GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

October 27, 2025 – Committee of the Whole at 9:00 am in Engbretson Hall

and

October 27, 2025 – Board Meeting at 12:30 pm in Engbretson Hall

Amended Agenda

<u>October 27, 2025 – Committee of the Whole</u>
Chair James Kvedaras

Time		Item	Tab #'s
9:00 am[i]	I.	**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**	
9:01 am	II.	**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**	
9:02 am	III	**PUBLIC COMMENT**[ii] Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by the Board of Trustees, at each regular or special meeting of the Board or its committees that is open to the public, members of the public may request a brief time on the approved agenda of the meeting to address the Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction.	
9:10 am	IV.	**CHAIR'S COMMENTS** *Chair Kvedaras*	
9:12 am	V.	**APPROVE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 27, 2025, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING** **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2025, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**	1 2

9:12 am	**VI.**	**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** • *Investment Performance Report, Old National Bank* • *Faculty Senate President, Mr. Joshua Sopiarz* • *Civil Service President, Ms. Susie Morris* • *Student Senate President, Mr. Sean O'Brien* • *Drones and Research, Dr. Clare Tang, Chair* • *Fall Census Figures, Mr. Paul McGuinness* • *Fall Housing Figures, Mr. Paul McGuinnes* • *Five-Year Financial Performance Report and Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Results, Ms. Villalyn Baluga* • *Civil Service Meeting Updates, Chair James Kvedaras* *See the Board Book for written informational reports not presented:* • *Campus Title IX Program: Questions and Answers* • *Compliance Report* • *Budget to Actual Report FY 2025* • *Report on Income-Producing Contracts* • *Report on Contributions to/from University-Related Organizations* • *Report on Procurement Activities* • *Quarterly Investment Report* • *Report on Human Resources* • *HLC Letter dated August 13, 2025*	3
9:25 am	**VII.**	**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS** *Presentation and discussion of action items proposed for Board of Trustees Meeting immediately following.* 1. Resolution 26-11: Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and Authorize Submission to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) *Presenter: Ms. Villalyn Baluga, Interim Chief Financial Officer/AVP of Finance* 2. Resolution 26-12: Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Resource Allocation Management Program (RAMP) Appropriations Request Budget and Authorize Submission to IBHE *Presenter: Ms. Villalyn Baluga, Interim Chief Financial Officer/AVP of Finance* 3. Resolution 26-13: Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Capital RAMP Improvement Budget and Authorize Submission to IBHE *Presenter: Ms. Villalyn Baluga, Interim Chief Financial Officer/AVP of Finance*	 4 5 6

		4. Resolution 26-14: Board Review and Approval of the University’s Mission Statement *Presenter: Dr. Joyce C. Ester, President*	7
		5. Resolution 26-15: Approve Faculty Emeritus Designation for Dr. Jessica Bonner, Communication Disorders *Presenter: Dr. Beverly Schneller, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*	8
		6. Resolution 26-16: Approve Proposal to Waive First Reading of Amendment to Board of Trustee Regulation II and Publish for Public Comment *Presenter: Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President and General Counsel*	9
		7. Resolution 26-17: Approve Proposal to Waive First Reading of Amendment to Proposed Change to Board of Trustee Regulation III and Publish for Public Comment *Presenter: Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President and General Counsel*	10
		8. Resolution 26-18: Approve Proposal to Waive First Reading of Amendment to Proposed Change to Board of Trustee Regulation V and Publish for Public Comment *Presenter: Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President and General Counsel*	11
		9. Resolution 26-19: Approve the Request for Administrative Leave pursuant to the Board of Trustees Regulation Section II.E.8(a) *Presenter: Mr. Joshua Allen, Vice President of Human Resources*	12
		10. Resolution 26-20: Approve Presidential Goals for Fiscal Year 2026 *Presenter: Chair Kvedaras*	13
		11. Resolution 26-21: Approve appointment of Interim Chief Financial Officer/AVP of Finance, Ms. Villalyn Baluga, as Treasurer to the Board of Trustees *Presenter: Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President and General Counsel*	15[1]

[1] Numbering intentionally skipped—Tab 14 is in second Agenda below per original Agenda.

10:00 am	**VIII.**	**CLOSED MEETING** According to Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, the Board may meet in closed session to consider certain topics, including but not limited to: • The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or specific individual contractors pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) • Update of Collective Bargaining per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) • Update of ongoing Litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)	
10:30 am	**IX.**	**OPEN SESSION - OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**	
10:45 am	**X.**	**ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**	

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Contact Information: Dr. Janelle Crowley, or by phone at 708.235.6807.

<u>October 27, 2025 – Board of Trustees Meeting</u>
Chair James Kvedaras

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12:30 pm	**I.**	**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**	
12:33 pm	**II.**	**PUBLIC COMMENT** Consistent with Public Act 91-0715 and reasonable constraints determined by the Board of Trustees, at each regular or special meeting of the Board or its committees that is open to the public, members of the public may request a brief time on the approved agenda of the meeting to address the Board on relevant matters within its jurisdiction. [i]	
12:43 pm	**III.**	**CHAIR'S COMMENTS** *Chair Kvedaras*	
12:46 pm	**IV.**	**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** *Dr. Joyce Ester*	
1:00 pm	**V.**	**CONSENT AGENDA** *Chair Kvedaras* Please note: Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one Trustee without conducting a vote. Items not removed will be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items will be taken up later in the agenda as action items and may be discussed in Closed Session as appropriate.	
		1. Approve the Board of Trustee Proposed Agenda, October 27, 2025	1
		2. Approve the Board of Trustee Minutes of August 18, 2025 Meeting	14
		3. Resolution 26-11: Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and Authorize Submission to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)	4
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[ii] Public Comment Information