

**MINUTES OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the “Board” and “GSU,” respectively), an Illinois body politic and corporate, was held in person and via audio-videoconference at GSU’s University Park Campus in Engbretson Hall on August 19, 2024 beginning at approximately 9:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business described in the agenda posted for public notice before 9:00 am on August 14, 2024 in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/ *et seq.* Before the meeting, each Trustee received books with materials corresponding to the action items, a copy of which is maintained with the Board records.

**I. MEETING DETAILS**

Meeting Chair: Angela M. Sebastian

Minutes Recorded By: Therese King Nohos, General Counsel

**II. ATTENDEES**

Chair Sebastian confirmed a quorum was present given the presence of the following Trustees in attendance in person at the start of the meeting unless otherwise noted:

- Kevin Brookins, Trustee and Vice Chair;
- Stacy Crook, Trustee;
- James Kvedaras, Trustee and Secretary;
- Karen Nunn, Trustee;
- Harish Rayalapati;
- Angela M. Sebastian, Trustee and Chair; and
- Anibal Taboas, Trustee.

President Cheryl Green, Ph.D., *ex-officio* Board member and chief executive officer of GSU, was present, as were the following members of the President’s Cabinet who appeared in person:

- Joshua R. Allen, MPS, SHRM-SCP, Vice President of Human Resources;

- Corey S. Bradford, Sr., Ph.D., Vice President for Administration and Finance;
- Janelle A. Crowley, PhD, Chief of Staff, President’s Office;
- Maureen Kelly, Executive Director, Government Relations;
- Paul McGuinness, MA, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management;
- Therese King Nohos, JD, Vice President, General Counsel;
- Patricia O’Neal, Executive Assistant to the President;
- Joi F. Patterson, PhD, Chief Diversity Officer; and
- Beverly Schneller, PhD, Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

Stephen Wagner, PhD (Faculty Senate President) and Susie Morris (Civil Service President) were present as well.

### **III. ABSENCES**

None

### **IV. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sebastian at approximately 9:01 am.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comment was made by Michael Hart, UPI President.

## **VI. CHAIR COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Sebastian welcomed the new Student Trustee, Harish Rayalapati. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, she then acknowledged receiving Dr. Green's retirement notice. She noted the Board respects and appreciates the way in which President Green is transitioning and her leadership.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Sebastian asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the open and closed session from June 17, 2024. Trustee Brookins so moved, and Trustee Taboas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

As set forth in the Agenda, the following information items were presented for discussion:

- Faculty Senate Report by Dr. Wagner;
- Civil Service Report by Civil Service Senate Vice President Susie Morris;
- Report by Digital Learning Master Planning Task Force by Dr. Wagner;
- President's Annual Review Timeline by Vice President Josh Allen; and
- Calendar Year Meeting Date Recommendations by Dr. Janelle Crowley

During Dr. Wagner's report on Digital Learning Master Planning, there was extensive discussion and question/answer regarding how AI is going to affect higher education. After the President's Annual Review Timeline Presentation by Vice President Josh Allen, General Counsel Nohos recommended that the Board hold an Executive Committee meeting between now and the October 21, 2024 Board meeting. The information item regarding the Ghana Brigade was deferred to a future meeting.

## **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

As otherwise set forth in the agenda, the following action items were presented for discussion:

- Resolution 25-01, Election of Officers, was presented by Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President, General Counsel.
- Resolution 25-02, Waive initial reading of and publish proposed Board regulation amendments, including to Section II (Employees) and proposed Section VIII (Ethics and Compliance), was presented by Ms. Therese King Nohos, Vice President, General Counsel.

## **X. CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Sebastian recommended that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) and (29) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/ *et seq.* Trustee Kvedaras so moved, and Trustee Crooks seconded. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote. The open session of the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 am.

## **XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

The open session of the meeting resumed at approximately 11:30 am. Chair Sebastian noted that there was no action taken in closed session. There being no other new or old business, Chair Sebastian then asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brookins so moved, and Trustee Crook seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:31 am.

**Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024**

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**James Kvedaras, Chair**

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**Karen Nunn, Secretary**