Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University
Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2026

A meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, September 24, 2026 in the Student Union – Alumni Hall North located at 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue in Chicago. Trustee Anna Meresidis, Chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Roll was called and the following Trustee committee members were present: Carlos Garcia and Anna Meresidis

Trustee committee members not present: Jorge Leon

Other Trustees present: J. Todd Phillips and Paula Wolff

Also present: Katrina Bell-Jordan, President; and Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board

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Motion to Permit Remote Participation by Trustees

Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to permit remote participation by Trustee Jorge Leon pursuant to Section 7(a)(iii) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and Section 2. A. (1)(iii) and (2) of the Board's Bylaws.

Discussion: Trustee Leon reached out to the Assistant Secretary in advance of the today's meeting to request remote participation.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes Meresidis: Yes

The motion carried.

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

Trustee Meresidis announced the opportunity for public comment. There were no registrations placed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Committee Recommendation Regarding the Internal Audit Charter – Annual Presentation

Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to recommend that the Board accept and file the Internal Audit Charter.

Discussion: Director of Internal Audit, Chrystal Temples, reported that approval of the internal audit charter is an annual requirement in accordance with International Internal Auditing (IIA) standards.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes Meresidis: Yes

The motion carried.

Committee Recommendation Regarding the 2027-28 Internal Audit Plan

Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Meresidis, moved to recommend that the Board accept and file the 2027-28 internal audit plan.

Discussion: Chrystal reported that approval of the University's internal audit plan is an annual requirement in accordance with IIA standards.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes Leon: Yes Meresidis: Yes

The motion carried.

Committee Recommendation Regarding the Statement of Auditor Independence – Annual Presentation

Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to recommend that the Board accept and file the statement of auditor independence – annual presentation.

Discussion: Chrystal reported that this annual presentation is required and defined in the Global Internal Audit Standards as published by the IIA to state that the internal auditor declares that they are independent, both in spirit and in fact, from influence in the course of their auditing duties.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Garcia: Yes Leon: Yes Meresidis: Yes

The motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:21 a.m. Trustee Meresidis, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Meresidis, Chair of the Committee
Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board
Approved November 19, 2026