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MINUTES OF JUNE 13-14, 2023 BOARD MEETING

**LEVITT CENTER, 4TH FLOOR
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA**

Board Members

Michael Richards, President
Sherry Bates, President Pro Tem
David Barker
Robert Cramer
Abby Crow
Nancy Dunkel
Jim Lindenmayer
JC Risewick
Greta Rouse

June 13, 2023

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June 14, 2023

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Board Office

Brock Ascher, Mark Braun, Mary Braun, Kristin Bauer, Brad Berg, Rachel Boon, Aimee Claeys, Laura Dickson, Debra Johnston, Josh Lehman, John Nash, Jason Pontius.

SUI

Barbara Wilson
Rod Lehnertz
Kevin Kregel
J. Brooks Jackson
Kim Hunter
Mark Henrichs

ISU

Wendy Wintersteen
Shawn Norman
Jonathan Wickert

UNI

Mark Nook
Michael Hager
José Herrera

ISD

John Cool
Mark Huss

The corresponding memorandum for each agenda item, an integral component of the minutes, is available on the Board of Regents website: <http://www.iowaregents.edu>. Copies of these memoranda can also be obtained from the Board Office by calling 515-281-3934. Video of the meeting is also available on the website.

Call to Order for June 13, 2023

President Richards called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Roll Call:

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

Closed Session for Evaluations and Litigation

- ✓ MOVED by DUNKEL, SECONDED by BATES, to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.i, to conduct annual performance evaluations of the institutional heads and Executive Director. Each individual has requested that their evaluation be conducted in closed session; and in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.c, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and premature disclosure would likely prejudice or disadvantage the position of the Board.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

The Board convened in closed session at 9:01 a.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:24 p.m.

Public Comment

President Richards noted that public comment on issues that come before the Board is an important part of the Board's deliberations. Three scheduled presenters spoke to the Board:

- Nicole Yeager, UI graduate student, spoke on graduate student worker issues at the University of Iowa
- Jacob Payne, UI graduate student, spoke on graduate student worker issues at the University of Iowa
- Hannah Zadeh, UI graduate student, spoke on graduate student worker issues at the University of Iowa

Adjourn

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

June 14, 2023

The Property and Facilities Committee met at 9:11 a.m.

The Academic Affairs Committee met at 9:47 a.m.

The Governance, Evaluation and Human Resources Committee met at 10:34 a.m.

The Investment and Finance Committee met at 10:46 a.m.

Call to Order for June 14, 2023

President Richards called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m.

Roll Call:

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

Institutional Heads and Executive Director Compensation

- ✓ MOVED by ROUSE, SECONDED by BARKER, to approve the following personnel actions:
- For Board of Regents Executive Director Mark Braun:
 - Establish a new deferred compensation plan commencing on July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2025 with annual contributions of \$155,000.
 - For UI President Barbara Wilson:
 - Authorize a \$50,000 increase to her annual base salary effective July 1, 2023.
 - Amend the 2021 deferred compensation plan to increase the total principal value by 25% and extend the termination date to June 30, 2028.
 - Extend the term of her employment agreement through June 30, 2028.
 - For ISU President Wendy Wintersteen:
 - Establish a new deferred compensation plan commencing on July 1, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2025 with annual contributions of \$415,000.
 - Establish a new employment agreement for a term commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026
 - For UNI President Mark Nook:
 - Authorize a \$15,000 increase to his annual base salary effective July 1, 2023.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

Iowa Workforce Grant and Incentive Program

President Richards recognized Board of Regents Chief Academic Officer Rachel Boon who presented the Board's collaboration with Iowa Workforce Development to develop a list of academic majors and high-demand jobs eligible for the Iowa Workforce Grant and Incentive Program.

- ✓ MOVED by CROW, SECONDED by DUNKEL, to ratify the academic majors and high-demand jobs eligible for the Iowa Workforce Grant and Incentive Program for academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

Board President Report

President Richards read a statement:

For today's Board President report, I have a few people that I want to mention.

First, I want to take a moment to recognize a Board staff member who is retiring at the end of this month.

Mary Braun has served as state relations officer for the Board since 2014, working specifically on legislative issues related to UNI, the Iowa School for the Deaf, and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Our state relations officers work directly with Board and university leadership on a variety of issues. They directly impact legislation that affects our universities and special schools, including state appropriations. Mary has been a tireless and fierce advocate for the Board and its institutions.

Smart, passionate and dedicated, Mary did an excellent job keeping Board members and her institutions briefed on the latest happenings at the statehouse. She was always working to improve bills and speak to legislators about the importance of funding for Iowa's public universities and special schools. She was able to build strong relationships at all levels of state government, leading to productive conversations and many successes.

