

CSU Board of Trustees  
Virtual Board meeting  
Open Session Minutes  
Monday, June 27, 2022  
3:03 p.m. –4:47 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Trustee Andrea Zopp, Chair  
Trustee Mark Schneider, Vice-Chair  
Trustee Brian Clay  
Trustee Jason Quiara  
Trustee Essence Smart  
Trustee Cory Thames  
Trustee Cheryl Watkins

**Board Members Absent:**

Trustee Angelique David, Secretary

**Others Present**

President Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott, Esq.  
Teresa Bates, Executive Director of Board Relations  
Jason Carter, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer & VP of Legal Affairs  
Craig Deutsch, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President of Financial Operations  
Dr. Nayshon Mosley, Dean, Student Success  
Walter Pryor, Esq., Interim Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel  
Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Kim Tran, Chief of Staff

**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 June 24, 2022, and Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

**2. Roll Call**

A quorum was verified, and roll call was taken. Chair Zopp welcomed Trustee Watkins to her first Board meeting. Chair Zopp congratulated Trustee Essence Smart on being elected Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. Chair Zopp also welcomed Jason Carter as Chicago State University’s General Counsel and thanked Walter Pryor for his service to Chicago State University.

**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 and Cook Administration building and online.

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Zopp asked if there was a need to make corrections to the agenda. There was one amendment, there would be no Administrative Services report. Chair Zopp asked for a motion to approve the corrected agenda. Trustee Cory Thames moved to accept the corrected agenda. Trustee Mark Schneider seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

#### **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 stated there were no public comments.

#### **6. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Zopp moved to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022, meeting. Trustee Clay seconded the motion.

*Trustee Clay -Yes*

*Trustee Quiara-Yes*

*Trustee Schneider -Yes*

*Trustee Smart-Yes*

*Trustee Thames-Yes*

*Trustee Watkins-Yes*

*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 7 Nays 0

#### **7. President's Remarks**

President Scott gave a brief update on university activities. President Scott congratulated Trustee Smart on her reelection and is excited to continue to watch her leadership journey. President Scott also thanked Walter Pryor for his service as Interim General Counsel. She thanked him for staying 6 months after his original end date.

President Scott gave an update on the opening of the Child Development Center. The Ratner family provided a transformative gift that led to the construction of the Child Development Center in honor of the legacy David A. Kanis. Peggy Montes also was in attendance, and she provided a gift towards assets that will support the Center, namely the playground. She also

thanked Trustee Watkins for attending and several legislators attended as well. She also thanked the alumni, faculty, and campus community for attending and touring the center. The center will serve children from 3-12.

The President also talked about a gift from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In 2019 Chicago State University received \$50,000 and in 2022 Chicago State University received an additional \$50,000 from the sorority.

Finally, the President spoke about the CEO of ComEd's visit to Chicago State University. The purpose of this visit was to learn more about Chicago State University's stem education program. He heard from students and faculty about CSU led research and visited the Student Union building which is named after Cordell Reed the first Black engineer at ComEd. The President of AT&T Illinois and members of her executive team also visited Chicago State University. This was part of the ongoing relationship with AT&T.

The President concluded with thanking the Board and stating that her 4 years at Chicago State have been eventful and the best four years of her life.

## **8. Board Reports**

### ***Academic Affairs***

Chair Zopp called on Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Interim Provost, to give the Academic Affairs report.

Provost Roundtree gave an update on the Institute for Solutions of Urban Populations and the two centers: The Illinois Center of Education Equity and Center for Workforce Equity have been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for five years, they will be housed in Douglas Hall. During the five years, CSU will report the progress of the Institute and its Centers on an annual basis to IBHE.

Chair Zopp asked the timing of the HLC accreditation visit and to give an update on the work that has been happening around the visit. The visit will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Provost Roundtree stated that CSU has been working for the last couple of years. They are currently working with non-academic entities on campus, so they understand the process. Provost Roundtree stated that they will be working with the Board of Trustees as well.

### ***Enrollment Management Report***

Chair Zopp then asked Kim Tran to present the Enrollment Report. Mr. Tran gave updated enrollment figures for summer and fall 2022 and compared those figures to 2021. CSU is seeing an increase in enrollment numbers. There continues to be challenges in national and institution-type enrollment.

Mr. Tran mentioned there was growth in sophomore-level continuing students. This success is due to the culmination of student success reforms (Cougar Commitment) and Rise Academy. The growth in freshman level incoming students is due to enrollment management strategies that have included data-driven recruitment activities and process improvements.

Mr. Tran also gave an update on strategies and partnerships that support enrollment growth. These strategies included partnerships with Discover Financial Services and Amazon. Both allow employees to pursue degrees with tuition benefits.

Finally, CSU is trying to reengage “Stopout” students. These students left the university for any number of reasons and have not resumed their collegiate study anywhere else. CSU received a \$300,000 grant from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund to create their enrollment strategy to reenroll “stopout” students.

