

CSU Board of Trustees
Virtual Board meeting
Open Session Minutes
Monday, December 6, 2021
3:06 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Andrea Zopp, Chair
Trustee Mark Schneider, Secretary
Trustee Brian Clay
Trustee Angelique David
Trustee Essence Smart
Trustee Corey Thames

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present

President Zalduwaynaka (Z) Scott, Esq.
Teresa Bates, Executive Director of Board Relations
Patrice Boyles, Director, Center for Teaching & Research Excellence
Jimell Byrd-Reno, Special Assistant to the President
Antwone Cameron, Dean, Student Affairs
Aspen Clemons, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President
Natalie Covello, Chief Internal Auditor
Craig Deutsch, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President of Financial Operations
Valerie Goss, Associate Professor, Chemistry, Physics & Engineering Studies
Robin Hawkins, Associate Vice President, and Associate General Counsel
Darrious Hilmon, Executive Director, Chicago State Foundation
Michael Holmes, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services
Devi Prasad V. Potluri, Dean, Graduate Admissions
Walter Pryor, Esq., Interim Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Provost and Senior Vice President
Patricia Steinhaus, President Faculty Senate
Michael LaFargue
Dr. Carmen L.C. Palmer
Clevan Tucker

1. Call to Order

Chair Andrea Zopp called the meeting to order.

Chair Zopp made the following statement: We are meeting virtually pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 and the Governor's Disaster Proclamation dated July 23, 2021, and Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act. As Chair, I have determined that a fully in-person meeting is not practical

nor prudent due to the disaster. The December 6, 2021, 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 and online.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Zopp asked if there was a need to make corrections to the agenda. The Tuition and Fees Resolution was removed from the agenda. Trustee Mark Schneider moved to accept the agenda with the correction. Trustee Angelique David seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with the correction unanimously.

5. **Public Comment**

Chair Zopp made the following statement.

The Board will not hear presentations or entertain questions on the following topics: issues under negotiation as part of the University's collective bargaining process; statements concerning the private activities, lifestyles, beliefs of individuals employed by or associated with the University; grievances of individual students or employees or any personnel matters.

Comments were limited to 2 minutes.

Chair Zopp asked Ms. Bates to begin calling anyone who signed up to speak. Ms. Bates called on the following:

Dr. Carmen L.C. Palmer introduced herself and the Community Caucus Coalition for CSU. The coalition was created due to a call of action as a result of state budget cuts. She shared that the organization is now incorporated and looking forward to meeting again in person.

Michael LaFargue, class of 1979, spoke regarding the university reconsidering getting a Bell Tower and Emergency Broadcasting system (estimate cost of \$25,000) tied to the police and President's office. More information is forthcoming regarding how to move the project forward. The following website <https://www.facebook.com/VerdinBellCompany> has information about the bell tower system.

Clevan Tucker introduced himself and the Rosemoor Heights community organization. The organization is working towards a vision of creating a University Village. The group notes that it is looking at renovations from State Street to King Drive and would like to work with the University on the plans moving forward.

Chair Zopp thanked all the community members for their comments.

6. Approval of Minutes

Chair Zopp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2021, meeting. Trustee Clay moved to approve the June 24, 2021, minutes. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Chair Zopp asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2021, meeting. Trustee Thames moved to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2021, meeting. Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

*Associate General Counsel Robin Hawkins noted that all virtual votes required a roll call.

7. President's Remarks

President Scott began by greeting the Trustees and thanking them for their service. She provided a brief report on the exciting activities happening at CSU for the Fall semester.

President Scott shared that Chicago State, along with the Chicago Urban League, City Colleges of Chicago, and College Possible are serving as founding partners of the Hope Chicago Scholarship initiative. Hope Chicago is a new, innovative, 2-generation scholarship fund that supports Chicago students and their families by providing access to a debt-free post-secondary education.

On September 21st, Chicago State was honored to welcome U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona to campus during his national bus tour. Secretary Cardona's visit exemplified his recognition of the important role that Predominantly Black Institutions, of which there are 8 in Illinois, play in the opportunity for economic mobility for our students and communities. In addition to Secretary Cardona, CSU was honored to welcome U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek

Murthy to campus as well. Dr. Murthy also met directly with CSU students and faculty to learn about their experiences persisting through COVID-19.

CSU has become a national leading voice for PBI advocacy. Along with President Kurt Schmoke from the University of Baltimore and 10 other institutions, CSU has formed a working PBI Coalition: whose student populations are majority low-income and first-generation students who face unique challenges related to college readiness and financial need.

