

Resolution No. 26-07***Adoption of Better Together 2030: Institutional Strategic Framework***

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 the University in accordance with the rights, powers, and duties vested by law in the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board is currently comprised of seven members, six of whom are appointed by the Governor of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one of whom is a University student selected by student peers; and

WHEREAS, The Board is empowered to operate, manage, control, and maintain the University and prescribe the courses of study to be followed pursuant to Sections 15-10 and 15-45 of the Illinois Governors State University Law, 110 ILCS 670/15-1 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, The University undertook a year-long, campus-wide planning process led by the Institutional Strategic Planning Steering Committee to develop the Better Together 2020 Institutional Strategic Framework, rooted in the institution’s mission, values, and long-term goals for access, equity, innovation, and regional impact;


WHEREAS, The framework is organized around four strategic pillars—Thriving Students, Lasting Impact; Expanding Our Reach Deepening Our Roots; Bridging Voices and Vision; and Future-Focused Academic Excellence; and

WHEREAS, President Ester recommends approval of the adoption of the Better Together 2030: Institutional Strategic Framework.

Now, therefore, it is:

Resolved, that the Board approves the adoption of the **Better Together 2030: Institutional Strategic Framework**, effective Academic Year 2025–2026.

Approved August 18, 2025


James Kvedaras, Chair
Board of Trustees


Karen Nunn, Secretary
Board of Trustees