Board Members Present
Trustee Andrea Zopp, Chair
Trustee McDade, Vice Chair
Trustee Mark Schneider, Secretary
Trustee Brian Clay (telephone, bad connection)
Trustee Smart

Board Member Absent
Trustee Louis Carr

Others Present
President Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott, Esq.
Walter Pryor, Esq., Interim Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Provost and Senior Vice President
Craig Duetsch, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Financial Operations
Jimell Byrd-Reno, Special Assistant to the President
Kim Tran, Chief of Staff to the President

1. Call to Order
Trustee Andrea Zopp called the meeting to order.
Chair Zopp made the following statement: Due to circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order, suspending the Open Meetings Act provisions relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body, the May 3, 2021 special board meeting of the Chicago State University Board of Trustees is being conducted virtually and is hereby called 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, in physical locations in the Student Union building, Library and Cook Administration building. There was no posting on the website.

4. Approval of Agenda
Chair Zopp asked if there was a need to make corrections to the agenda. There was none. The agenda was approved.

5. Public Comment
Chair Zopp made the following statement.
The Board will not hear presentations or entertain questions on the following topics.
Chair Zopp asked Mrs. Reno to begin calling anyone who has signed up to speak. Mrs. Reno stated that Tatera Hooks signed up.
Tatera Hooks stated she was a 2018 CSU alumni and wanted to speak regarding students having issues retrieving transcripts and having transcripts messed up because Faculty and Administration won’t work with students to fix. She also spoke about enrollment declines and Alumni relationships that need to be addressed.

6. Action Items

Chair Zopp called on Walter Pryor, Interim Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel to present.

Walter Pryor provided an update on a Resolution presented at the April 9th Board meeting. The Resolution to present the Online Marketing Contract with DCC Marketing should have read that it is a five-year contract with an annual renewal and that this change was found to be an immaterial correction, thus not requiring action by the Board.

Dr. Roundtree was called to present the resolution for Granting of Tenure Status.

Dr. Roundtree stated that there were four Faculty members being recommended for Tenure status and that the recommendations came from the Faculty’s department chair and the Provost’s office.

1. Tywanda Jiles, Associate Professor, Department of Education Studies, College of Education
2. Mohd Shahid, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy
3. Mohammed Tauseef, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy
4. Stephanie Zuba-Bates, Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, College of Health Sciences

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution for Granting of Tenure status. Chair Zopp made the motion and Trustee McDade seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Dr. Roundtree was called to present the resolution for Honorary Degree.

She stated that the Honorary degree committee met and has one recommendation for an Honorary degree. The nomination came from an English department Faculty member. The nomination then went to the Honorary degree committee to vote on Haki R. Madhubuti to receive Doctorate of Humane Letter Honorary Degree.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution for Honorary degree. Trustee McDade made the motion and Trustee Schneider seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Chair Zopp called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, with an unanimous vote of Aye. The May 3, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm.