

**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, was held in person and via audio-videoconference at GSU’s University Park Campus in Engbretson Hall on October 23, 2023 beginning at approximately 2:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business described in the Agenda posted for public notice before 9:00 am on October 20, 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 books 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 six (6) Trustees<sup>1</sup> in attendance in person at the start of the meeting:

- Kevin Brookins, Trustee and Vice Chair;
- Stacy Crook, Trustee
- Lluvia Hernandez Aguirre, Student Trustee;
- James Kvedaras, Trustee; and
- Angela M. Sebastian, Trustee and Chair.
- Anibal Taboas, Trustee

President Cheryl Green, Ph.D., *ex-officio* Board member and chief executive officer of GSU, was present via teleconference, as were the following members of the President’s Cabinet who appeared in person:

- Joshua R. Allen, MPS, SHRM-SCP, Vice President of Human Resources

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<sup>1</sup> Seven 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, External Affairs
- 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
- Patricia O'Neal, Executive Assistant to the President
- Joi F. Patterson, PhD, Chief Diversity Officer
- Beverly Schneller, PhD, Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

### **III. ABSENCES**

John Brudnak

### **IV. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

## **VI. CHAIR COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Sebastian welcomed all to the meeting and noted that Trustee Stacy Crook was recently appointed. The Chair noted that she and other Trustees participated in the Distinguished Alumni event held on October 21, 2023 and thanked President Green for bringing the event to fruition. She also noted that the groundbreaking for the Social Justice Initiative Building occurred just prior to the start of the meeting.

## **VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In lieu of her typical report, President Green read an announcement, advising the Board and campus community that she would be taking a medical leave of absence and that she had appointed Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr. to serve as Acting President in her absence.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

In keeping with the committee of the whole meeting wherein the Agenda was amended to remove certain action items, Chair Sebastian requested that two action items be removed from the Consent Agenda: (i) proposed Resolution 24-11 regarding the approval of honorary degree nominations; and (ii) proposed Resolution 24-13 regarding approval of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police union contract. She then asked for a vote on the Consent Agenda as amended, which passed unanimously, thereby approving the following action items:

1. Resolution 24-04(B) regarding the recommendation for award of tenure upon new hire for Drs. Lawrence and Potti.
2. Resolution 24-05 regarding the recommendation for award of *emeritus* status for Dr. Chang.
3. Resolution 24-06 regarding approval of Board of Trustee meeting schedule for 2024 and 2025.
4. Resolution 24-07 regarding approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget and authorization to submit to the Illinois Board of Higher Education ("IBHE").
5. Resolution 24-08 regarding approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Appropriations Budget and submission to IBHE.
6. Resolution 24-09 regarding approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Budget and submission to IBHE.
7. Resolution 24-10 regarding approval of a contract in excess of \$250,000 for website

design and development.

8. Resolution 24-12 regarding approval of President's Green's assessment for Fiscal Year 2023 and incentive compensation.

**IX. VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There being no other new or old business, Chair Sebastian then asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kvedaras so moved, and Trustee Taboas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

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Angela M. Sebastian, Chair

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James Kvedaras, Secretary