

Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
June 13, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northeastern Illinois University was convened on Thursday, June 13, 2024 in the Student Union Golden Eagles Room located at 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625. J. Todd Phillips, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

**Roll was called and the following Trustees were present:** Marvin Garcia; Ann Kalayil; Jorge Leon; Edwin Medina; J. Todd Phillips; and Paula Wolff

**Also present:** Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board

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**Motion to Allow Remote Participation**

Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Wolff, moved to allow Trustee Anna Meresidis to participate in the meeting remotely.

Discussion: Trustee Meresidis notified the Assistant Secretary in advance of the meeting. The request to participate remotely due to employment purposes meets one of the conditions as stated within the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/) and the Board's Bylaws.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond:	Kalayil: Yes	Medina: Yes	Phillips: Yes
Garcia: Yes	Leon: Yes	Morales:	Wolff: Yes

The motion carried.

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**Opportunity for Public Comment in Accordance with P.A. 91-0715**

Chair Phillips announced the opportunity for public comment. There were 6 registrations placed in advance. 2 registrations were withdrawn, 3 registrants did not attend, and 1 presentation was made.

1. **Gregory Anderson**, presenting on his own behalf  
**Topic:** Adopting institutional neutrality (the Kalven Report)

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**Motion to Convene in Closed Session**

At 8:50 a.m. Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Garcia, moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Section 2(c)1 to interview President finalist candidates.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond:	Kalayil: Yes	Medina: Yes	Morales: Yes	Wolff: Yes
Garcia: Yes	Leon: Yes	Meresidis: Yes	Phillips: Yes	

The motion carried.

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**Motion to Reconvene in Open Session**

At 5:08 p.m. Trustee Kalayil, seconded by Trustee Wolff, moved to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried by acclamation.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Action Item: Approval of Contract for an Interim President and Delegation of Authority to the Board Chair to Negotiate an Employment Agreement

Trustee Morales, seconded by Trustee Kalayil, moved to delegate authority to the Board Chair to negotiate an extension of the contract for the Interim President.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond: Yes	Kalayil: Yes	Medina: Yes	Morales: Yes	Wolff: Yes
Garcia: Yes	Leon: Yes	Meresidis: Yes	Phillips: Yes	

The motion carried.

Action Item: Approval of President Finalist Candidate and Delegation of Authority to the Board Chair to Negotiate an Employment Contract

Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kalayil, moved to delegate authority to the Board Chair to negotiate a contract with whichever candidate the Board selects.

Discussion: there was no discussion

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Fleurimond:	Kalayil: Yes	Medina: Yes	Morales: Yes	Wolff: Yes
Garcia: Yes	Leon: Yes	Meresidis: Yes	Phillips: Yes	

The motion carried.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

At 5:10 p.m. Trustee Wolff, seconded by Trustee Fleurimond, moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Todd Phillips, Chair of the Board  
Karl Voigt, Assistant Secretary to the Board  
Approved September 19, 2024