

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Approved at 5-15-20
Board Meeting

Minutes of the Friday, April 17, 2020 Meeting

Note: As permitted by Illinois Governor Executive Order number 2020-07, dated March 16, 2020, the April 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Governors State University Special Board meeting for Friday, April 17, 2020 was called to order by Chair Lisa Harrell at approximately 9:05am. Roll call was taken and Trustees Kevin Brookins, John Brudnak, Pedro Cevallos-Candau, Lisa Harrell, Jim Kvedaras, Lester Van Moody, Angela Sebastian-Hickey, and Anibal Taboas were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Elaine P. Maimon, President

Mary Pat Burns, Interim General Counsel, Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd.

Elizabeth A. Cada, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Penny Perdue, Chief of Administrative Operations and Liaison to the Board

Catherine Balthazar, Dean, College of Health and Human Services

Zion Banks, Senior Writer, Marketing and Communications

Shannon Dermer, Dean, College of Education

Sondra Estep, President of GSU UPI Chapter 4100

David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Brenda Hannigan, Assistant to VP Finance and Administration

Olumide Ijose, Chair, College of Business

Deborah James, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Carla Johnson, Academic Advisor, Senior Status, College of Education

Sheryl Jones-Harper, Civil Service Senate President

Maureen Kelly, Director of Government and Community Relations

William Kresse, Faculty, College of Business

Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty, College of Arts and Science

Sanat Ranganathan, General Counsel

Alexis Sarkisian, Special Projects Manager, University Library

Lara Stache, Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

Jun Zhao, Dean, College of Business

Other members of the general public were also in attendance.

Public Comment

William Kresse, Associate Professor, College of Business

Professor Kresse provided his comments, expressing gratitude to the Presidential Search Committee for their efforts in bringing candidates to campus.

Sondra Estep, Associate Professor, College of Education, President of UPI

Professor Estep provided her comments, thanking the Board for conducting a fine presidential search under abnormal circumstances and thanking the administration for working cooperatively with the union.

Rashidah Muhammad, Full Professor, College of Arts and Sciences

Professor Muhammad provided her comments, expressing the challenges students and faculty are facing and thanking the administration for the recent Town Hall meeting.

Legal Update/Executive Session

Chair Harrell requested a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Brookins motioned. Trustee Sebastian-Hickey seconded. Roll call was taken and Trustees Brookins, Brudnak, Cevallos-Candau, Harrell, Kvedaras, Moody, Sebastian-Hickey, and Taboas approved on a roll call vote.

Trustee Taboas made a motion to return to open session at approximately 5:25pm, seconded by Trustee Brookins with all trustees voting in the affirmative.

No action was taken during the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30pm with a motion from Trustee Brookins and a second from Trustee Cevallos-Candau. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Perdue
Recording Secretary