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FY25 Performance – Trustee Statement for Publication

Fiscal Year 2025 marked Dr. Bell-Jordan's first year as President of Northeastern Illinois University. The Board of Trustees is pleased to note an increase in student enrollment following several years of decline. Under Dr. Bell-Jordan's leadership, significant progress has been made in advancing the University's culture and campus climate. Fiscal accountability and operations have also shown favorable results under Dr. Bell-Jordan's leadership.

Looking ahead, the Board anticipates continued growth in engagement with external stakeholders, improvement in student retention, and expanded collaboration with the philanthropic and business communities to secure additional resources and funding in support of the University's mission. Additionally, strong alignment of academic programs with student success outcomes will continue to be reviewed. Finally, the Board is eager to see Dr. Bell-Jordan and her team finalize the University's comprehensive strategic plan in FY26.

FY25 Performance Self-Evaluation – Dr. Katrina Bell-Jordan

During the FY25 evaluation period, the record of my performance of the duties and responsibilities as President of Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) demonstrates achievement of progress across the designated Target Area Goals for Evaluation. In the University's current period of rebuilding, stabilization and growth, and in spite of ever-evolving challenges and uncertainties facing higher education, NEIU made important strides this past year in the areas of: increasing recruitment, enrollment, student success and retention; financial stewardship, infrastructure development and resource management; strengthening University leadership, governance structures and community relations; and charting the University's path forward through institutional/strategic planning, including elevation of the NEIU brand and advancement of key equity and inclusion initiatives. It is an honor to serve as NEIU President and to continue to advance the University's mission, values and commitment to access and equity, to student retention and persistence, and to the personal and professional success of our graduates.