

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the “Board” and “GSU,” respectively), an Illinois body politic and corporate, meeting as a committee of the whole, was held in person and via audio-videoconference at GSU’s University Park Campus in Engbretson Hall on August 25, 2023 beginning at approximately 10:45 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 23, 2023 in accordance with Section 120/2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2.02. Before the meeting, each Trustee received a book with materials corresponding to action and discussion 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 four (4) Trustees<sup>1</sup> in attendance in person at the start of the meeting:

- Kevin Brookins, Trustee and Vice Chair;
- Lluvia Hernandez Aguirre, Student Trustee;
- James Kvedaras, Trustee; and
- Angela M. Sebastian, Trustee and Chair.

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:

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

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<sup>1</sup> Six trustees are currently seated; therefore, four trustees constitute a quorum.

- Corey S. Bradford, Sr., PhD, Vice President of Administration and Finance
- Janelle A. Crowley, PhD, Chief of Staff, President's Office
- William A. Davis, MS, Vice President, Institutional Advancement, Marketing and Communications
- Maureen Kelly, Executive Director for Government Affairs
- Paul McGuinness, MA, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Therese King Nohos, JD, Vice President, General Counsel
- Joi F. Patterson, PhD, Chief Diversity Officer

### **III. ABSENCES**

John Brudnak

Anibal Taboas

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sebastian at approximately 10:45 am.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

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

Chair Sebastian welcomed the new Faculty Senate President, Dr. Wagner, to his office and thanked Dr. Peng for her service.

**VII. ACTION ITEM**

Chair Sebastian invited Trustee Brookins to announce the proposed slate of officers and delegates for Academic Year 2023-24. Trustee Brookins announced the slate consisting of:

- Trustee Sebastian—Chair
- Trustee Brookins—Vice Chair
- Trustee Kvedaras—Secretary and Delegate to the Civil Service Merit Board

Vice President Nohos conducted the confidential vote and announced that the slate had been elected as proposed by Trustee Brookins

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair then proposed the passing of the Consent Agenda as drafted. No trustee requested the removal of any item. Thus, the following items were passed as part of a consent agenda by unanimous vote upon motion by Trustee Brookins and second by Trustee Hernandez-Aguirre:

1. Approval of Board of Trustee Agenda for August 25, 2023 Meeting.
2. Approval of Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2023 Meeting.
3. Resolution 24-02 regarding approval of a contract in excess of \$250,000 with Advocate Health Aurora.
4. Resolution 24-03 regarding approval of a leave for an administrator.

**IX. VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Sebastian called for any old or new business.

Chief of Staff Crowley reported on the committee of the whole structure that was recently adopted. A question-and-answer period with robust discussion ensued. It was determined that the Board would continue with the committee-of-the-whole structure and hold both the committee and full board meeting on the same day going forward (on a Monday if possible).

The Board was pleased to welcome Deputy Governor for Education Martin Torres as a special guest. Deputy Governor Torres spoke at length regarding the state of higher education in Illinois and took questions from the trustees.

**XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Green gave a State of the University address, reflected in an accompanying PowerPoint presentation. A question-and-answer period and robust discussion ensued.

**XII. BOARD DIALOGUE—ANNUAL RETREAT**

The Board then engaged in discussion for their annual retreat, starting with a presentation by Dr. Robert Stanley on the development of a data dashboard for the Board reflecting information regarding enrollment, faculty, and degrees awarded. Chair Sebastian noted that she wanted to see dashboard information regarding non-traditional as well as

traditional students.

Chair Sebastian then noted that the annual calendar for calendar year 2024 was not ready for distribution yet, but that it should be ready by the October Board meeting.

Both Chair Sebastian and Trustee Brookins gave key takeaways from their participation in the annual AGB Board conference.

Finally, Chair Sebastian noted that, with regard to strategic planning, she wanted more information in 2024 regarding what the strategic planning process would look like for Strategy 2030.

Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Angela M. Sebastian, Chair