### ***Did You Know?***

Chair Zopp then called Dr. Nayshon Mosely Dean of the Student Success Program to talk about the program. Student Success falls under the Cougar Commitment, which is a student led partnership between students, families, and communities. The goal is increased enrollment, retention, and graduation rates. Within the student success they have the various Pre-College Supports: Trio programs, Dual enrollment, Under Scholarship supports that are working with Hope Chicago and Rise Academy, Academic Advising which includes Inside Track which is a coaching model for advisors and then actual advising.

Chair Zopp asked Dr. Mosely to present later if the program is working or if there is anything that needs to be added.

President Scott congratulated Dr. Mosely on starting the program and the great work she has done so far.

### ***Student Trustee Report***

Chair Zopp then called on Student Trustee Essence Smart for her report. Student Trustee Smart highlighted the National Council of Negro Women, Psi Chi, and the Black Student Psychological Association. She also mentioned that she attended the Women in Forefront Luncheon with President Scott.

### ***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 two resolutions.

Mr. Duetsch presented the resolution to approve the FY2023 Preliminary Operating Budget and Spending Plan.

**Chair Schneider called for a motion to approve the resolution for the FY2023 Preliminary Operating Budget and Spending Plan. Trustee Andrea Zopp moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Brian Clay seconded the Motion.**

*Trustee Clay -Yes*

*Trustee Quiara-Yes*

*Trustee Schneider -Yes*  
*Trustee Smart-Yes*  
*Trustee Thames-Yes*  
*Trustee Watkins-Yes*  
*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

**The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 7 Nays 0**

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Chair Schneider asked Mr. Duetsch to present his next resolution. Mr. Duetsch presented the resolution to approve the FY 2024 Operating Capital Budget Request.

**Chair Schneider called for a motion to approve the resolution for the FY2024 Operating Capital Budget Request Resolution. Trustee Zopp moved to approve the resolution for the FY 2024 Operating Capital Budget Request Resolution. Trustee Thames seconded the motion.**

*Trustee Clay -Yes*  
*Trustee Quiara-Yes*  
*Trustee Schneider -Yes*  
*Trustee Smart-Yes*  
*Trustee Thames-Yes*  
*Trustee Watkins-Yes*  
*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

**The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 7 Nays 0**

The Finance and Audit Report ended, and the meeting was turned over to Chair Andrea Zopp.

### ***Chicago State Foundation Report***

Chair Zopp called on Jameson Marsh to present on the Chicago State Foundation. Jameson reported on the Foundation's Partnership and companies that were in the pipeline. He also reported on the engagement of the Board of Directors. Jameson also mentioned the Foundation's participation in Women's History Month, the Grand Opening of the Child Development Center and Alumni and Community Engagement. Finally, he reported on the Leadership Transition.

The Chicago State Foundation voted to add three new Board of Directors beginning in FY 23. The three Directors are

- Yemi Akisanya, Global Head of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Groupon
- Kimberly Evans, Head of Corporate Sustainability, Inclusion and Social Impact, Northern Trust
- Katrinda D. Jackson, Global Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, UL

Jameson presented a resolution to appoint Yemi Akisanya, Kimberly Evans and Katrinda D. Jackson to the Chicago State Foundation Board of Directors.

**Chair Zopp asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Yemi Akisanya, Kimberly Evans and Katrinda Jackson to the Chicago State Foundation Board of Directors. Trustee Thames moved to approve to approve the appointment of Yemi Akisanya, Kimberly Evans and Katrinda Jackson to the Chicago State Foundation Board of Directors. Trustee Watkins seconded the motion.**

*Trustee Clay -Yes*  
*Trustee Quiara-Yes*  
*Trustee Schneider -Yes*  
*Trustee Smart-Yes*  
*Trustee Thames-Yes*  
*Trustee Watkins-Yes*  
*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

**The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 7 Nays 0**

**Chair Zopp then asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Trustee Schneider moved to move into Executive Session. Trustee Quiara seconded the motion**

*Trustee Clay -Yes*  
*Trustee Quiara-Yes*  
*Trustee Schneider -Yes*  
*Trustee Smart-Yes*  
*Trustee Thames-Yes*  
*Trustee Watkins-Yes*  
*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

**The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 7 Nays 0**

**Return to Open Session**

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

*Trustee Clay -Yes*  
*Trustee Quiara-Yes*  
*Trustee Schneider -Yes*  
*Trustee Smart-Yes*  
*Trustee Thames-Yes*  
*Trustee Watkins-Yes*  
*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

**The motion passed unanimously: Ayes 7 Nays 0**

The Board had no items that required action in the Open Session.

**Chair Zopp called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Quiara seconded the motion.**

*Trustee Clay -Yes*

*Trustee Quiara-Yes*

*Trustee Schneider -Yes*

*Trustee Smart-Yes*

*Trustee Thames-Yes*

*Trustee Watkins-Yes*

*Trustee Zopp -Yes*

The June 27,2022, Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.