

**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 9:00 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) Trustees¹ 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

¹ 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
- Beverly Schneller, PhD, Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

III. ABSENCES

John Brudnak

Anibal Taboas

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sebastian at approximately 9:00 am.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Monique Burey-Ballard made a public comment.

VI. CHAIR COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Sebastian welcomed all to the meeting and noted that Trustee Hernandez-Aguirre was reelected for a second term. She thanked the administration for conducting posthumous degree award ceremonies for recently departed students. Chair Sebastian called for a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Trustee Brookins so moved, and Trustee Kvedaras seconded. The motion passed upon unanimous vote.

VII. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Sebastian asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 9, 2023 meeting of the committee of the whole. Trustee Kvedaras noted a correction regarding the numbering of resolutions and moved to approve them as amended. Trustee Hernandez-Aguirre seconded. The motion passed upon unanimous vote.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Sebastian asked for any questions or comments regarding the written reports included in the Board book. There were none. Chair Sebastian noted that, going forward, she would like any report to include the context of performance relative to the prior year and/or relative to the end of the contract at issue.

Certain of the Agenda's informational items were presented as indicated in the Agenda and as follows:

1. Vice President Allen gave the report on the Civil Service Merit Board meeting. No issues arose regarding GSU specifically; however, the Merit Board is considering some rule changes that may be presented in October.
2. Don Powell and Mike Lambert from Old National gave the investment report. They reported earnings net of fees of \$610,918, which they reported as outperforming applicable benchmarks. An extended question-and-answer period ensued.
3. Emily Renee gave the report on the Hanover Economic Impact Study. She reported that the University had a gross output impact of \$120 million. The trustees then

engaged in questions and answers with Ms. Renee. (At this point, Dr. Schneller left the meeting.)

IX. PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS

After hearing the information items, the Chair then called for all action items to be presented for discussion (but not vote) at this meeting. All action items reflected in the Agenda were presented and discussed as follows:

1. Vice President Nohos presented Resolution 24-01 regarding the election of officers and delegates for Academic Year 2023-24.
2. Vice President McGuinness presented Resolution 24-02 regarding approval of a contract in excess of \$250,000 with Advocate Health Aurora.
3. Vice President Allen presented Resolution 24-03 regarding approval of a leave for an administrator.

X. VIII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

XI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Chair Sebastian called for any old or new business. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Brookins so moved, and Trustee Hernandez-Aguirre seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05 am.

Approved this 23rd day of October, 2023

By: _____

Angela M. Sebastian, Chair