

## Resolution No. 25-18 Approval of Employment Contract for Acting/Interim President

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the "Board" and "University," respectively) was created on January 1, 1996, by Public Act 89-4, to operate, manage, control, and maintain Governors State University in accordance with the rights, powers, and duties vested by law in the Board;

**WHEREAS**, The Board is empowered to employ a President pursuant to Section 15-45 of the Illinois Governors State University Law, 110 ILCS 670/15-1 et seq.;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Board of Trustees of Governors State University Bylaws,

Article I, Section 4, the Board is empowered to select and engage a chief executive officer to lead the

University;

WHEREAS, The existing President, Dr. Cheryl F. Green, has given notice of her intent to retire to the Board as of February 28, 2025;

WHEREAS, The Board has authorized a nationwide search to find the University's next President, which search is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2025;

WHEREAS, In the event that President Green requires a leave of absence before February

28, 2025 or in the event a new candidate is not onboarded by February 28, 2025, the University will need to retain the services of an Acting or Interim President as the case may be;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has selected Vice President Corey S. Bradford, Sr., PhD, to serve as in the role of Acting or Interim President as circumstances may require;

WHEREAS, A proposed employment agreement with Dr. Bradford, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Employment Contract"), was published at least 48 hours in advance of a public meeting at which the Board voted to approve the Employment Contract pursuant to Section 185 of the Illinois Governors State Law, 110 ILCS 670/15 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board finds that the Employment Contract is in the best interests of the University.

Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved that the Board approves the Employment Contract attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Resolved that the Board appoints Dr. Bradford to serve as Interim President, effective March 1, 2025, until such time as a permanent candidate is onboarded.

Approved this 24th day of February 2025

James Kvedaras, Chair

Karen Nunn, Secretary