

**APPROVED**  
**MARCH 13, 2018**

Item #VI-8  
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**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING**  
**December 12, 2017**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** Minutes of the December 12, 2017, meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education held at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora, Illinois.

**Action Requested:** That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017, Board meeting.



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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A meeting of the Illinois Board of Higher Education was called to order at 1:02 p.m. in the Auditorium, at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora, Illinois, on December 12, 2017.

The following Board members were present: Tom Cross, Chair, John Bambenek, Jay Bergman, Max Coffey, Sherry Eagle, Akya Gossitt, Jane Hays, Cherilyn Murer, Darlene Ruscitti, Jack Thomas, Christine Wiseman and Eric Zarnikow.

Others present: Mark S. Jamil, Burke, Burns & Pinelli, LTD.; Dr. Larry Dietz, Public University Presidents; Dr. Lori Sundberg, Community College Presidents; Dr. Randy Dunn, Southern Illinois University System; Dr. David Glassman, Eastern Illinois University; Dr. Rachel Lindsey, Chicago State University; Dr. Elaine Maimon, Governors State University; Dr. Lisa Freeman, Northern Illinois University; Dr. Richard Helldobler, Northeastern Illinois University; Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Illinois Community College Board; Dr. Jose Torres, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy; Ms. Erin Fleshren, Student Advisory Committee; Dr. Al Bowman, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Ms. Cindy Deitsch, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Dr. Eric Lichtenberger, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Dr. Arthur Sutton, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Ms. Candace Mueller, Illinois Board of Higher Education; Ms. Jaimee Ray, Illinois Board of Higher Education; and Ms. Karen Helland, Illinois Board of Higher Education.

**I. Call to Order**

• **Call Meeting to Order, Chair Tom Cross**

Chair Cross welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for hosting.

Chair Tom Cross called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Chair Cross said “Board member Santos Rivera is unable to attend the Board meeting in person due to business reasons, but will be joining by telephone. Is there a motion to allow the foregoing Board members to participate in this meeting by phone?”

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education, on motion made by Ms. Christine Wiseman and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, to allow for Dr. Santos Rivera to participate in the meeting via telephone conference pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, unanimously approved Board Member Santos Rivera to participate via telephone conference call.*

## **II. Welcome and Remarks**

- **Welcome by President Jose Torres, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy**

President Jose Torres welcomed everyone to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA). IMSA student council president, Rebecca Xun, also addressed the Board.

- **Welcome and remarks by Chair Tom Cross**

Chair Cross thanked the Community College Presidents for joining the Board as their luncheon guests and welcomed their members to the meeting.

Chair Cross introduced and welcomed the new executive director for the IBHE, Dr. Al Bowman.

- **Remarks by Executive Director, Dr. Al Bowman**

Dr. Al Bowman thanked Chair Cross and noted that he is looking forward to working with everyone. Dr. Bowman started on November 1, 2017, and has had a chance to work with the staff, particularly the deputy directors of IBHE and his executive staff. They are each extremely capable and he has been impressed by their work product, their passion, and their commitment to the work of the agency.

Dr. Bowman has spoken with the Governor a couple of times over the past few weeks about higher education issues and some of the challenges that are facing the public institutions. Governor Rauner is very interested in what is happening in the sector and has been very receptive to Dr. Bowman's opinions. Dr. Bowman also met with the twelve member General Assembly Higher Education Working Group. They discussed the budget impasse, the impact it had on public universities in particular, and the need for going forward with stable and predictable funding as the sectors tries to deal with troubling enrollment declines, as well as the acceleration of out-migration of students to neighboring states. There are plenty of challenges to talk about and it is easy to overlook the performance indicators that reflect the good work being done at the universities and community colleges in Illinois. While tuition rates have increased over the past decade, institutional aid which includes grants and discounts of tuition has increased between 2005 and 2015 by 158 percent for public universities and 106 percent for community colleges. IBHE conducted a recent study that compared what Illinois residents pay at neighboring Big 10 Conference and Big 12 Conference institutions and found that after discounting, Illinois residents actually paid less in-state at in-state institutions. That study compared the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Chicago, Illinois State University, University of Iowa, University of Missouri, Iowa State University, Indiana University and Purdue University. Finally, when one compares Illinois graduation rates to national peers, Illinois is among the nation's leaders in graduation rates for students who begin their study at a public university. Illinois ranks eighth in the nation in this category.

Dr. Bowman thanked the Board for asking him to serve the IBHE. He is looking forward to a busy and productive year.

### **III. Reports and Updates**

- **Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Lori Sundberg, Community College Presidents**

No report was given.

### **IV. Action Items for Consideration and Approval**

#### **1. Ad Hoc Priorities Task Force Recommendations**

Ms. Christine Wiseman presented this item to the Board. Discussion followed as to the breadth and scope of the proposed sub-goals and action steps.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Christine Wiseman and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, hereby unanimously: (1) adopts the proposed template including sub-goals and action steps; and (2) authorizes IBHE staff to propose a framework and timeline to the Board consistent with the sub-goals and action steps as detailed on the document attached to this Item.*

#### **2. Fiscal Year 2019 Higher Education Budget Recommendations: Operations, Grants, and Capital Improvements**

Mr. Nyle Robinson presented this item to the Board. Extensive discussion followed as to whether the Board should recommend a budget based upon the Fiscal Year 2015 budget or if it should recommend the amounts provided in the agenda item. This agenda item was deferred by Chair Cross for further information, review and consideration at a future Board meeting.

#### **3. Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program Fiscal Year 2018 Grant Allocation**

Mr. Nyle Robinson briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Jane Hays and seconded by Dr. Sherry Eagle, hereby unanimously authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the fiscal year appropriations for the Illinois Cooperative Work Study grants as specified by the statute and administrative rule. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to:*

- 1. Continue to monitor and determine eligibility of institutions pursuant to the statute (110 ILCS 225 ) and the rules implementing that statute (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1015 );*
- 2. To withhold payment or adjust a grant allocation, if necessary, to conform to existing statute, rule, or available funding or to assure compliance with any previous grant agreements;*
- 3. Equitably distribute grant awards to eligible ICWS institutions:*
  - a. Expand opportunities for students to pursue internships, clinical placement, cooperative programs with business and industry, and other work opportunities linked to a student's academic program;*
  - b. Strengthen cooperation between higher education, business, industry, and government;*
  - c. Encourage social and community service;*

- d. *Maximize the use of matching contributions from business and industry and governmental and social agencies;*
  - e. *Create new opportunities for public/private partnerships;*
  - f. *Integrate other components of student financial aid to reduce reliance on student loans; and*
  - g. *Encourage students to seek permanent employment in Illinois.*
4. *Re-allocate funds between projects, fund other projects as necessary, and allocate any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year.*

**4. Grow Your Own Teacher Education Initiative Fiscal Year 2018 Allocation**

Mr. Nyle Robinson briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, hereby unanimously authorizes the Executive Director to allocate the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Initiative Grants as specified by the statute and administrative rule. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to:*

- 1) *Continue to monitor and determine eligibility of institutions pursuant to the statute (110 ILCS 48/1) and the rules implementing that statute (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1085);*
- 2) *Withhold grant awards until provided with signed grant agreements and other appropriate grant information and materials required by the Act and the rules;*
- 3) *Determine the distribution of funds for administration, evaluation, contractual agreements and support of the GYO program;*
- 4) *Equitably distribute grant awards to eligible GYO consortia:*
  - a. *With the primary focus on direct benefit to candidates; and*
  - b. *As determined based on Fiscal Year 2018 planning grant scoring criteria.*
- 5) *Re-allocate funds between consortia, fund other consortia as necessary, and allocate any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year.*

**5. New Operating and/or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions**

Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit presented the new units of instruction action items. Dr. Bernoteit reviewed the pending academic programs and authorization proposals, stating “we have included in the memo a listing of all pending academic programs and authorization proposals submitted to the Board through November 20, 2017. Since then, no additional proposals have been received. As of December 7, 2017, there were three new requests for program modifications in addition to the 22 reported in the memo and six applications have been withdrawn since the last board meeting.”

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously hereby grants to Benedictine University Authorization to Grant a Master of Business Administration in the Prairie Region, subject to the institution’s*

*implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science Authorization to Grant a Doctor of Medicine in the North Suburban Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to Saint Louis University Authorization to Operate in the Central and Southwestern Regions subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to Southeast Missouri State University Authorization to Operate in the Southwestern Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to The Illinois Institute of Art Authorization to Operate in the Chicago and North Suburban Regions. The Board also Authorizes the institution to Grant the Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts, Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Merchandising, Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Design, Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management, Bachelor of Applied Science in Culinary Management, Bachelor of Arts in Advertising, Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Marketing and Management, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking and Video Production, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Photography, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Game Art and Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration and Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Media Arts and Animation, Bachelor of Science in Audio Production, and the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management in the Chicago region. The Board also Authorizes the institution to Grant the Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Merchandising, Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Design, Associate of Applied Science in Web Design and Interactive Media, Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Marketing and Management, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Filmmaking and Video Production, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Photography, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Game Art and Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration and Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Media Arts and Animation, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Web Design and Interactive Media, and Bachelor of Science in Audio Production in the North Suburban region.*

*And hereby grants to Kaplan University Authorization to Operate in the Chicago Region subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to Midwestern Career College Authorization to Operate and Grant the Associate of Applied Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging and the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology in the West Suburban Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

## **6. New Units of Instruction for Public Service, and Research at Public**

## Universities

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Cherilyn Murer, unanimously hereby grants to Eastern Illinois University authorization to establish the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience in the Prairie Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to the University of Illinois at Springfield authorization to establish a Master of Athletic Training in the Central Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

*And hereby grants to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign authorization to establish the Bachelor of Musical Arts, Lyric Theatre in the Prairie Region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its application and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

### **7. Adopted Amendments to Rules: Dual Credit Courses (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1009) Pending JCAR Approval**

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Christine Wiseman, unanimously hereby adopts the amendments for the Dual Credit Courses (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1009) as detailed in the document attached to the Item. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make any technical amendments as directed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.*

### **8. Adopted Amendments to Rules: Program Review (Private Colleges and Universities (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1030) Pending JCAR Approval**

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. Discussion followed as to the nature and composition of the amendments.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Ms. Cherilyn Murer and seconded by Ms. Christine Wiseman, unanimously hereby adopts the amendments to the rules for the Program Review (Private Colleges and Universities) (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1030) as provided in this agenda item. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make any technical amendments as directed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.*



**9. Adopted Amendments to Rules: Approval of New Units of Instruction, Research and Public Service at Public Institutions (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1050) Pending JCAR Approval**

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously hereby adopts the amendments to the rules for the Approval of New Units of Instruction, Research, and Public Service at Public Institutions (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1050) as provided in this agenda item. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make any technical amendments as directed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.*

**10. Adopted Amendments to Rules: Private Business and Vocational Schools (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1095) Pending JCAR Approval**

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. Discussion ensued as to the scope and content of the amendments.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously hereby adopts the amendments to the rules for the Private Business and Vocational Schools (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1095) as provided in this agenda item. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make any technical amendments as directed by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.*

**11. Appointment of Hearing Officer**

Dr. Bernoteit briefly outlined the contents of this item. No discussion followed.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously hereby approves the appointment of a hearing officer to conduct a hearing relating to the possible revocation of operating authority for Northwest Suburban College of Basic and Allied Health Sciences. The hearing officer shall make a recommendation regarding revocation to the Board at a future Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting.*

**12. Proposed Rules: Data Repository, Shared Data Agreements, and Fees**

Ms. Karen Helland briefly outlined the contents of this item. Discussion followed as to the breadth and scope of the proposed rules.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Ms. Jane Hays, unanimously hereby approves the proposed rules for the Data Repository, Shared Data Agreements, and Fees (23 Ill. Adm. Code 910) as detailed in the attached document for publication in the Illinois Register.*

**V. Consent Agenda Action Items for Consideration and Approval**

Chair Cross next moved to the consent agenda.

