

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

A special 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 December 8, 2023 beginning at approximately 10:00 am. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the business described in the Agenda posted for public notice before 10:00 am on December 6, 2023 in accordance with Section 2.02 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/ *et seq.* Before the meeting, each Trustee received books with materials corresponding to the action 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 seven (7) Trustees in attendance in person at the start of the meeting:

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

Acting President Corey S. Bradford, Sr., Ph.D., *ex-officio* Board member and acting chief executive officer of GSU, was present, 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;
- Janelle A. Crowley, PhD, Chief of Staff, President's Office;
- 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; and
- Beverly Schneller, PhD, Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

Senate Presidents, Steven Wagner, PhD (Faculty Senate), Susie Morris (Civil Service Senate), and Marquis Parks (Student Senate), were present as well.

III. ABSENCES

N/A

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sebastian at approximately 10:00 am.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A public comment was made by Zion Banks.

VI. CHAIR COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Sebastian welcomed all to the meeting and noted that Trustees Stacy Crook and Karen Nunn were recently appointed and welcomed them to the Board. She noted that today would be a short meeting to address limited items of business. She also thanked Acting President Bradford for continuing to serve in the role of Acting President. She then asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Trustee Brudnak so moved, and Trustee Brookins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sebastian asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole and of the Board. Trustee Brookins noted a correction to the title of the minutes regarding the meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Trustee Brookins moved to approve the minutes as amended and Trustee Kvedaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Chair Sebastian then asked Provost Schneller to present Action Item 24-11 regarding approval of honorary degree candidates, and Provost Schneller did so. A discussion ensued regarding how candidates are selected. Trustee Brookins made a motion to approve Resolution 24-11, and Trustee Brudnak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Sebastian recommended that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/ *et seq.* Chair Sebastian so moved, and Trustee Brudnak seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The open session of the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 am.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The open session of the meeting resumed at approximately 11:00 am. Chair Sebastian noted that there was no action taken in closed session. There being no other new or old business, Chair Sebastian then

asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Taboas so moved, and Trustee Kvedaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 am.

Approved this 26th day of February 2024

Angela M. Sebastian, Chair

James Kvedaras, Secretary