

CSU Board of Trustees
Virtual Special Board meeting
Full Board Open Session Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2023
4:15 p.m.-4:41 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Andrea Zopp, Chair
Trustee Angelique David, Secretary
Trustee Jason Quiara
Trustee Essence Smart
Trustee Cory Thames
Trustee Cheryl Watkins

Others Present

President Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott, Esq.
Teresa Bates, Executive Director of Board Relations
Jason L. Carter, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & VP of Legal Affairs
Nicole Latimer-Williams, CFO and VP of Financial Operations

1. Call to Order

Chair Andrea Zopp called the meeting to order. The Board met virtually pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 and the Governor's Disaster Proclamation dated March 31, 2023, and Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

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 the following physical locations: the Student Union building, Library, Cook Administration building and online.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Zopp asked if there were corrections to the agenda. Chair Zopp moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Cory Thames seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

5. Public Comments

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 if anyone signed up to speak. Ms. Bates stated there were no public comments.

6. **Board Reports**
Academic Affairs

Chair Zopp called on Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Interim Provost, to present two resolutions for faculty tenure.

Dr. Roundtree presented the resolution for Dr. Rasha ElHage. Dr. Roundtree presented Dr. ElHage's credentials and explained why Dr. ElHage should be granted tenure.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding tenure for Dr. Rasha ElHage. Trustee Angelique David moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Jason Quiara seconded the motion.

Trustee David-Yes
Trustee Quiara-Yes
Trustee Thames-Yes
Trustee Watkins-Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Dr. Roundtree presented the resolution for Dr. Lavada Taylor. Dr. Roundtree presented Dr. Taylor's credentials and explained why Dr. Taylor should be granted tenure.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding tenure for Dr. Lavada Taylor. Trustee Cory Thames moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Angelique David seconded the motion.

Trustee David-Yes
Trustee Quiara-Yes
Trustee Thames-Yes
Trustee Watkins-Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Chair Zopp moved to go into Executive Session. Trustee David seconded the motion.

Trustee David-Yes
Trustee Quiara-Yes
Trustee Smart-Yes
Trustee Thames-Yes
Trustee Watkins-Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

Return to Open Session

Chair Zopp moved to reconvene into Open session. Trustee Watkins seconded the motion.

Trustee David-Yes
Trustee Quiara-Yes
Trustee Smart-Yes
Trustee Thames-Yes
Trustee Watkins-Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

The Board had items that required action in open session.

Chair Zopp called on Nicole Latimer-Williams, CFO and Vice President of Financial Operations to present the resolution on the UPI 4100 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Ms. Williams gave an overview of the agreement and the economic impact it has on the university. The following increase represents a total package of 12% over 4 years.

Year One: Faculty will receive a 3% increase plus \$1000 one-time payment.

Year Two: Faculty will receive a \$2225 flat payment for Unit A and Unit B

Year Three and Year Four: Faculty will receive a 3% increase (if state appropriated funds are increased, union members in unit A and unit B will increase by 4%)

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution concerning the economic terms of the UPI 4100 agreement. Trustee David moved to accept the resolution. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.

Trustee David -Yes
Trustee Quiara-Yes
Trustee Thames – Yes
Trustee Watkins-Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Chair Zopp thanked the faculty for being at the meeting and stated she was looking forward to continuing to work with them. She thanked the faculty as well as the CSU team and President Scott for coming to a resolution.

Chair Zopp moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Quiara seconded the motion.

Trustee David -Yes

Trustee Quiara-Yes
Trustee Smart – Yes
Trustee Thames – Yes
Trustee Watkins-Yes
Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 6 Nays 0

The April 27, 2023, Special Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.