

CSU Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
Full Board Open Session Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2024
9:21 a.m.-9:34 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Andrea Zopp, Chair
Trustee James Elam
Trustee Jason Quiara
Trustee Cory Thames
Trustee Cheryl Watkins, Secretary

Board Members Absent

Trustee Angelique David, Vice-Chair

Others Present

President Zalwaynaka (Z) Scott JD
Teresa Bates, Executive Director of Board Relations
Robin Hawkins, Associate Vice President & Senior Associate General Counsel
Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
Oscar Rodriguez, Vice President Enrollment Management
Dr. Sonja Feist-Price, Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2024

1. Call to Order

Chair Andrea Zopp 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, 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 a resolution for faculty tenure.

Dr. Roundtree presented the resolution for Dr. Jubilee Dickson, Dr. Olanipekun Laosebikan, Dr. Molly McDonough, and Dr. Amzie Moore. Dr. Roundtree presented their credentials and explained why the professors should be granted tenure.

Chair Zopp called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding tenure for Dr. Jubilee Dickson, Dr. Olanipekun Laosebikan, Dr. Molly McDonough, and Dr. Amzie Moore. Trustee Cory Thames moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Jason Quiara seconded the motion.

Trustee Quiara-Yes

Trustee Thames-Yes

Trustee Watkins-Yes

Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 4 Nays 0

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

Trustee Elam-Yes

Trustee Quiara-Yes

Trustee Thames-Yes

Trustee Watkins-Yes

Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Return to Open Session

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

Trustee Elam-Yes

Trustee Quiara-Yes

Trustee Thames-Yes

Trustee Watkins-Yes

Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 5 Nays 0

The Board took no action in Executive Session that required action in the Open Session.

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

Trustee Elam -Yes

Trustee Quiara-Yes

Trustee Thames – Yes

Trustee Watkins-Yes

Trustee Zopp -Yes

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 5 Nays 0

The May 9, 2024, Special Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.