

Chicago State University
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
September 8, 2017
9:37 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Marshall Hatch, Sr., Chairman
Trustee Horace Smith, Vice Chairman
Trustee Kambium Buckner, Secretary
Trustee Nicholas A. Gowen
Trustee Tiffany R. Harper
Trustee Jay Smith, Student Representative

Others Present

Interim President Rachel Lindsey, PhD
Ms. LaKeisha Marsh, Esq., Board Attorney - Akerman, LLP
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Office of Board of Trustees

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hatch called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.

3. Verification of Meeting Notice

The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

4. Approval of Agenda

Roll call was held for approval of the agenda. Agenda was approved.

5. Interim President Remarks

Dr. Rachel Lindsey thanked the campus community (faculty, staff, and students) for their participation in the September 7-8 Higher Learning Commission Visit. Dr. Lindsey stated that she is truly impressed and thankful to be a part of this strong resilient community.

Chairman Hatch stated public comment would be moved to the end of the meeting and that the board would recess into executive session to meet with the Higher Learning Commission.

6. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(15)).

Trustee Gowen moved to recess into Executive Session. Trustee Buckner seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

7. Reconvene into Open Session

Trustee Hatch stated that there was no action taken in executive session that required action in open session.

Dr. Lindsey asked if she could make a comment. Dr. Lindsey stated that the Public Broadcasting Corporation (“PBS”) would be making a documentary regarding Gwendolyn Brooks. She asked Dr. Richard Darga, Dean of Library Services to give an overview of CSU’s involvement in the documentary. Dr. Darga stated that PBS interviewed Dr. Lindsey and looked at the materials CSU has regarding Gwendolyn Brooks in its archives for the documentary. He stated that there would be plans to celebrate Gwendolyn Brooks at the university this year. Trustee Hatch asked to be included in those plans.

8. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Trustee Hatch stated public comments would be limited to two minutes. Trustee Hatch asked Ms. Phillips to call those who signed up for public comment. Ms Phillips stated that one person signed up for public comment.

Mr. Frank Horton stated that he sent a letter to the president regarding some of his concerns. Mr. Horton stated he received a phone call and was told that there are problems at the university, including a split among the university staff.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.