

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
March 8, 2013
11:45 a.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Gary L. Rozier, Chairman
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, Vice Chairman
Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler
Trustee Michael Curtin
Trustee James T. Joyce
Trustee Anthony L. Young
Trustee Stephanie Sanchez, Student Representative

Others Present

Dr. Wayne Watson, President of Chicago State University
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., Vice-President and General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mr. Langdon Neal, Esq., Board Attorney
Ms. Farah Muscadin, Esq., Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Board of Trustees and Governmental Affairs
Ms. Christy Harris, Board Liaison Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rozier 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.

4. Action Items

a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Trustee Curtin moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.
The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

5. President’s Report

President Watson declined to give a report at the March 2013 Board Meeting due to the interest of time.

6. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Joyce reported on three action items and recommended approval by the Board. Board Attorney Langdon Neal stated that the Resolution for Payment of U.S. Department of Education Liability must be presented in Open Session. Trustee Joyce asked for a motion for this presentation.

1. Action Items

a. **Approve the Resolution for Payment for U.S. Department of Education Liability as presented in Open Session**

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Payment for U.S. Department of Education Liability as presented in Open Session. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

2. Action Items

a. Bachelor's in Social Work

Trustee Curtin moved to approve the Bachelor's in Social Work Resolution. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

b. Use of External Search Firm

Trustee Curtin moved to approve the Use of External Search Firm Resolution. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

c. Payment for U.S. Department of Education Liability

Trustee Curtin moved to approve the Payment for U.S. Department of Education Liability Resolution. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

b. Finance and Audit

Vice Chairman Scott reported on one information item and five action items and recommended approval by the Board on five action items.

1. Information Item – SEPR Lab Fees (Secondary Education Professional Studies and Recreation)

2. Action Items

a. Student Injury and Sickness Health Insurance

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Student Injury and Sickness Health Insurance Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

b. Commitment Fee

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Commitment Fee Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

c. Campus Wide Food Vendor Service

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Campus Wide Food Vendor Service Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays 0

d. Travel Control Board

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Travel Control Board Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

e. Ratification of Internal Audit Charter

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Ratification of Internal Audit Charter Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

c. Facilities

Trustee Curtin reported on two action items and recommended approval by the Board. Trustee Curtin stated that the Facilities Committee had an excellent report and that CSU will receive from the State the \$6.5 million for the electrical switchgear upgrade.

1. Action Items

a. Emergency Buildings

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Emergency Buildings Resolution. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

b. Naming of Douglas Hall 3rd Floor

Chairman Rozier moved to approve the Naming of Douglas Hall 3rd Floor Resolution. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

d. Legislative and Human Resources

Trustee Young stated that there were no action items. Trustee Young commended the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Farah Muscadin, Esq. for the fine work that she is doing in Springfield and for the \$6.5 million received for the electrical switchgear upgrade.

e. Civil Service Merit Board

Trustee Young stated that in the interest of time that he would hold his report on the Civil Service Merit Board until the next Board Meeting.

f. Foundation

Chairman Rozier reported there was no update from the Foundation for this quarter and that there will be a full report given at the May Board Meeting.

g. Student Trustee Report

Trustee Stephanie Sanchez highlighted some recent student events that the Student Government has hosted. These events include a leadership retreat, a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day, Homecoming Week events with over 400 student participants, Black AIDS Awareness with approximately 55 student participants and the Collegiate Leadership Program by the Latino Resource Center. Student concerns include a greater amount of students enrolled in a course than seats in the classroom. A proposed resolution is that the number of expected students is verified and the professor ensures that the classroom will accommodate the class number.

h. Civil Service

Ms. Bobbie Stewart, President of the Civil Service Employee Council, provided a report to the Trustees and stated that most of the challenges in the report have been met such as the survey of the food, the electrical, the safety, etc.

Chairman Rozier stated that the Board will review the report and will return with any questions.

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

1. **Action Item**

Motion to Convene into Executive Session

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

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

8. Reconvene into Open Session

1. **Action Item**

Chairman Rozier thanked everyone for their patience and stated that the Board took no specific action during Executive Session that requires action during Open Session. Chairman Rozier stated that the Board Attorney has a statement to read to provide more clarity.

