

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

Approved at 5-15-20  
Board Meeting

**Minutes of the Wednesday, April 22, 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 Wednesday, April 22, 2020 was called to order by Chair Lisa Harrell at 9:06am. Roll call was taken and Trustees Kevin Brookins, 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

Sarah Boeckman, Interim General Counsel, Burke Burns & Pinelli, Ltd.

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

Mushtaq Choudhary, Director, Auxiliary Services and Housing

Alli Cipra, Faculty, College of Education

Sondra Estep, Faculty, College of Education

Anne Gill, Interim Associate Vice President, HR

David Golland, Faculty Senate President

Rosemary Johnsen, Associate Provost and Associate VP for Academic Affairs

Joseph Kearns, IT Associate, ITS

William Kresse, Faculty, College of Business

James McGee, Chief, Department of Public Safety

Rashidah Muhammad, Faculty, College of Arts and Science

Sanat Ranganathan, General Counsel

Jessica Specht, Director, Dual Degree Program

Jun Zhao, Dean, College of Business

Other members of the general public were also in attendance.

**Public Comment**

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

Professor Estep provided her comments, expressing appreciation for the cooperation between the administration and the faculty union during these unusual times.

*William Kresse*, Associate Professor, College of Business

Professor Kresse provided his comments, wishing the Board well in their search deliberations.

*Catherine Tymkow*, Associate Professor, College of Education, Vice President of Faculty Senate

Professor Tymkow provided her comments, offering appreciation for the work of the Board during the presidential search.

### **Legal Update/Executive Session**

Chair Harrell requested a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Trustee Kvedaras motioned. Trustee Cevallos-Candau seconded. Roll call was taken and Trustees Brookins, Cevallos-Candau, Harrell, Kvedaras, Moody, Sebastian-Hickey, and Taboas approved on a roll call vote.

Trustee Kvedaras made a motion to return to open session at approximately 1:12pm, seconded by Trustee Taboas with all trustees voting in the affirmative.

No action was taken during the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:14pm 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