

MINUTES  
Board of Trustees Meeting Illinois State University  
Special Meeting  
May 17, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University was convened on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 8:17 a.m., in the Alumni Center of Illinois State University, 1101 N. Main Street, Normal, Illinois. Dr. Kathryn Bohn, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and the following trustees answered present:

Kathryn Bohn, Chair  
Ash Ebikhumi  
Scott Jenkins  
Julie Jones – via audio conference  
Bob Navarro, Secretary  
Darren Tillis

The following trustee(s) were absent:

Lia Merminga

Others Present

Carrie Haas, Board Counsel  
Katy Killian, Chief of Staff

After confirming there was an in-person quorum, and the request by Trustee Jones to participate by audio conference due to employment reasons, a motion to allow Trustee Jones to participate by audio conference was made by Trustee Ebikhumi and seconded by Trustee Navarro. Vote in favor by all trustees present. The motion carried.

Chair Bohn next asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Ebikhumi, seconded by Trustee Tillis, moved to approve the agenda. Vote in favor by all trustees. The motion carried.

Chair Bohn called for public comments. No members of the public requested to address the Board.

Chair Bohn noted that Dr. Tarhule was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Chair Bohn commented on the purpose of the meeting. The Board is meeting to vote on the Resolution to Approve Mandatory Student Fees and Room and Board Rates for the Academic Year. Chair Bohn explained that at the May 10, 2024 Board meeting, the decision was made to delay action on the resolution in order for the Board to receive additional information.

Chair Bohn called for a motion to approve Resolution 2024.05/20 Approval of Mandatory Student Fees and Room and Board Rates for Academic Year. Trustee Tillis, seconded by Trustee Ebikhumi, moved to approve Resolution 2024.05/20.

Trustee Jones asked to be recognized for comment. Chair Bohn so recognized her. Trustee Jones stressed the importance of the topic being considered by the Board of Trustees and that the trustees take their commitment to the university very seriously. Trustee Jones noted that the Board of Trustees must make tough calls at times and that she personally struggled with this decision. Trustee Jones commented on the financial struggles facing individuals today and the importance of keeping Illinois State University affordable for all students that want to attend. She stressed that the university makes every effort to ensure this remains the case. Trustee Jones noted her own experience as a

first-generation college student attending Illinois State University on a full tuition scholarship. Trustee Jones commented that she wrestled with this difficult decision to increase fees yet again and wanted everyone to be aware of what goes into making a decision like this.

Roll was called and the vote was as follows:

Bohn	Yes
Ebikhumi	Yes
Jenkins	No
Jones	Yes
Navarro	Yes
Tillis	Yes

The motion carried.

Adjourn

At 8:25 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Navarro and seconded by Trustee Ebikhumi. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn. The motion carried.