Minutes of the
**Board of Trustees of Northern Illinois University**
**Special Meeting**
May 28, 2024

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board Chair Montel Gayles in the Board of Trustees Room, 315 Altgeld Hall.

Recording Secretary Liz Wright conducted a roll call.

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| Trustee Rita Athas: Present | Trustee Dennis Barsema: Absent |
| Vice Chair John Butler: Present | Trustee Veronica Herrero: Absent |
| Trustee Tim Moore: Present | Trustee Leland Strom: Absent |
| Trustee Eric Wasowicz: Present | Board Chair Montel Gayles: Present |

Also present: President Lisa Freeman; Vice President and General Counsel and Board Parliamentarian Bryan Perry; Executive Vice President and Provost Laurie Elish-Piper; Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer George Middlemist; Director of Labor Relations Jesse Perez; and Director of NIU Housing and Residential Services Dan Pedersen.

## MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Moore seconded. The motion was approved.

## CHAIR'S COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gayles thanked everyone for their well wishes and support after his mother's passing earlier this month.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Gayles introduced the public comment portion of the meeting. General Counsel Perry stated that there were no registered public comments.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NO. 177

Chair Gayles asked President Freeman to present the President's Report No. 177.

**Agenda Item 6.a. Collective Bargaining Agreement for the American Federation of State, Municipal, and County Employees, Council 31, Local 963.**

President Freeman presented agenda item 6.a. for approval.

Chair Gayles asked for a motion to approve item 6.a. Trustee Wasowicz so moved, and Trustee Athas seconded.

The motion was approved.

## OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held June 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

## CLOSED SESSION

Chair Gayles stated that the Board does not need to go into closed session.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gayles asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Moore so moved, and Trustee Wasowicz seconded.

Chair Gayles asked Ms. Doyle to conduct a roll call.

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Doyle/Liz Wright
Recording Secretary

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