

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY SPECIAL MEETING

A special 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 March 10, 2025, beginning at approximately 9:30 am. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business described in the Agenda posted for public notice before 9:00 am on March 5, 2025 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 in the Agenda, 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 unless otherwise noted:

- Stacy Crook, Vice Chair and Trustee;
- Frances Kao, Trustee (via videoconference);
- James Kvedaras, Chair;
- Karen Nunn, Trustee and Secretary;
- Harish Rayalapati, Student Trustee; and
- Anibal Taboas.

President Corey S. Bradford, Sr., 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;
- Janelle A. Crowley, PhD, Chief of Staff, President’s Office;

- William 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;
- Joi F. Patterson, PhD, Chief of Institutional Engagement and Excellence; and
- Beverly Schneller, PhD, Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

Faculty Senate President Josh Sopiary and Civil Service President Susie Morris were present as well.

III. ABSENCES

Trustee Judith Mitchell.

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kvedaras at approximately 9:30 am.

V. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr. Patterson read the University’s Land Acknowledgement Statement.

VI. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

Chair Kvedaras welcomed new Trustees Frances Kao and Judith Mitchell to the Board. As part of the Agenda, Chair Kvedaras noted there would be a closed session to consider feedback regarding the presidential search. Chair Kvedaras thanked the search committee and all those who filled out a survey providing feedback on the candidates for their service.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Kvedaras called for public comment. Rebecca Siefert, Associate Professor of Art History in the College of Arts and Sciences, gave a public comment.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Kvedaras asked for a motion to approve the meeting's Consent Agenda. Trustee Taboas so moved, and Trustee Crook seconded. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Kvedaras called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Nunn so moved, and Trustee Crook seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Closed session began at approximately 9:40 am. Open session resumed at approximately 10:55 am with Chair Kvedaras noting that no final action had taken place during closed session.

X. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr. noted that he is deeply honored to accept the position of interim president of Governors State University with humility and gratitude, following the remarkable tenure of President Green, whose visionary leadership positioned the University for continuous success and growth. Under Dr. Green's stewardship, he noted that Governors State has achieved significant milestones including academic excellence, student success, fiscal health, and community engagement. Dr. Bradford expressed looking forward to working with GovState's exceptional faculty, staff, students, alumni and community partners to uphold GovState's high standards. Dr. Bradford thanked each member of the Board of Trustees for their confidence in his ability to serve in this capacity.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Informational items set forth in the agenda were presented next as follows.

- First, Mr. Kristoffer Evangelista, Chief Internal Auditor, presented the Internal Audit Report. He presented an overview of the Institute of Internal Auditors' (IIA) professional standards, the Internal Audit reporting line, and the role of Board oversight. One of the key accomplishments for the past fiscal year included completion of five audit reviews resulting

in over 30 recommendations (but no findings of material weaknesses). For fiscal year 2025, eight audits and review engagements are planned pursuant to the internal audit plan approved by President Green in June 2024.

- Next, Dr. Nicole Bing, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, addressed the Board on the department's experience at the 2025 Illinois Speech Language and Hearing Association's Annual Conference. Dr. Bing noted that 11 students were able to attend.
- Next, Angelica Damiani, Program Director of the Veterans Resource Center, presented on GovState's support to our military community. She noted that some of the University's services include processing state and federal benefits for student veterans and family members and serving as the liaison with state and federal agencies. She noted they also do campus programming and are now expanding into community outreach, thanks to the VISTA program. Ms. Damiani noted that Will County has the third highest number of veterans of all the counties in Illinois.

XII. PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

The Board then was presented with the following action items to consider consistent with the agenda.

First, President Bradford presented Resolution 25-19 regarding approval of honorary degree candidates' eligibility for selection pursuant to Board Regulation III(B)(2). Chair Kvedaras called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Nunn so moved, and Trustee Crook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Second, President Bradford presented Resolution 25-22 regarding approval for the revised internal audit charter, as adopted by the State of Illinois. Chair Kvedaras called for a motion to approve resolution 25-22 as presented. Trustee Crook so moved, and Trustee Taboas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII.ADJOURNMENT

There being no other old or new business, Chair Kvedaras then asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Crook so moved; Trustee Taboas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Approved this 24th day of April 2025

James Kvedaras, Chair

Karen Nunn, Secretary