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education on motion made by Mr. John Bambenek and seconded by Mr. Jay Bergman, unanimously approved Item Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22.*

**13. Board Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2017**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 19, 2017.*

**14. Special Board Meeting Minutes – October 31, 2017**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 31, 2017.*

**15. Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Verbatim Recordings**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously hereby resolves:*

*Resolved, that the Illinois Board of Higher Education finds that the need for confidentiality exists for the minutes of the IBHE Executive Sessions of June 2, 2015, February 5, 2016, February 6, 2017, March 14, 2017, and June 13, 2017, and that such minutes shall continue to remain confidential; and further*

*Resolved that the destruction of verbatim recordings for Executive Session held December 1, 2015, be approved in accordance with Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act pursuant to the recommendation of Outside Counsel.*

**16. Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Financial Report as of October 31, 2017**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Financial Report as of October 31, 2017.*

**17. Appropriation Transfer for Fiscal Year 2018**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the appropriation transfers as requested by the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy as provided in the agenda item.*

**18. Technical Correction: New Operating And/Or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the technical correction to Item #VI-2, New Operating and/or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions, September 19, 2017, Board meeting as contained in this item.*

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby grants to Argosy University Authorization to Grant the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology in the Chicago region, subject to the institution's implementation and maintenance of the conditions that were presented in its applications and that form the basis upon which this authorization is granted.*

**19. Fiscal Year 2018 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the allocation of \$190,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 19 individuals recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship awards for Fiscal Year 2018 (see Appendix 1 of agenda item). The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make pro rata adjustments to awards in the event that appropriated funds are reduced or to delay the awards if funds are not available for the program.*

**20. Fiscal Year 2018 Nursing School Grant Program**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2018 awards totaling \$274,578 for Expansion and Improvement Grant projects under the Nursing School Grants Program as detailed in this agenda item and shown in Appendix 1 attached thereto. The Board authorizes the Executive Director to adjust the award amounts in the event that grantees can use additional funds for their approved projects or to prorate the awards if the amount of funds appropriated is reduced.*

**21. IBHE Administrative Rules: January 2018 Regulatory Agenda**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the proposed 2018 Regulatory Agenda as contained in this item to be published in the Illinois Register.*

**22. Proposed Amendments to Personnel Policies for Public Universities and Board of Higher Education**

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the amendments to the personnel policies for the public universities and to the personnel policies for the Board of Higher Education as provided in this agenda item*

**VI. Informational Items Not Requiring Board Action**

- **Preliminary Fall 2017 Enrollments in Illinois Higher Education**  
Dr. Al Bowman highlighted portions of this report.
- **Report on Closed Institutions and Teach-out Locations in Illinois**  
Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit highlighted one change that should be noted in the report.
- **Illinois Transfer and Articulation Initiatives Annual Report 2016-2017**
- **Legislative Report**  
Ms. Jaimee Ray briefly described the contents of this item.
- **2018 IBHE Board Meeting Calendar**
- **Illinois Community College Board's Report on the Better Government Association November 1, 2017, Report on City Colleges of Chicago**

**VII. Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

## **XII. Other Business**

The next Board meeting will be March 13, 2018, at Quincy University.

### **Closed Session**

Chair Cross asked that the Board go into Executive Session. He noted that under the Open Meetings Act, there must be a motion in open session to authorize the Board moving into executive session. A quorum must be present and a motion must be approved by a majority of the quorum with a recorded vote. The Chair observed that a quorum was present.

*Mr. John Bambenek made the motion to move the Illinois Board of Higher Education into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Jane Hays seconded the motion.*

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Yes – Bambenek, Bergman, Coffey, Cross, Eagle, Gossitt, Hays, Murer, Rivera, Ruscitti, Thomas, Wiseman and Zarnikow. No – none.

The Board moved into executive session.

*See Attachment A for Executive Session Minutes.*

### **Reconvene in Open Session**

The Board reconvened in open session.

Chair Cross asked for a motion and second to come out of executive session.

*Ms. Christine Wiseman moved that the Board of Higher Education come out of executive session at 3:52 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, and Ms. Jane Hays seconded the motion.*

## **XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Cross adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Deitsch, Secretary to the Board.

Note: Copies of all items referred to in the minutes (i.e., letters, statements, reports, etc.) are on file with the official minutes of the December 12, 2017, meeting.