

**Chicago State University  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Gwendolyn Brooks Library – Auditorium, Room 415  
March 18, 2019  
11:54 a.m. – 1:33 p.m.**

Board Members Present

Trustee Nicholas A. Gowen, Chair  
Trustee Tiffany R. Harper, Vice Chair  
Trustee Marshall Hatch  
Trustee Horace Smith  
Trustee Jay Smith, Student Representative

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Corliss Garner

Others Present

President Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott  
Stephanie Kelly, General Counsel  
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Director of Board Relations

1. Call to Order

Chair Gowen 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.

Chair Gowen acknowledged and thanked former Chair Marshall Hatch and Vice Chair Trustee Horace Smith for their service to the Board of Trustees and to Chicago State University. He stated that during the years they have served I have personally say without their leadership, steady hand and calm voice in the period between 2017 and mid 2018 would have been entirely different. The world does not know what goes on in executive session, but here is a lot of deliberation, discussion and work that goes into the business of the board of trustees. I appreciate the work they have performed, their leadership and their guidance and friendship. And behalf of the Board of Trustees thank you very much.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. **Action Item**

Approval to Repeal the Governing Board Policy document of the Board of Trustees of Chicago State University Resolution. Chair Gowen stated that the purpose for this repeal is to clean up our governing documents of policies that are no longer in effect.

**Trustee Hatch motioned to approve the Repeal of the Governing Board Policy Resolution.**

**Trustee Harper seconded the motion. The motion passes as follows: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

## 6. President's Report

President Scott thanked Trustee Marshall Hatch and Trustee Horace Smith for their service to the University. President Scott thanked them for their leadership in difficult time and acknowledged their advocacy for the university. She stated that they will be missed. President Scott stated that she looks forward to continuing to work with Trustee Hatch on the Foundation Board.

President Scott went over the highlights of the University.

- Chicago State selected for an endowment of \$100,000 from the National Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated that was presented to 30 Historically Black Colleges. The first half of the endowment has been deposited into a Chicago State University Foundation account. The money will go toward providing scholarships to students. Chicago State has been designated a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) by the Department of Education.
- Budget season for Chicago State University. At the Capital Hearing, we presented our Capital Proposal before the State Legislature. The University gave testimony to the Capital Committee alongside other State Universities. We were asked about our capital emergencies. The firm of Jones, Lang, and LaSalle (JLL) came pro bono to the campus and looked at issues that we designated as priorities and some of them have now been classified as emergencies. We are repricing our calculations on the cost of those repairs. We presented an emergencies capital proposal of about \$62 Million and \$64 Million for deferred maintenance issues. A proposal (encouraged by Senator Sims) for a new construction on the campus was presented. It would be a multipurpose and a multi-unit tenant building. Since we do not have a graduate student dormitory or family housing; it would include 75 units of family and graduate student space including a Wellness Center with a public health and internal health focus. The building would also include a childcare center and retail space, which would provide jobs for our students and community. The proposal was very well received.
- We created a Supply Diversity Task Force, which included three external members and they are preparing a final report. We expect to see a percentage increase in our Black Enterprise Program spend this fiscal year.
- Chicago State for the first time presented a bill to the State Legislature that is being sponsored by one of our Alums, Representative Nick Smith. We took testimony on the bill last week, the bill HB2932, is to remove the basic skills requirement from the academic curriculum, currently in order for an educator to go through a teaching curriculum they have to pass a basic skill test such as the ACT, SAT, or other exam. This has proven to be an impediment for minority student interested in education. This does not remove the licensure requirement only the basic skill testing requirement. Every public university has joined in support of the bill, our own Dean Patrice Boyle testified last week in Springfield in support of the bill as well as some union support. We hope that this bill passes and we will be on our way to improving diversity in the teaching profession in Illinois.
- We continue to work with the President of Olive Harvey College on an agreement for this fiscal year.

Chair Gowen acknowledged former Trustee Kambium Buckner for his accomplishment of becoming the 26<sup>th</sup> District State Representative. Chair Gowen stated that he is doing a great job and is advocating for Chicago State.

## 7. Public and Employee Comments

Chair Gowen stated public comments would be limited to two minutes. Chair Gowen asked Ms. Phillips to call those who signed up for public comment. Ms. Phillips stated that no one signed up for public comment.

8. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**Trustee Hatch moved to recess into Executive Session. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

9. Reconvene into Open Session

**Motion to reconvene into Open Session. The motion passed as follows: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

Trustee Gowen stated that there was action taken in executive session that required action in open session.

### **10. Action Items**

Motion to approve the written minutes of the closes meetings held on January 29, 2018; February 20, 2018; May 4, 2018; May 8, 2018; September 28, 2018; November 9, 2018; December 14, 2018; and January 11, 2019.

Designate that these executive session minutes remain confidential Pursuant to Illinois State Law.

Trustee Hatch motioned to approve the resolution. Trustee Horace Smith seconded the motion. The motion passes as follows:

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Election of Board Secretary to replace former board secretary, now State Representative Kambium Buckner.

*Atty. LaKeisha Marsh facilitated the election.*

Ms. Marsh asked if there were any nominations for the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Chicago State University.

Chair Gowen nominated Trustee Garner. Trustee Hatch seconded.

Marsh asked if there were any other nominations. There were no addition nominations. Nominations were closed.

Chair Gowen motioned to appoint Trustee Garner as Secretary Trustee Hatch seconded the motion  
Vote for appointing Trustee Garner as Secretary. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned.