

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY REGULAR MEETING**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the “Board” and “GovState,” respectively), an Illinois body politic and corporate, was held in person and via audio-videoconference at GovState’s University Park Campus in Engbretson Hall on October 21, 2024, beginning at approximately 1:15 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business described in the Agenda posted for public notice before 9:00 am on October 19, 2024 in accordance with Section 120/2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/ *et seq.* Before the meeting, each Trustee received materials corresponding to the action items, copies of which are maintained with the Board records.

I. MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Chair: James Kvedaras

Minutes Recorded By: Therese King Nohos, General Counsel

II. ATTENDEES

Chair Kvedaras confirmed a quorum was present given the presence of the following Trustees in attendance in person at the start of the meeting:

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

President Cheryl Green, Ph.D., *ex-officio* Board member and chief executive officer of GovState, 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;
- Will Davis, Vice President External Affairs
- 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;
- Beverly Schneller, PhD, Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

Joshua Sopiartz (Faculty Senate President) and Susie Morris (Civil Service Senate President) were present as well, as was Student Senate Vice President Brett Alan Porter.

III. ABSENCES

Trustee Angela Sebastian

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kvedaras at approximately 1:15 pm.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None was made.

VI. CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Kvedaras commented on the importance of searching for the University’s next President.

VII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Green then gave her remarks. She reported that she and the Cabinet would meet with the Illinois Board of Higher Education on October 28, 2024 for the “big picture meeting,” where they discuss budget requests. The work of the Illinois Commission on Equitable Public University Funding resulted in legislative action in the form of Senate Bill 3965 passing. If passed, the funding

would be transformative for campus.

Regarding Human Resources, President Green noted that the University continues to enjoy its lowest turnover rate since it began measuring attrition. Regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, President Green reported that the University gained national recognition by winning the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award.

Regarding Academic Affairs, President Green reported on recent events in the Office of Sponsored Research (OSPR), the School of Extended Learning (SXL), and each college. She reported that OSPR recently submitted 21 grant proposals for the first quarter of 2025 and has several more planned for the second quarter. The SXL was awarded a \$75,000 grant from Amazon to pursue research on robotics. The College of Arts and Sciences was awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Illinois Innovation Network to study drone delivery from hospitals. The College of Health and Human Services are the first to pilot a new tool regarding virtual reality software for persons with mobility issues.

President Green reported on enrollment, noting that new student enrollment was up over 5% and total enrollment was up over 1%.

She then reported on a recent humanitarian service project in which the University's staff and students participated to assist victims of Hurricane Helene.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Kvedaras asked to remove Item No. 5 from the Consent Agenda to permit the Student Trustee to vote on the remaining items. Trustee Taboas moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, and Trustee Nunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote thereby approving the following resolutions:

1. Resolution 25-05 regarding adopting changes to Board Regulation II and adopting Board Regulation VIII;
2. Resolution 25-06 regarding faculty emerita status for Dr. Lorri Glass;
3. Resolutions 25-08 through 25-10 regarding approval of the operating budget, the operating resource allocation management program (RAMP) appropriations request, and Fiscal Year

2026 capital RAMP requests, respectively; and

4. Resolution 25-11 regarding President Green's annual review and bonus.

The Trustees then separately considered Resolution 25-07 regarding tenure upon hire for Drs. Elhage and Jozwik, from which Trustee Rayalapati abstained from voting. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IX. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Robert Stanley then gave the Board an extensive overview of a data dashboard available to Trustees through the Trustee webpage.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kvedaras then asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Taboas so moved; Trustee Brookins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Approved this 24th day of February 2025

James Kvedaras, Chair

Karen Nunn, Secretary