The University recently distributed its fourth round of Emergency Scholar Grants to students who are enrolled this semester. Through this emergency grant, CSU was able to provide direct funds to approximately 1719 students between \$1200- \$1700.

President Scott was appointed to serve on the State's newly enacted Commission on Equitable Public University Funding.

Chicago State University and the Chicago Department of Planning and Development have partnered to complete a study of the 95th street corridor, with support from the Chicago Community Trust and Latent Design. Through this study, the goal is to best realize how Chicago State's campus and the University can best serve the community in ways that will generate long-term investment and spur economic activity along 95th Street.

President Scott closed by thanking the trustees for their partnership as they work to move the University forward. President Scott concluded her report and wished the trustees a Happy Holiday season.

8. Board Reports

Academic Affairs

Chair Zopp called on Dr. Roundtree, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs to give the Academic Affairs report and present two resolutions.

Dr. Roundtree stated that it's exciting to be back on campus with low COVID incidents. She shared that Commencement will be held in person on December 16th. Dr. Roundtree also shared that the University has added a new Executive Director for Student Success, Dr. Ade Fatoke, and a new Dual Enrollment Coordinator Dr. Carolyn Wadlington. Also, Antwone Cameron will take over the role of Dean of Student Affairs permanently.

Other highlights included faculty research, grants received totaling \$5,050,638, art shows and other exciting work. The Higher Learning Commission visit is scheduled for February 27 and February 28, 2023. Dr. Roundtree noted that there will be a lot of preparation for the self-study report that is due next year and that the visit will be an on-campus event. This visit happens every 10 years.

Dr Roundtree discussed the Institute for the Solutions of Urban Populations. This Institute will serve as an Illinois hub on the City of Chicago's south side for investment, research, education, and community engagement. Its mission is to pioneer ideas, encourage collaboration and

champion transformative solutions in neighborhoods challenged by issues surrounding health, social and economic inequities, and lack of community infrastructure investment. CSU received \$2.8M to finance building the Institute of Solutions of Urban Populations.

At the conclusion of her report, Dr. Roundtree was called to present the resolution for Undergraduate Admission Policy Resolution

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Undergraduate Admission Policy Resolution.

Trustee Thames moved to approve the resolution for Undergraduate Admission Policy Resolution. Trustee David seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Dr. Roundtree was then called to present the resolution for Professor Emeritus status for Professor Aida Abraha, Professor Rong He, and Dr. Sherri Seyfried.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution concerning Professor Emeritus status for Professor Aida Abraha, Professor Rong He, and Dr. Seyfried.

Trustee David moved to approve the resolution for Professor Emeritus Resolution for Professor Aida Abraha, Professor Rong He, and Dr. Seyfried. Trustee Cory Thames 2nd the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee McDade -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Chair Zopp called on Dr. Valerie Goss, Associate Professor, Chemistry Department as part of the “Did you Know” segment to discuss highlights from the department and the work they are doing with external partners. QUBBE (Quantum Sensing for Biophysics and Bioengineering) was discussed.

Graduate School Report

Chair Zopp called Dr. Devi Potluri, Dean of the Graduate School, to report. Dr. Potluri discussed the rise in graduate admissions in the Fall of 2021. He also discussed scholarships and graduate assistantships awarded, and policy changes, including the adjustment of the minimum GPA to match sister universities.

Student Trustee Report

Chair Zopp called on Student Trustee Essence Smart to give her report. The student trustee highlighted many activities that happened around campus including Spirit Day, Jazz on the Grass, and the Opening Day Parade.

Enrollment Management Report

Chair Zopp called on Kim Tran, Chief of Staff to the President & Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management to present the Enrollment Management report.

Mr. Tran discussed the search for an interim and permanent VP of Enrollment Management. Mr. Tran revisited the strategic plan from 2020 and reviewed undergraduate recruitment, admissions, and enrollment activities. Mr. Tran also discussed national enrollment challenges, particularly those affecting recruitment and retention of underserved populations. CSU was selected to receive a capacity grant to support the development of a personalized admissions and recruitment plan. The work began in November 2021 and should be completed by May 2022.

Chair Zopp called on Dean Antwone Cameron to present the next Did You Know segment on Student Affairs.

Dean Cameron gave an overview on the Student Affairs department and the programs it created for the beginning of the school year.

