for collaboration with NEIU stakeholders
6. **Rachel Birmingham**, as self and Coordinator of Child Advocacy Studies Program
Topic: to discuss the implications of academic restructuring initiatives
7. **Nate Mathews**, as NEIU faculty
Topic: interim positions of President and Provost
8. **Hector Uriostegui**, as President of the Civil Service Council
Topic: call for Board action on interim President assignment
9. **Jennie Lasko**, as Director of Student Health Services
Topic: nomination of interim President for immediate assignment

Motion to Convene in Closed Session

At 10:29 a.m. Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and to receive a legal briefing as permissible under Sections 2(c)1 and 2(c)11 of the IL Open Meetings Act.

Discussion: there was no discussion.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes

Phillips: Yes

Rico: Yes

The motion carried. The audience was asked to leave the room.

Motion to Reconvene in Open Session

At 12:52 p.m. Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried by acclamation.

Motion to Adjourn

At 12:52 p.m. Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Phillips, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

José Rico, Chair of the Board
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary
Approved September 21, 2023