

# WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 13, 2023

Western Illinois University  
Quad Cities, Illinois  
Riverfront Hall 104

## Open Session Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University convened at 8:30am on October 13, 2023 in the Quad Cities, Riverfront Hall 104. Chair, Carin Stutz presided.

### October 13, 2023 Riverfront Hall 104, QC Campus

Trustee moved to convene to open session at 8:30am.

Motion: Trustee Radosh

Second: Trustee Cornell

#### Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Kisha Lang	Absent

Motion approved.

#### **Roll Call**

The following Trustees were present:

Trustee Cody Cornell

Trustee Derek Wise



Review and approval of June 8, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Trustee Radosh

Second: Trustee Dillard

Review of June 8, 2023 meeting minutes.

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Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes

Motion approved.

Ms. Carin Stutz

Thank you to Greg Aguilar for 4.5 years of service to the board. We wish him much success.

Immediate challenges facing the university.

- The first is financial. This will take a collaborative and decisive effort by everyone in the campus community. Patrick McGinty’s leadership along with his talented negotiating team, worked with Russ Morgan and the WIU administrative team first meaningful salary increases in 8 years.
- The second is enrollment. With the pool of potential students shrinking, competition from other colleges and universities increasing, we must not give up.

President Guiyou Huang

I want to thank the faculty and staff for all you do.

I want to thank the board for their guidance.

I would like to thank Greg Aguilar for his service to Western Illinois University.

VP Edwards will talk later today about the deficit and the plans to get us on track, as well as the possibility of a zero-based budget.

Immediate goals are financial sustainability and enrollment.

Action is what is needed now. We don't have time or resources to wait. I ask that we all work together to decrease the deficit.

I encourage everyone to work with the enrollment team, John Smith and Doug Freed.

Share your suggestions and help them to build a plan.

We need to be progressive. Times are different and we need to move forward.

The Early Learning Center is moving forward with a positive impact.

We are partnering with ISU and U of I on innovation and the QCML.

I would like to thank the negotiating teams on both sides for their willingness to work together.

## **Reports and Discussion Items**

### **Report No. 23.10/1**

Purchases of \$100,000-\$499,999.99 or Exempt

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Edwards – Review of report and discussion. Compliments on the new parking lot by Knoblauch. Discussion on purchasing buses for Athletics. Request to invest in renewables to lower our energy cost.

### **Report No. 23.10/2**

Budget and Financial Data for Quarter Ended June 30, 2023

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Edwards – Review of report and discussion. It came in less than projected and we need to continue to monitor the cash flow. Recommendation to hold a meeting with Ameren and state reps from the area to work towards savings.

### **Report No. 23.10/3**

Academic Affairs Report

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi)

Zoghi – Review of report and discussion. Update on PAC meeting. Review of initiatives including retention, new software, and the Quad Cities Manufacturing Lab 2.0. Review of the five priorities of Academic Affairs including: student success, teaching and learning, research, modernizing IT and physical infrastructure, and recognition of our people. Discussion on low-enrolled classes.

**Report No. 23.10/4**

Externally Sponsored Grants and Contracts for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi and Director of Sponsored Projects Shannon Sutton)

Sutton – Review of report. Discussion about grant writing and how it can better improve our mental health services.

**Report No. 23.10/5**

Office of Sponsored Projects Annual Report

(Provost and Academic Vice President, Manoochehr Zoghi and Director of Sponsored Projects Shannon Sutton)

Sutton – Review of report and update on the external grant writing company and their positive impact on students.

**Report No. 23.10/6**

Report on Contributions

(Vice President for Advancement, Alumni Relations and Athletics, Clare Thompson)

Thompson –

President Huang – The Alumni Council is eager to work with admissions and help with recruiting.

Freed –







**Resolution No. 23.10/2**

**Action**

FY2025 Appropriated Operating Budget Recommendations

(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards and Budget Director,

Renee Georges)

Motion: Trustee Shaw

Second: Trustee Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Doug Shaw            Yes

Trustee Kirk Dillard        Yes

Trustee Carin

Trustee Doug Shaw                      Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/4**

**Action**

FY2024 Repair and Maintenance of the Official Residence  
(Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management, Troy Rhoads)

Motion: Trustee Shaw  
Second: Trustee Dillard

Roll Call

Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/5**

**Action**

Approved Depositories and Signatories  
(Executive Director of Financial Affairs, Ketra Roselieb)

Motion: Trustee Shaw  
Second: Trustee Wise

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/6**

**Action**

Approval of Presidential Evaluation  
(Board Member, Polly Radosh)

Motion: Trustee Wise

Second: Trustee Cornell

Radosh – We solicited a lot of information from several groups on campus. This is an abbreviated version of what was collected and reviewed with President Huang.

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/7**

**Action**

Approval of Presidential Agreement  
(Board Member, Polly Radosh)

Motion: Trustee Radosh

Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes

Motion approved.Cornell

President Huang- Thank you to the Board for your confidence and support. Thank you to Polly for her hard work on putting everything together. I will continue to work hard to turn the University around. I need your continued support and guidance. I ask for the faculty, students

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Radosh – Recommendation made to change the March 21 and 22, 2024 BOT meeting to the Macomb campus.

McGinty – As we have been talking today about “One University”; this is a symbolic statement.

Roll Call

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	

Correction - International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL- CIO Local Union No. 399 –  
Landscape Maintenance 2023-2026 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Wise

Roll Call

Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/10**

**Action**

International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL- CIO Local Union No. 399 –  
Mechanical Maintenance/Heating Plant 2022-2025 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Cornell  
Second: Trustee Radosh

Roll Call

Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/11**

**Action**

Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council 2023-2026 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes

Correction - Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council 2023-2026 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Radosh  
Second: Trustee Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/12**

**Action**

Approval of WIU Chapter of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 (UPI) 2023-2026 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Shaw  
Second: Trustee Wise

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Correction - Approval of WIU Chapter of University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 (UPI) 2023-2026 Bargaining Agreement  
(Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/13**

**Action**

Approval of The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees,  
Council 31, AFL-CIO Local No. 417 – Clerical 2023-2024 Bargaining Agreement (Vice  
President of Finance and Administration, Paul Edwards)

Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Shaw

Roll Call

Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes
Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes

Motion approved.

**Resolution No. 23.10/14**

**Action**

Approval of The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council  
31, AFL-CIO cal N2(o)o. 417

Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes

Correction - Approval of The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31, AFL-CIO Local No. 417 – Building Services 2023-

Motion: Trustee Wise  
Second: Trustee Cornell

Roll Call

Trustee Polly Radosh	Yes
Trustee Doug Shaw	Yes
Trustee Kirk Dillard	Yes
Trustee Carin Stutz	Yes
Trustee Cody Cornell	Yes
Trustee Derek Wise	Yes

Voting ballots handed out, collected, and tallied by Athena Brooks and Victoria Smith.  
Vice Chair Elect: Trustee Polly Radosh

Motion approved.

**Old Business**

Trustee Polly Radosh – Request to remove the Distinguished Service Professorship from the Board Regulations.

**New Business**

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