One such success was the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids, or LEAD-K. This bill, signed into law in 2022, allows deaf and hard of hearing students to have access to language and communication at the earliest possible age. Mary was a driving force for the bill, which will make a huge difference for these children and their families.

Another success was Mary helping secure \$40 million in state funding for upgrades to the Industrial Technology Center at UNI. This state-of-the-art renovation will help grow UNI's Department of Applied Engineering and Technical Management, which has majors that are in high demand.

Mary always had time to offer a laugh and see the bright side of a situation. Her good humor, smile and positive attitude have served her well over the years. She's a joy to be around and work with.

All told, Mary served the state of Iowa for more than 30 years and has more than earned her retirement. On behalf of the Board, the Board office, and our institutions, I offer my congratulations to Mary on a well-deserved retirement and wish her the best.

Please join me in a round of applause for a great public servant, Mary Braun.

Second, as everyone knows, earlier this year, state government was realigned. As part of this reorganization, both the Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be moving under the state's Department of Education, who will provide oversight effective July 1.

Shortly, we will hear an update from Interim Superintendent Cool on happenings at the special schools. But, as oversight will be shifting, this will be the last meeting where we will hear updates from ISD and IESBVI.

I want to publicly acknowledge the outstanding work that the staff do for the students that they serve. Whether part of the residential program at ISD, or mainstream services working through the various local school districts, we have hundreds of staff that provide critical services to our deaf and hard of hearing, or blind and visually impaired K through 12 students, as well as students that have transitioned to the 4-PLUS program after high school graduation.

The services will not change, but as the oversight will, I want to publicly acknowledge all the staff that work with ISD or IESBVI.

Ladies and gentlemen, can I please have a round of applause for all these dedicated workers and everything they do for our students.

The Audit and Compliance Committee met at 12:28 p.m.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee met at 12:47 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- ✓ MOVED by DUNKEL, SECONDED by RISEWICK, to approve and receive the following CONSENT AGENDA items:
 - a) Minutes of April 19-20, 2023 Board Meeting
 - b) Minutes of May 11, 2023 Board Meeting
 - c) Meeting of June 14, 2023 Property and Facilities Committee
 - d) Meeting of June 14, 2023 Academic Affairs Committee
 - e) Meeting of June 14, 2023, Governance, Evaluation, and Human Resources Committee
 - f) Meeting of June 14, 2023 Investment and Finance Committee
 - g) Meeting of June 14, 2023 Audit and Compliance Committee
 - h) Meeting of June 14, 2023 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee
 - i) FY 2023 Campus Sustainability Report

Regent Barker asked for return-on-investment numbers to be included in future campus sustainability reports. President Richards concurred.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

UI Research Presentation – Noninvasive Brain Stimulation

President Richards recognized Dr. Aaron D. Boes, Roy J. Carver Associate Professor of Neuroscience, director of the UI Center for Noninvasive Brain Stimulation and director of the UI Pediatric Neurology Division. Dr. Boes presented his research on noninvasive brain stimulation, including transcranial magnetic stimulation.

2023-24 Tuition and Fee Rates

President Richards recognized Board Chief Business Officer Brad Berg, who presented a final reading of proposed tuition and mandatory fees for the 2023-24 academic year. Proposed base tuition for resident undergraduates included a 3.5% increase at each of the three universities, amounting to \$305 at UI, \$304 at ISU and \$285 at UNI. Proposed tuition rates also included other categories, such as non-residents and graduate and professional students, and differential rates for higher cost programs, among others.

Berg also introduced student government leaders from the institutions to speak to the Board, including VP of ISU Student Government Jennifer Holliday, VP of UI Undergraduate Student Government Carly O'Brien, Northern Iowa Student Government President Micaiah Krutsinger, ISU Graduate and Professional Student Senate President Christine Cain and UI Graduate and Professional Student Government President Mason Kelm.

- ✓ MOVED by BARKER, SECONDED by BATES, to approve the proposed tuition and mandatory fees for the 2023-24 academic year as outlined in the memorandum, effective with the Fall 2023 session; and the allocation of the Regent universities mandatory student fees for the 2023-24 academic year; and the proposed Common and University / Program Specific Fees for the 2023-24 academic year.

	Barker	Bates	Cramer	Crow	Dunkel	Lindenmayer	Richards	Risewick	Rouse
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nay									

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

Reports from Institutional Heads

President Wintersteen, President Wilson and President Nook waived their time to speak to allow ISD interim Superintendent John Cool to deliver remarks on the special schools transfer to Iowa Department of Education governance.

Adjourn

President Richards adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.