

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2009
Academic Library – Auditorium Room 415
8:13 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Rev. Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Trustee Betsy Hill, Secretary
Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler
Trustee Gary L. Rozier
Trustee Julie c. Samuels
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott
Trustee Levon James, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate to the President for the Board of Trustees & Governmental Affairs

1. Roll Call Verification of Meeting Notice

A quorum was verified. The meeting met the requirement of The Open Meetings Act.

2. Action Items

a. Approval of Previous Minutes

Trustee Hill moved to approve the previous minutes of June 19, 2009, September 23, 2009 and November 10, 2009. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

b. Trustee Hill moved that the minutes lawfully closed for the executive sessions of January 30, 2009, February 25, 2009, April 17, 2009, May 29, 2009 and September 9, 2009 be released. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

c. Election of 2010 Board Officers

The election for the 2010 Board Officers was held. The results were as follows:

1. Trustee Rev. Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman
2. Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
3. Trustee Betsy Hill, Secretary

d. Approval of 2010 Board Meeting Schedules

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Board of Trustees meeting schedule as March 10, 2010, May 19, 2010, September 29, 2010 and December 15, 2010. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Audit Committee and Academic Affairs Committee

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Audit and Academic Affairs Committee meeting schedule as February 10, 2010, April 14, 2010, September 8, 2010 and November 10, 2010. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

After some discussion concerning the 2010 Board schedule, the Board directed staff to survey other universities to determine the frequency of meetings. The 2010 schedule would then be finalized and released.

3. President's Report

Dr. Watson reported the State Legislative audit committee findings. In addition, Dr. Watson discussed the Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting where it was mentioned that the public universities throughout the State of Illinois are behind six bimonthly payrolls. Dr. Watson also informed the Board that CSU is number one in the State of Illinois among public universities in terms of percentage increase of enrollment.

Trustee Tolliver mentioned that an informative article was in the Trusteeship magazine regarding a study conducted by Princeton University of 21 flagship public universities on the subject of retention and graduation.

Trustee Finney commented that CSU needs to lead and establish new ways to handle retention and make this the school of choice.

Trustee Hill moved to receive the President's Report. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

4. Committee Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs, Personnel and Legislation

Trustee Hill had nothing to report, since the November 10, 2009 special board meeting.

b. Finance, Facilities, and Audit

Trustee Tolliver had nothing to report, since the November 10, 2009 special board meeting.

c. Civil Service Merit Board

Trustee Tolliver reported that the Civil Service Merit Board met last month but there were no Chicago State University cases.

d. Student Trustee Report

Trustee James had nothing to report, since the November 10, 2009 special board meeting.

5. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon, Interim CIO for Information Technology, commented on Trustee James' request of November 10. Ms. Dillon stated that new monitoring procedures are in place assuring that the network is more available to students.

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Political Science major, introduced and explained the function of the Students Working for Accountability and Transparency (SWAT) organization to the new board members.

Dr. Philip Beverly, faculty member of History, Philosophy and Political Science Department expressed his disappointment regarding the Board of Trustees for the past 13 years. Nevertheless, Dr. Beverly welcomed the new board members to the university and declared that he and his colleagues would be available to assist.

6. Recess into Executive Session

Trustee Hill moved to recess into executive session. Trustee Samuels seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0

Recessed into executive session at 9:35 a.m.

7. Returned to Open Session at 11:00 a.m.

a. Siemens Settlement Agreement

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Siemens Settlement Agreement. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstained: 1**

Trustee Scott noted that the law firm where she is employed currently represents Siemens and she had no participation in the dialogue in relation to the settlement.

b. Repeal Board Regulations Section II

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Repeal of Board Regulations Section II. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 8
Nays: 0**

c. Repeal Board Regulations Section II

Trustee Hill moved to adopt the resolution. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

d. Room & Board Increase

Trustee Hill moved to approve the room and board increase. Trustee Morrison Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 1**

e. Athletic Fee Increase

Trustee Morrison Butler moved to approve the athletic fee increase. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 1**

Trustee Hill commented that she will not approve another athletic fee increase until the whole discussion of the role of athletics and its balance with the university.

f. University Treasurer

Trustee James moved to approve the University Treasurer resolution, replacing Ms. Louise Williams with Mr. Glenn Meeks. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

Trustee Hill commented that the Chairman indicated that another board meeting should take place within the next few weeks to discuss some board regulations as they address athletic funds.

8. Adjournment

Trustee James moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Samuels seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.