Board Attorney Langdon Neal presented a statement by the Board of Trustees: "The Board of Chicago State University has received information that Dr. Watson's actions may not have been in compliance with University policy. The Board has concluded that there is merit to the claim that the University's policy was not complied with. The Board is considering appropriate action, if any, as it relates to the claim of violation of the University policy. Dr. Watson has the right to review and refute this claim. Until such time that Dr. Watson is afforded the opportunity to respond, no determination will be made by the Board relating to this claim. The decision on this matter will be rendered not later than June 30, 2013."

Chairman Rozier stated that there is one resolution and asked Board Attorney Langdon Neal to read the resolution regarding **Deny Wayne D. Watson's Sabbatical Leave Request.**

a. Trustee Young moved to approve Deny Wayne D. Watson's Sabbatical Leave Request. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

Board Attorney Langdon Neal stated that pursuant to Board Regulations, annually the Board of Trustees votes for officers of the Board. Mr. Neal stated that he recognizes that this is the annual meeting where new officers are elected to the Board, but it is the decision of the Board to defer those elections until the next regular May 2013 Board Meeting.

b. Trustee Young moved that the Current Officers of the Board of Trustees remain in place until the next May Board Meeting. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

9. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Mr. Gerald Shinn, a graduate student at CSU, gave remarks.

Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, a CSU student, thanked the Board for the best decision for his school by keeping the University President. He also asked that another student stop the negative attacks on him and the University.

Mr. Martin King, Chairman of Rainbow PUSH, thanked the Board for a just and fair resolution for the CSU campus.

Dr. Conrad Worril thanked the Board for the decision to retain the University President.

Ms. Hermene Hartman, publisher of N'Digo, thanked the Board for the decision to retain the University President. Ms. Hartman also talked about Chicago public schools closing in the African-American community and the Red Line shutting down for maintenance work.

Alderman Roderick Sawyer, 6th Ward, stated that he looks forward to continuing to work with the University.

Mr. Victor Henderson, attorney for the University President, thanked the Board and the Board Attorney Langdon Neal for their decision and stated that he will review their concerns with the University President.

Ms. Ebony Blair, a CSU student, asked about receiving assistance with finding a job.

Ms. Anastasia Dawkins, a CSU student, asked about what is the next step for the University.

Mr. Jermaine Perry, a CSU student, stated that he hopes the community continues to pay attention to the students and that he wants to see the CSU infrastructure grow.

Mr. Archer Williams, a community member, stated he hopes the future of CSU will not include mudslinging again and that we must teach the children how we should act. He also stated that he has brought approximately 200 children from the Roseland community to visit the CSU campus.

Ms. Terri Russell, an employee of Thompson Hospitality, asked for support from CSU as the employees seek to form a union.

Dr. William Jason Raynovich, Vice President of the Faculty Senate, thanked the Board for deliberating and working hard. Dr. Raynovich stated that there has been better communication within the past three months and that as a faculty member he will continue to help the students.

Mr. Ashton Valentine, a CSU student, thanked the Board for their time and consideration. He has seen many faculty let go without the opportunity to hear their case. He also asked about the clergy visiting the campus when someone was shot on campus.

Mr. Robert Douglas, a CSU student and community organizer, thanked the University President for standing strong in the face of adversity.

Rev. Andre Smith thanked the Board for their decision and stated that when people are sure about something, there is immediate action.

Rev. Janette Wilson, Executive Director of PUSH Excel, thanked the Board for their deliberations and decision. Rev. Wilson stated that she will make the commitment to meet with the CSU student body and that PUSH Excel has a scholarship program. She stated each faculty member must help the students.

Dr. Fatimah Muhammad, a faculty member with the Media Department, stated that she knows about teaching and learning. She stated thank you to the Board for considering the faculty, staff and students.

Ms. Leslie Jackson, a CSU student, understands more about the process.

Dr. Gabrielle Toth, an Associate Professor at CSU, stated that CSU is a state university and that she applauds the students for doing what is right and that she hopes the community members will continue to support the CSU students.

Dr. Philip Beverly, President of the Faculty Senate, read from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Draft Report about the governing body being officially autonomous and asked the Board to bear that in mind.

Mrs. Thelma Johnson Alexander stated that she appreciates the Board and what they did today.

Mr. Neal stated that he trusts that the Board utilized wisdom and commended them on their decision.

Former Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. stated that this process should have been handled behind closed doors. He stated that he knows of the University President's commitment. He also stated that he helped write the legislation for CSU to receive a portion of the gaming revenue.

No additional comments from the public or employees.

10. Adjournment

Trustee Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.