Chair Zopp called on Dr. Patricia Steinhaus, Professor, Education Studies Department and Faculty Senate President to present a report on the Faculty Senate as the last Did You Know segment. Dr. Steinhaus gave an overview of the Faculty Senate and how they are governed,

Chair Zopp stated that Trustee Schneider would preside over the report and resolutions presented by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Finance and Audit Report

As Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, Trustee Schneider called on Craig Duetsch, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President of Financial Operations to present reports and one resolution.

Mr. Duetsch presented the Financials for the 3rd Quarter, an informational item on an increase in lab fees for five biology courses, and an update on current contractual obligations over \$10K.

Mr. Duetsch was then called to present the resolution for Information Technology Support Fee Changes.

Mr. Duetsch stated the current fee does not adequately cover the actual cost to create a technology learning infrastructure for CUS's students.

Chair Schneider called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Information Technology Support Fee. Trustee Zopp moved to approve the resolution for the Information Technology Support Fee. Trustee David seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes

Trustee McDade -Yes

Trustee Schneider -Yes

Trustee Smart – Yes

Trustee Thames - Yes

Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Chair Schneider concluded the Finance and Audit Committee Report.

CSU Foundation Report

Chair Zopp called on Darrious Hilmon, Executive Director of the Chicago State Foundation, to give a status update on the Chicago State Foundation and to present two resolutions.

Darrious stated that the First Gen Gala was a success, raising more than the stated goal. The Foundation also partnered with Chicagoland Vaccine Partnership and hosted a Vax A Million day on campus which was highly attended and received great media coverage.

Mr. Hilmon then presented the resolution to approve Joseph A. Cancila Jr. and Erin M. Iman as new members of the Board of Directors for the Chicago State Foundation.

Chair Zopp asked for a motion to approve the Chicago State Foundation resolution regarding the new Board of Directors.

Trustee Thames moved to approve the resolution approving Joseph A. Cancila Jr. and Erin M. Iman as new Board of Directors for the Chicago State Foundation. Trustee David seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes

Trustee McDade -Yes

Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Chair Zopp called for a motion to move into the Executive session. Trustee Schneider moved for the Trustees to move into Executive Session. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Return to Open Session

Chair Zopp called for a motion to move into Open session. Trustee Zopp made the motion and Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

The Board had items that required action in open session.

Action from executive session

Chair Zopp, called on Robin Hawkins, Associate Vice President, and Associate General Counsel, to present the SEIU-73 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to accept the SEIU-73 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Trustee Thames moved to accept the SEIU-73 Collective Bargaining Agreement resolution and Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes

Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Trustee Schneider moved to approve the 2022 meeting dates (March 7, May 2, June 6, and December 5), listed on the agenda. Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee McDade -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the Minutes Lawfully Closed Resolution.

Trustee Thames moved to approve the Minutes Lawfully Closed Resolution. Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Chair Zopp, called on Walter Pryor, Interim Vice President, and General Counsel, to present the election of officers.

Mr. Pryor called for a motion to open the nominations for Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Chair Zopp moved to open nominations for Chair of Trustees. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee McDade -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes

Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed as follows: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Election of Officers

Mr. Pryor asked if there are any nominations for Chair. Trustee Schneider nominated Trustee Zopp for Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pryor called for a motion to close the nominations for Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Schneider moved to close the nominations for Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.

Mr. Pryor asked Ms. Bates to call the roll for the election of Andrea Zopp as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Pryor stated that with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Trustee Andrea Zopp was duly elected Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pryor called for a motion to open the nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Chair Zopp moved to open the nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Pryor asked if there are any nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Zopp nominated Trustee Schneider for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pryor called for a motion to close the nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Chair Zopp moved to close the nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

Mr. Pryor asked Ms. Bates to call the roll for the election of Trustee Schneider as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Pryor stated that with 6 ayes and 0 nays, Trustee Schneider was duly elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pryor called for a motion to open the nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Chair Zopp moved to open the nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Pryor asked if there are any nominations for Secretary. Chair Zopp nominated Trustee David for Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Pryor called for a motion to close the nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Thames moved to close the nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Chair Zopp seconded the motion.

Mr. Pryor asked Ms. Bates to call the roll for the election of Trustee David as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Clay -Yes

Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Pryor stated with 6 ayes and 0 nays, Trustee Angelique David was duly elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Thames moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee David seconded the motion.

Trustee Clay -Yes
Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Schneider -Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames - Yes
Chair Zopp -Yes

The December 6, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.