

Chicago State University
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Gwendolyn Brooks Library – Auditorium, Room 415
January 29, 2018
9:46 a.m. 1:18 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Board Not Members Present

Trustee Horace Smith, Vice Chairman

Others Present

Interim President Rachel Lindsey, PhD
Stephanie Kelly, Deputy General Counsel
Ms. LaKeisha Marsh, Esq. Board Attorney
Bonnie Phillips, Office of Board of Trustees

1. Reconvene into Open Session the December 15, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

Chairman Hatch called the December 15, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting to order.
Chairman Hatch stated that the Board did not have a quorum to adjourn the December 15, 2017 meeting due to one of the trustees having to leave early.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.

3. Adjournment of the December 15, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting.

The meeting Adjourned at 9:46 a.m. on January 29, 2018.

4. Call to Order

Chairman Hatch called the January 29, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting to order.

5. Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken

6. Verification of Meeting Notice

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

7. Approval of Agenda

- a. **Trustee Gowen moved to approve of the agenda. Trustee Buckner seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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.

Dr. Young-Gibson stated that the Student Financial Assistance Outreach Center's (SFAOC) contract has not been approved by the Board of Trustees. She stated that the grant is a pass through grant. Dr. Young Gibson asked for an explanation as to why the grant contract has not been approved. She stated that SFAOC has been in limbo since June 22, 2017.

Dr. Phillip Beverly thanked the Board of Trustees for renaming the library the Gwendolyn Brooks Library. Dr. Beverly stated that the physical structure of the library is in need of repair. He stated that with so many position being interim there is a culture of no accountability.

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

10. Reconvene into Open Session

Chairman Hatch stated that there was action taken in executive session that required action in open session.

Reconvene into Open Session

Chairman Hatch stated the board took action in executive session that requires action in open session.

1. Action Items

a. Election of 2017 Board Officers

Ms. LaKeisha Marsh Esq., Board Attorney facilitated the 2018 election of the officers of the Board. All nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees for 2018 were properly open and closed.

Nominations: Chair - Trustee Marshall Hatch as Chair
Vice Chair - Trustee Nicholas Gowen
Secretary – Trustee Kambium Buckner

Roll call for election of Trustee Marshall Hatch as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Roll call for election of Trustee Nicholas Gowen as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Roll call for election of Trustee Kambium Buckner as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Ms. Marsh stated the officers are duly elected for 2018. Trustee Marshall Hatch elected Chair, Trustee Nicholas Gowen elected Vice Chair and Trustee Kambium Buckner elected Secretary.

b. New Heating Plant Resolution

Ms. Marsh presented the resolution. The resolution approves the use of an amount not to exceed \$275K for consulting services with an architectural and engineering firm for the design of a new heating plant.

Trustee Gowen moved to approve the New Heating Plant Resolution.

Trustee Buckner seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

c. Chicago State Foundation Sole Member Resolution

Ms. Marsh presented the resolution.

Trustee Gowen moved to approve the Chicago State Foundation Sole Member Resolution designating the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees to act for and on behalf of the Sole Member in the absence of a meeting in carrying out its duties under the Bylaws of the Foundation and the Master Contract. Trustee Buckner seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

d. Elimination of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Resolution

Ms. Marsh presented the resolution.

Trustee Gowen moved to approve the Elimination of Chief Administrative Officer Resolution. Trustee Buckner seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Trustee Gowen provided remarks regarding the Board's decision to part ways with Paul Vallas. He stated that he negotiated the contract with Mr. Paul Vallas. Mr. Vallas never stated that he had plans to move back to Chicago or run for public office. Trustee Gowen stated that his vote would have been different in deciding if the Board would select Mr. Vallas as CAO. He stated Mr. Vallas' work has been incomplete and left undone. However, the University is in a good place and is moving forward with strong employees and policies in place. President Lindsey has hired a wonderful Vice President of Administration and Finance who came through the normal process. Mr. Vallas had no role in her being hired. In addition, Mr. Vallas was never responsible for the financial aspect of CSU nor the auditing function, that function was performed by the Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance. Trustee Gowen stated that it was not Mr. Vallas' role at Chicago State University to try to boister his position in the black community.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourn at 1:18 p.m.