

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University

Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened via video conference on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 9:09 a.m. Jim Palos, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and the following Trustees answered present: Carlos Azcoitia; Sherry Eagle, Barbara Fumo, Marvin Garcia, Jim Palos, Fatima Siddiqua, Jonathan Stein, and George Vukotich.

Trustees not present: Charlie Serrano

Also present: Gloria Gibson, President; Mary Patricia Burns, Board Counsel; Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board; Vice Presidents; staff; and community members.

Opportunity for Public Comment in Accordance with Public Act 91-0715

Chair Palos announced the opportunity for public comment. 1 request was received in advance.

1. **Nikolas Hoel** – Instructor and Executive Vice President, UPI Local 4100
Topic: to acknowledge the successful completion of the COVID-19 Crisis MOU with UPI, stress the impact the crisis will have on instructors, and urge creative solutions for addressing the crisis.

President’s Report: University’s COVID-19 Update

Dr. Gibson congratulated all of the graduates who would have been taking part in the previously scheduled Commencement Exercises today. The COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet three times per week. So far, only three employees and nineteen students have been confirmed positive for COVID-19. All individuals are home and recovering. The Student Counseling Center is reporting a high volume of tele-sessions requested by students. The Food Pantry remains open for students in need. All summer instruction will be online. Anyone who comes to campus is being required to wear masks. Last week, the University received the first half of its CARES Act funding and is in the process of distributing to students.

Closed Session

At 9:39 a.m., Trustee Kalayil, seconded by Trustee Eagle, moved to convene in Closed Session citing exception 2(c)i of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia – Yes	Fumo - Yes	Kalayil - Yes	Serrano -	Stein –
Eagle – Yes	Garcia – Yes	Palos – Yes	Siddiqua - Yes	Vukotich – Yes

The motion carried.

Open Session

At 11:05 a.m. Trustee Kalayil, seconded by Trustee Stein, moved to reconvene in Open Session.

Trustees Stein and Serrano joined the meeting during Closed Session. Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Azcoitia – Yes	Fumo - Yes	Kalayil - Yes	Serrano - Yes	Stein – Yes
Eagle – Yes	Garcia – Yes	Palos – Yes	Siddiqua - Yes	Vukotich – Yes

The motion carried.

Adjourn

At 11:07 a.m., Chair Palos asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Azcoitia, seconded by Trustee Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Jim Palos, Chair
Karl Voigt, Assistant Board Secretary
Approved June 11, 2020